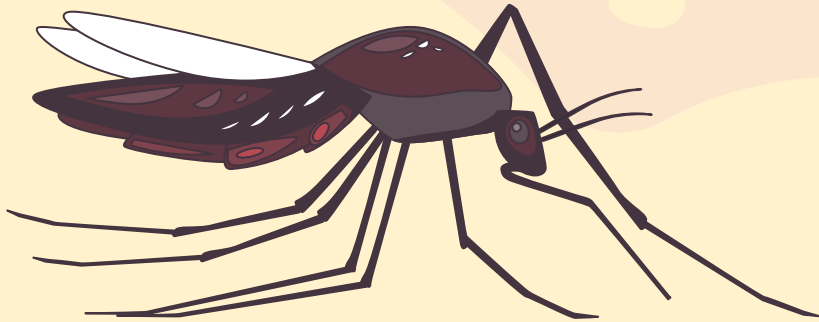




# Project 04 Predict Dengue Cases



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# 01

## Background & Problem Statement

# Background

- Dengue: A major health threat in Singapore with periodic outbreaks.
- NEA's response: 'Project Wolbachia'
- Challenge: Timing the implementation right due to factors like weather and operational challenges.
- NEA's Vector Biology and Control Division's role:
  - Develop a predictive model for dengue cases for the next four months.
  - Combine research with initiatives like Project Wolbachia for a dengue-safe Singapore.



# Project Wolbachia

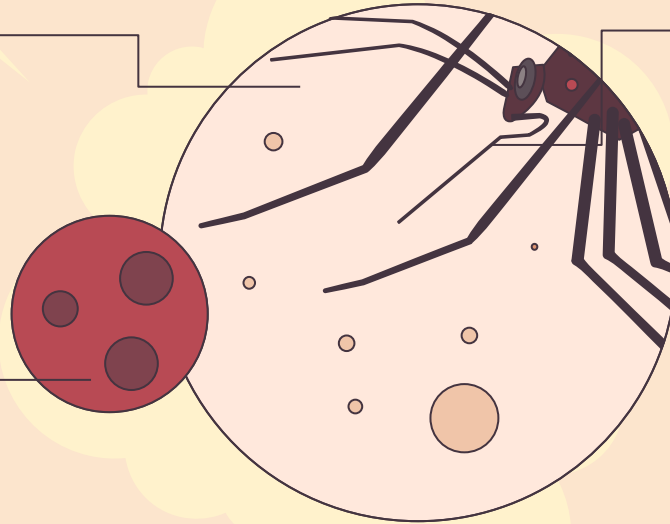


## Effectiveness

Cost-effective at  $\geq 40\%$  intervention effectiveness.

## DALYs

Cost-effectiveness improves over time.



## Costs Averted (2010-2020):

- 40% effectiveness: US\$329.40M
- 80% effectiveness: US\$658.79M





Dengue fever remains a significant health concern in Singapore. While Project Wolbachia seeks to counter this through the release of Wolbachia-infected mosquitoes, it grapples with steep expenses. Our objective is to devise a predictive model that can anticipate dengue outbreaks and discern their patterns, thereby optimizing the budget for Project Wolbachia.

## **—Problem Statement**



# 02

## Models Approach



# Models

## ARIMA

A class of model that captures a suite of different standard temporal structures in time series data

## SARIMA

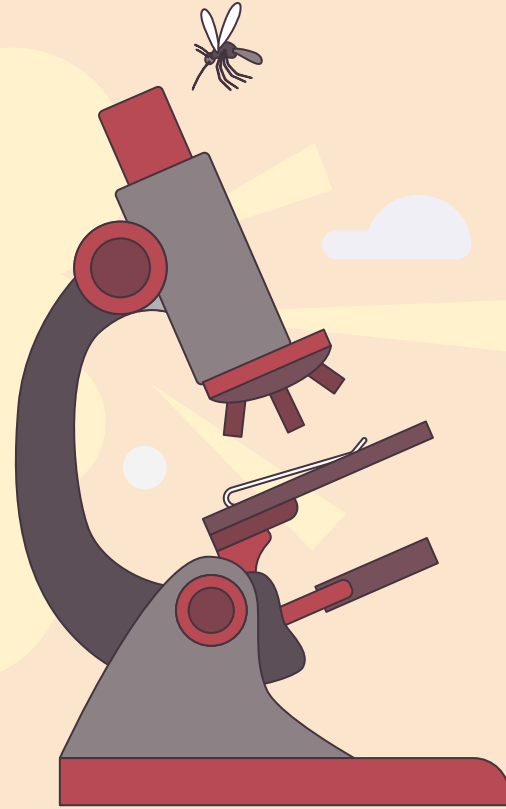
Extension of ARIMA that explicitly supports univariate time series data with a seasonal component

## SARIMAX

Extends SARIMA to include external variables

## Pycaret

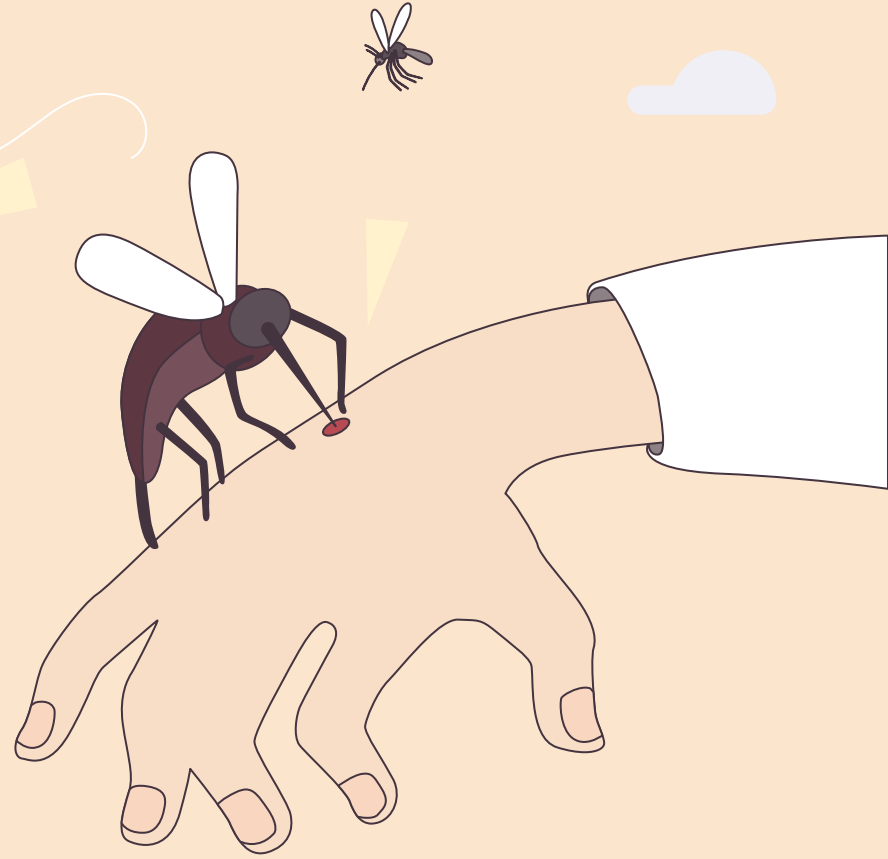
A Python library for machine learning, offers an implementation of SARIMA



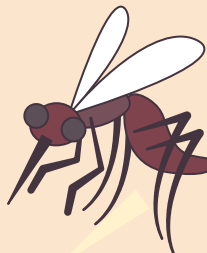


**03**

**Data  
Collection &  
EDA**



# Weather Data



| Station    | Position |           | Period of Daily Rain Records | Period of 30,60,120-Min Rain Records | Period of Mean Temperature | Period of Max and Min Temperature | Period of Mean Wind Speed | Period of Max Wind Speed |
|------------|----------|-----------|------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|
|            | Lat.(N)  | Long. (E) |                              |                                      |                            |                                   |                           |                          |
| Paya Lebar | 1.3524   | 103.9007  | Jan 1980-current             | -                                    | Sep 2017-current           | Jan 1981-current                  | Jan 1981- current         | Jan 2010-current         |
| Tengah     | 1.3858   | 103.7114  | Jan 1980-current             | -                                    | Aug 1986-current           | Jan 1985-current                  | Jan 1985-current          | Jan 2010-current         |
| Changi     | 1.3678   | 103.9826  | Jan 1981-current             | Jan 2014-current                     | Jan 1982-current           | Jan 1982-current                  | Jan 1983-current          | Jan 1983-current         |
| Seletar    | 1.4166   | 103.8654  | Jan 1980-current             | -                                    | Aug 1986-current           | Jan 1985-current                  | Jan 1985-current          | Jan 2010-current         |

**282,636  
Rows from  
64 Stations**



**605 Rows  
from 1  
Station**



<http://www.weather.gov.sg/climate-historical-daily/>

# Dengue Data



| Epidemiological Week | Disease                 | No. of Cases (No.) |
|----------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|
| 2012-W01             | Acute Viral hepatitis B | 0                  |
| 2012-W01             | Acute Viral hepatitis C | 0                  |
| 2012-W01             | Avian Influenza         | 0                  |
| 2012-W01             | Campylobacterenterosis  | 6                  |
| 2012-W01             | Chikungunya Fever       | 0                  |

**605 Rows of Dengue Fever and  
Dengue Hemorrhagic Fever**

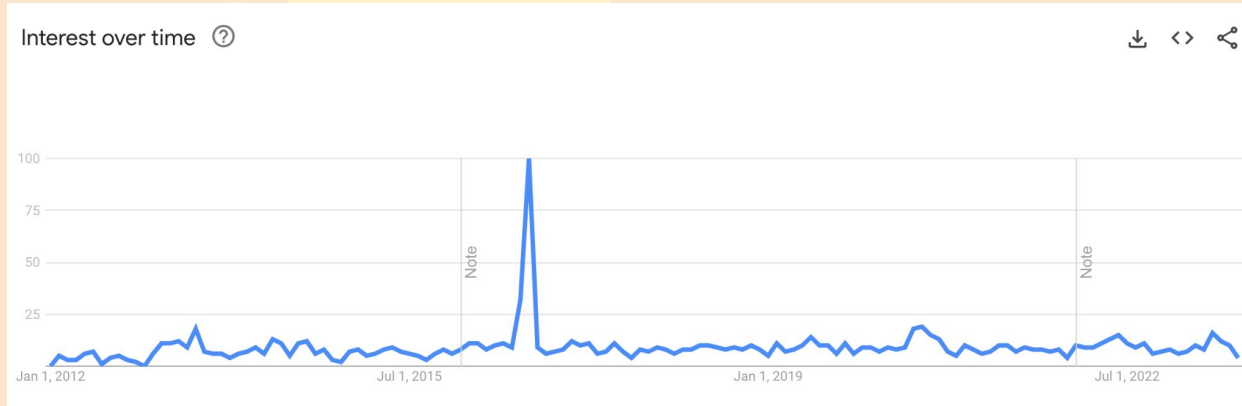


<https://beta.data.gov.sg/datasets/508/view>

# Google Trends Data



**‘Dengue  
Fever’**



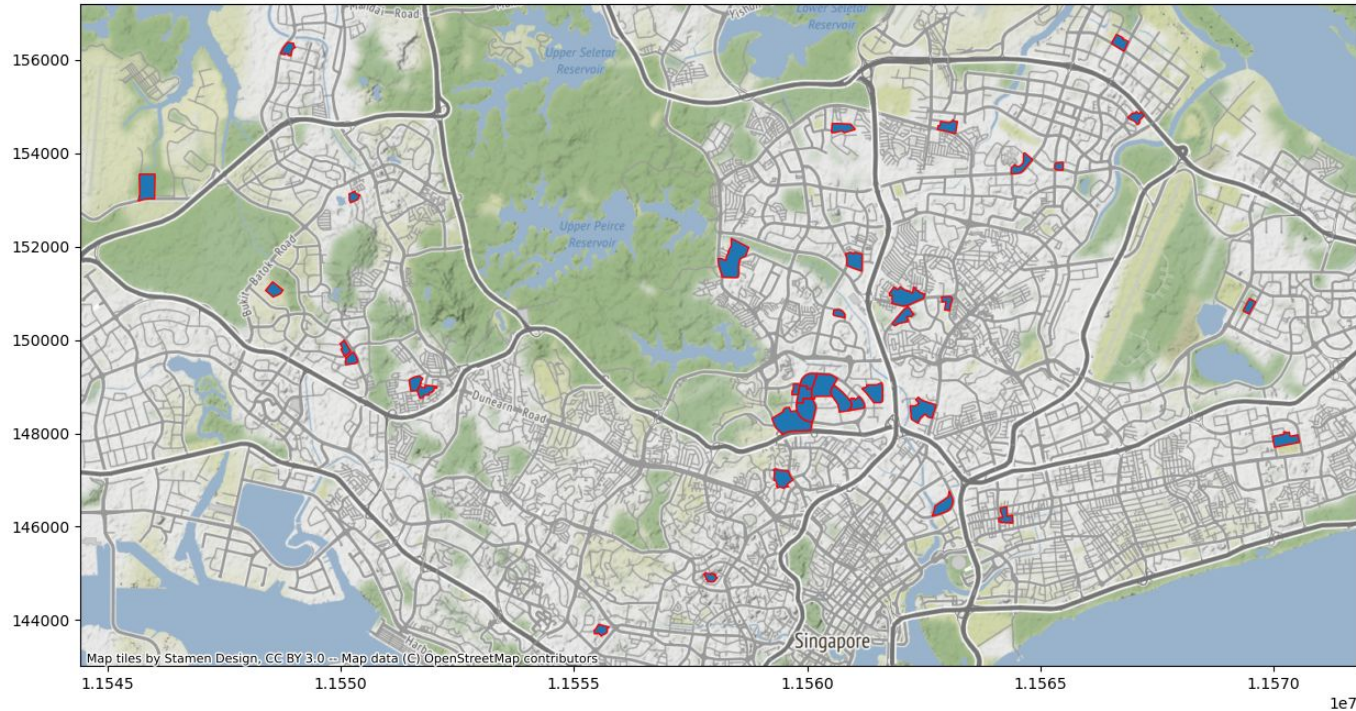
**‘Insect  
Repellent’**



# Dengue Cluster Change

## 7th October 2021

Dengue Clusters on October 7, 2021

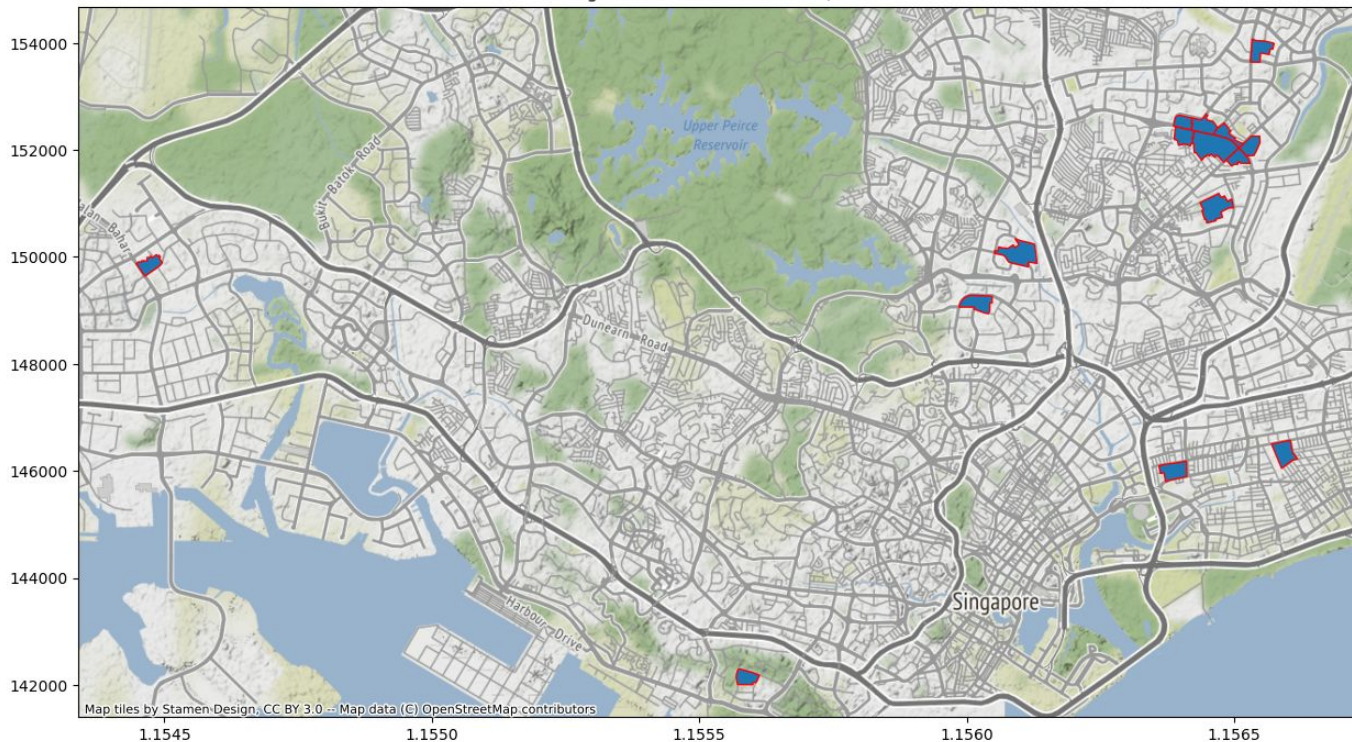


# Dengue Cluster Change

## 9th October 2021



Dengue Clusters on October 9, 2021





# Dengue & Other Diseases

correlation between dengue fever & other diseases

|                           |        |
|---------------------------|--------|
| dengue haemorrhagic fever | 0.38   |
| monkeypox                 | 0.25   |
| chikungunya fever         | 0.19   |
| zika virus infection      | -0.022 |

correlation between dengue haemorrhagic fever & other diseases

|                      |        |
|----------------------|--------|
| dengue fever         | 0.38   |
| chikungunya fever    | 0.33   |
| measles              | 0.17   |
| zika virus infection | -0.022 |

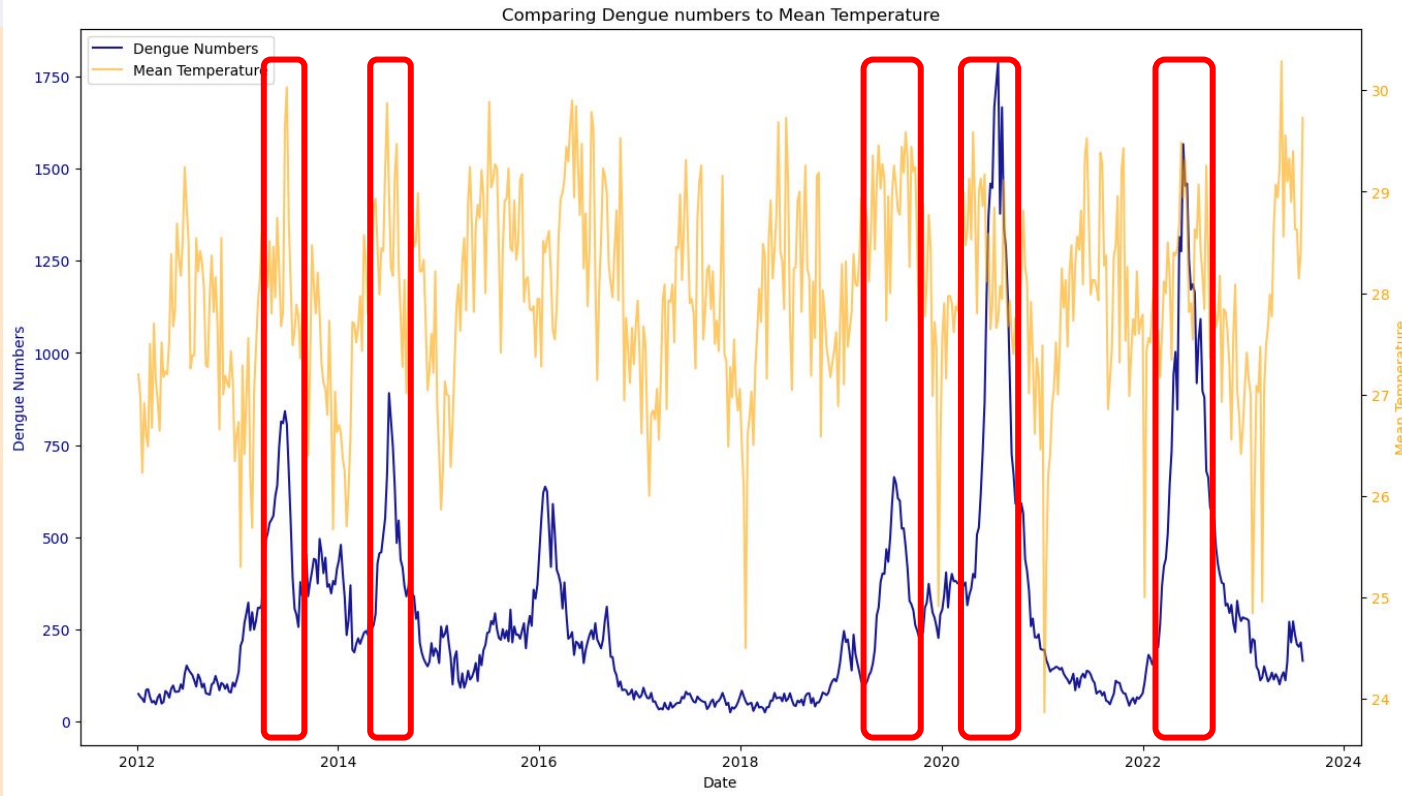
# Dengue & Weather

Features Correlating with Dengue Numbers

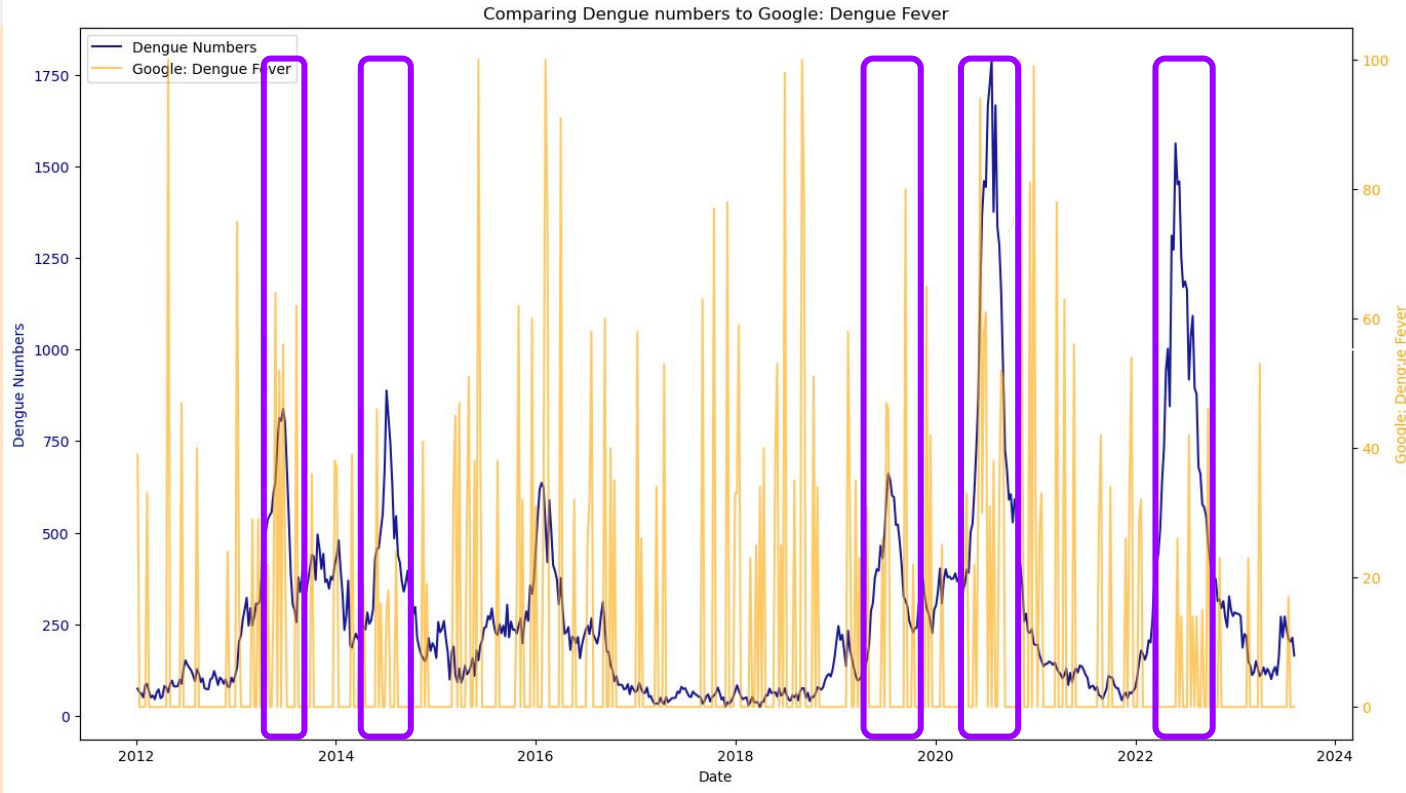




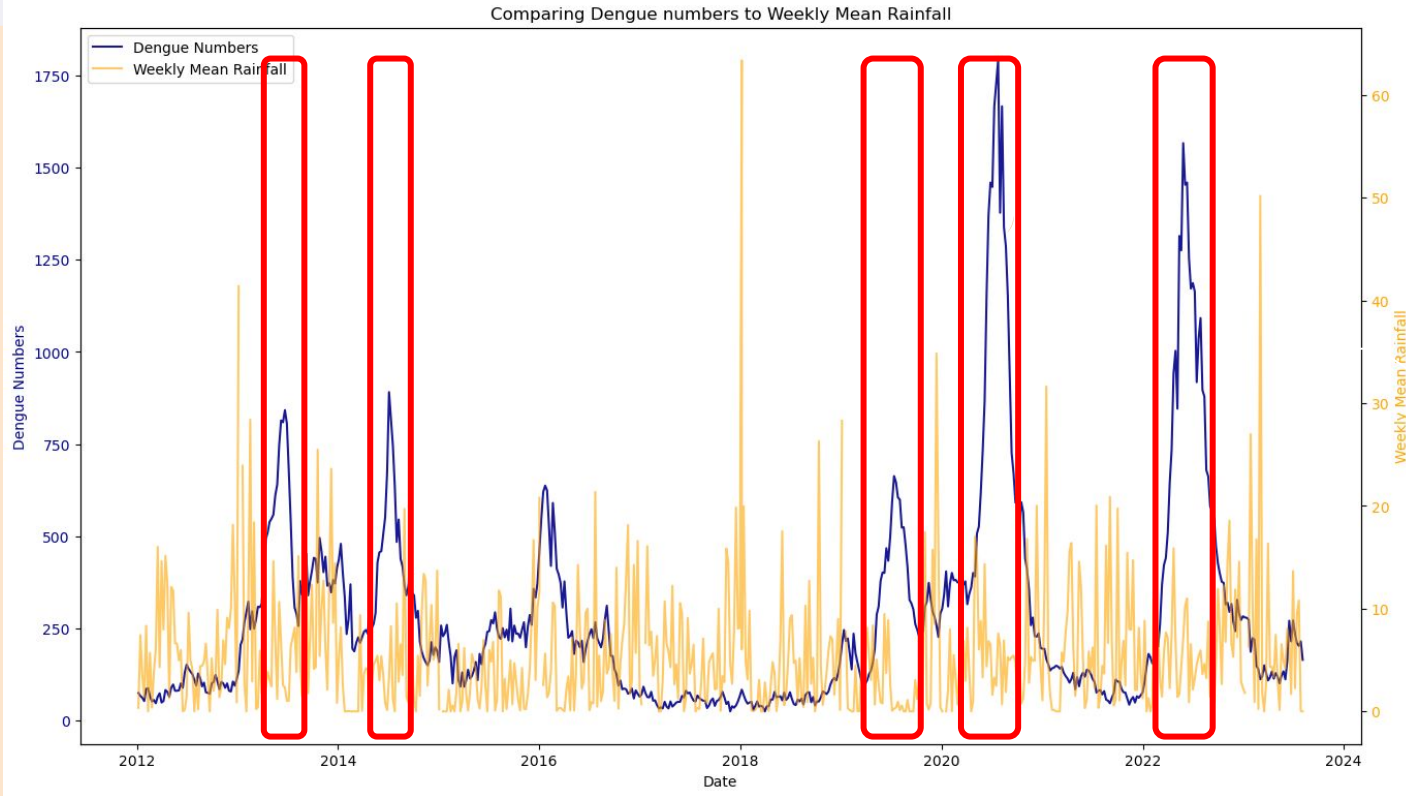
# Dengue x Temperature



# Dengue & Google Trend: Dengue Fever



# Dengue & Other Diseases





# 04 MODELLING



# Modelling

ARIMA/SARIMA/SARIMAX

Small sample size

AR: number of dengue case is influenced by number of dengue case in the past

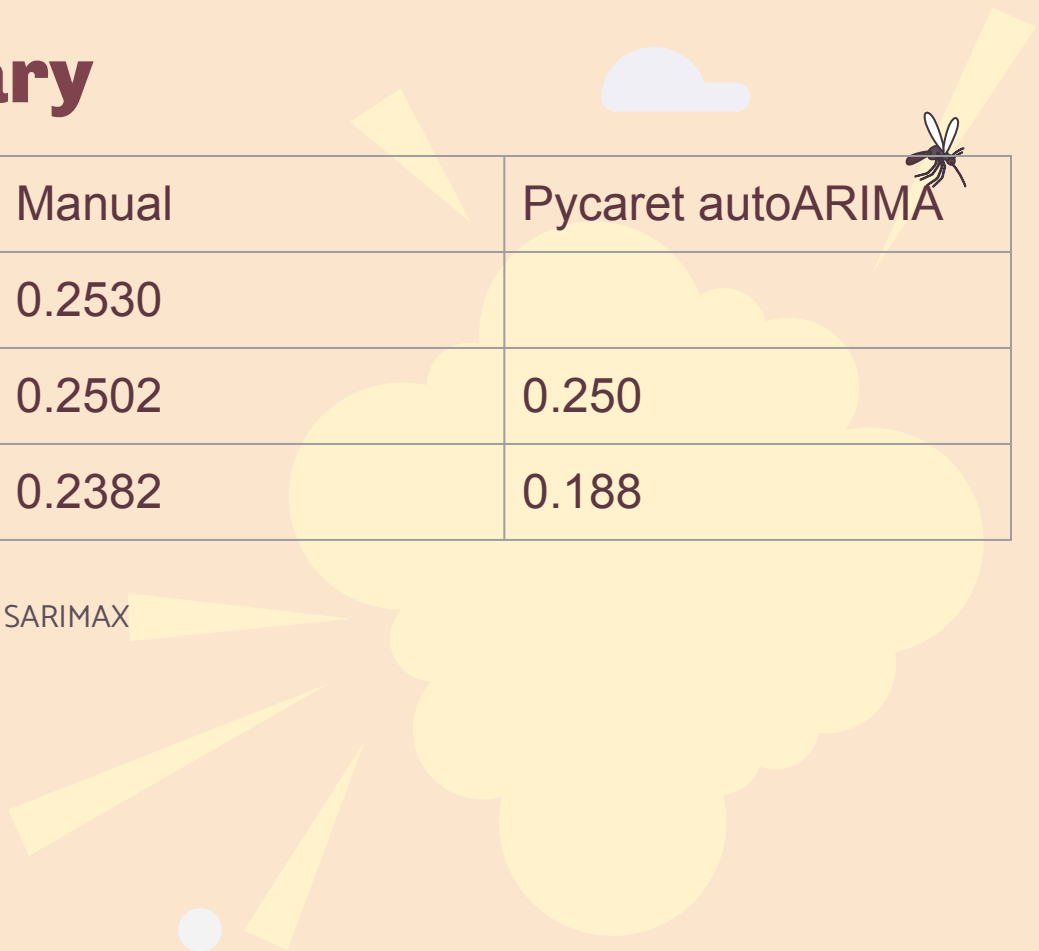
- Immunity
- Infectious nature of dengue

MA: number of dengue cases is influenced by shocks to the system

- destruction/creation of mosquito habitat can be very random
- Chance occurrence to be bitten + show symptoms



# Model summary



|         | Manual | Pycaret autoARIMA |
|---------|--------|-------------------|
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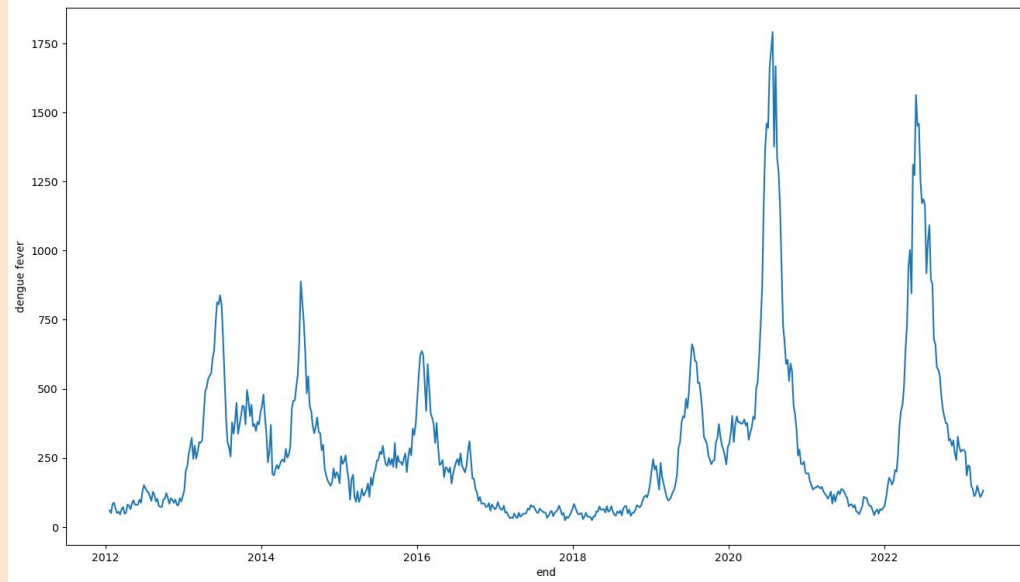


MAPE hovers around 25%

# Fitting an ARIMA (p,d,q) model

Determining parameter d for I

Check stationarity of time series



# Checking for stationarity/ Determining d:



ADF test: 0.01

- Reject  $H_0$ : presence of a unit root

KPSS test: 0.0257

- Reject  $H_0$ : time series is stationary

Caveat: ADF only tests for the presence of a single unit root;

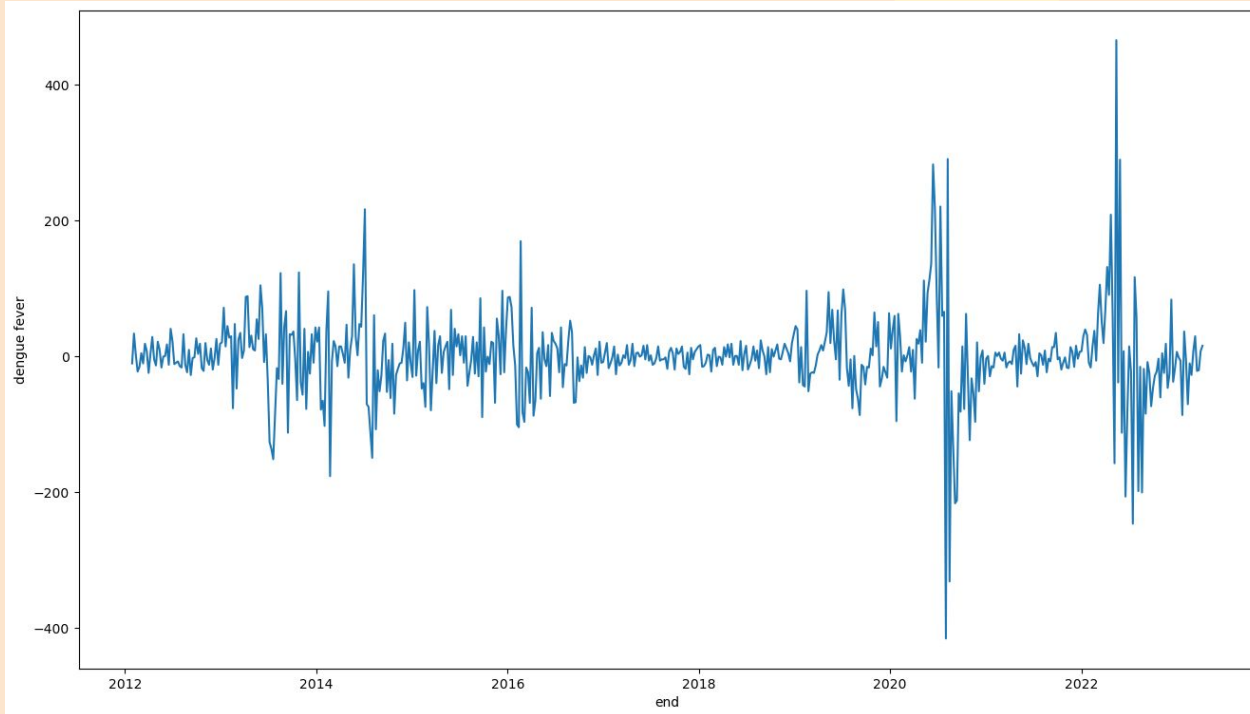
Conclusion: need to take the first order difference



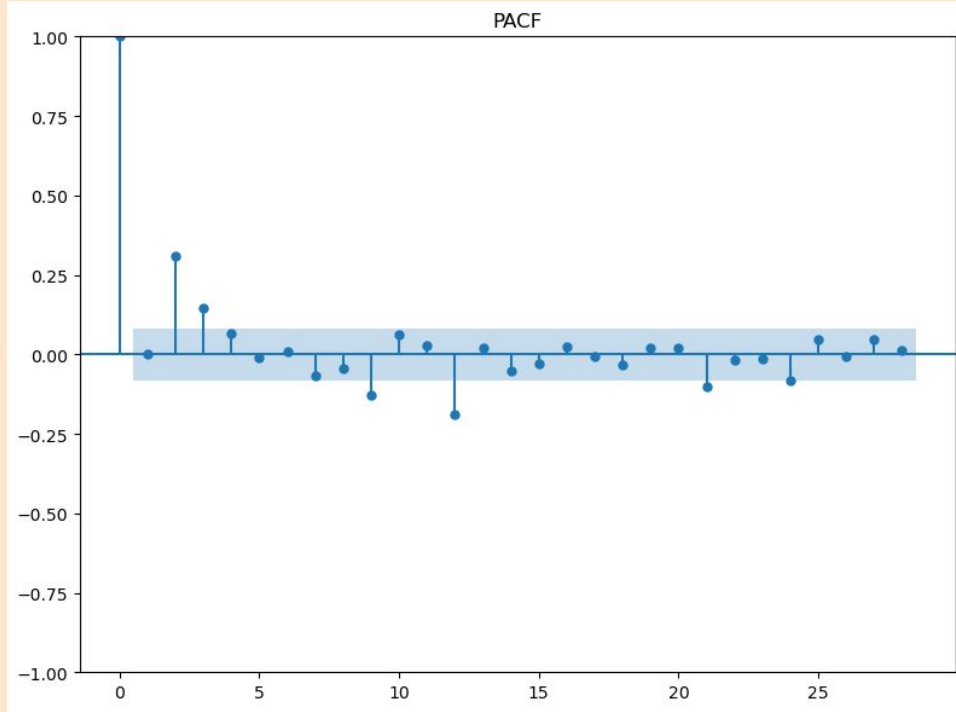


# $d = 1$

ADF = 0.01 KPSS = 0.1

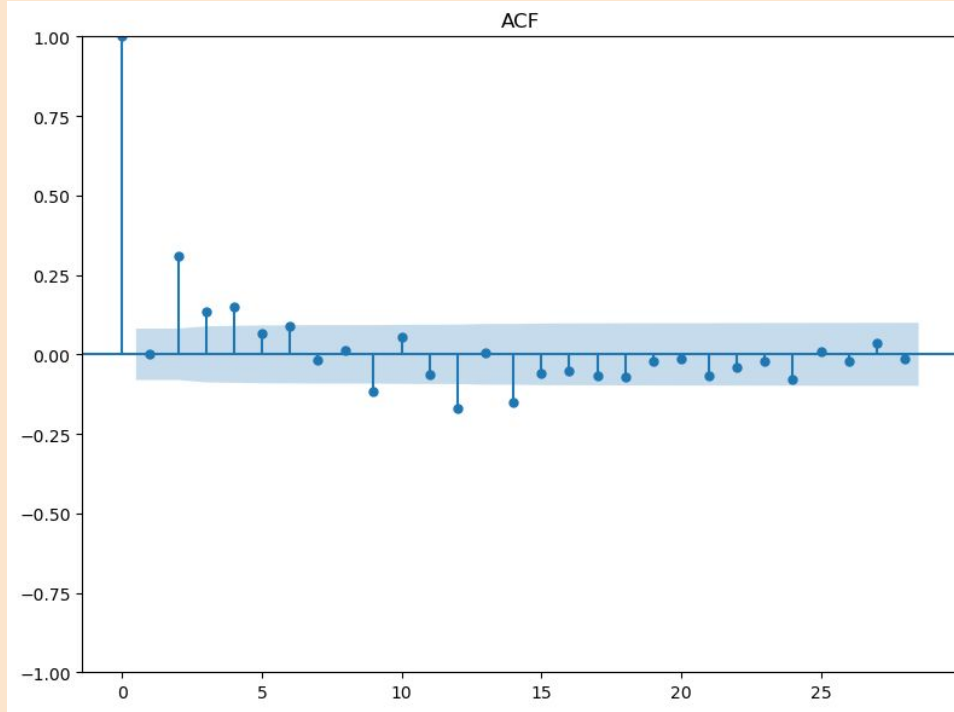


# Determining p



Significant correlations at lag  $p = 2, 3, 9, 12$

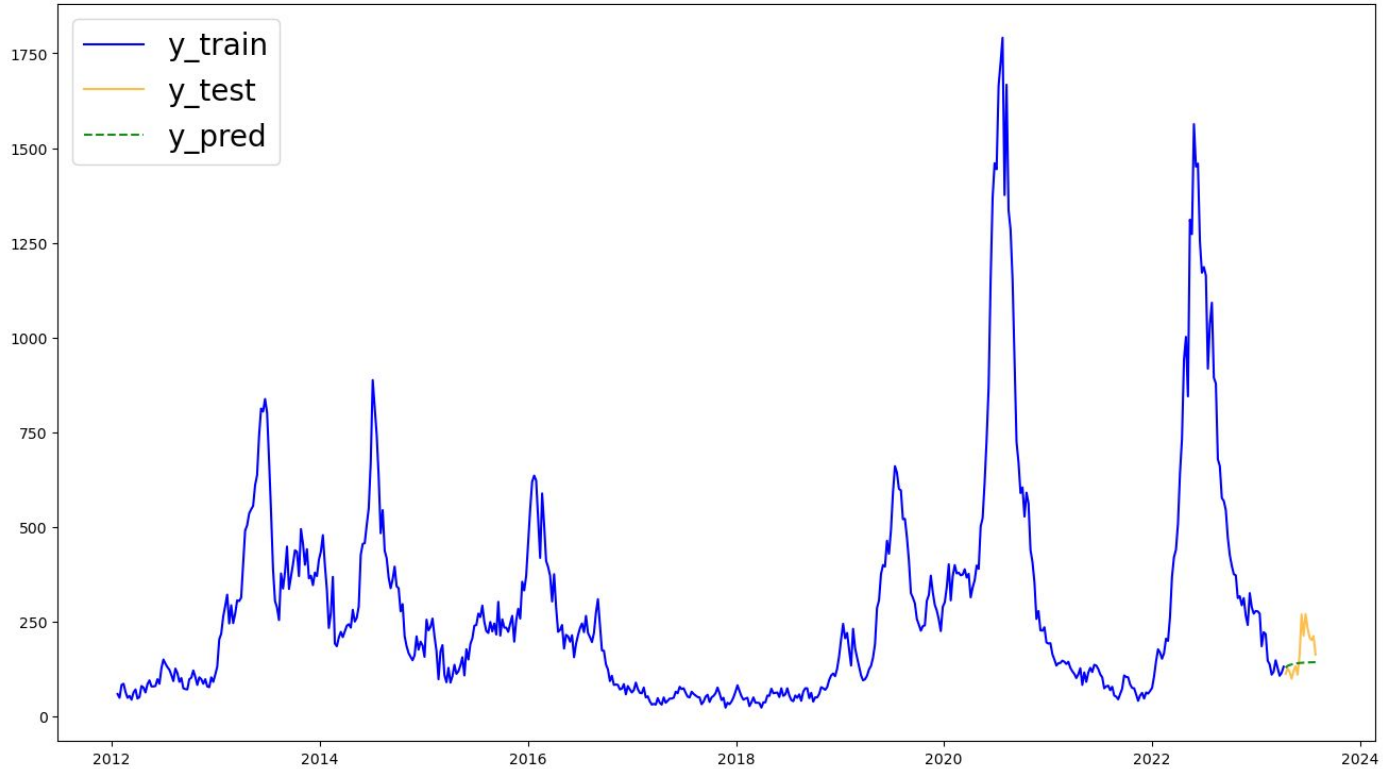
# Determining $q$



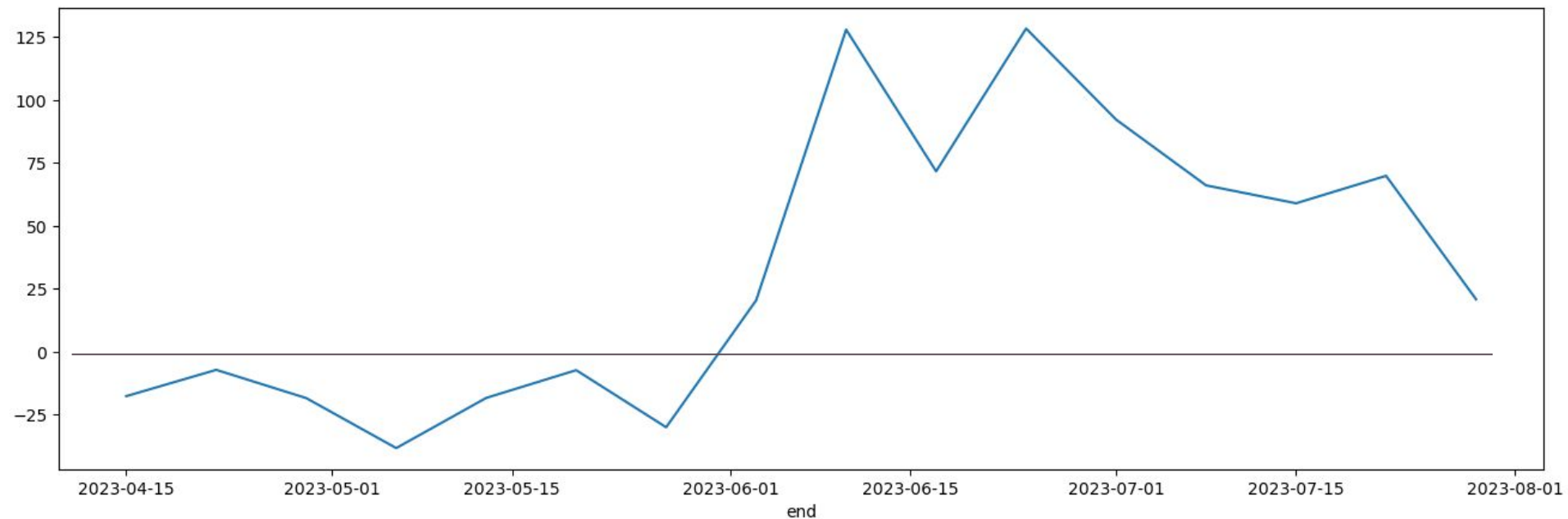
Significant correlations at lag  $p = 2, 3, 4, 9, 12, 14$

# ARIMA(2,1,2)

ARIMA predictions  
MAPE:0.2530694263416386



# Residual plot



# Fitting SARIMA model:

Why SARIMA?

Accounts for seasonality in dengue cases

Climate Events

Temperature

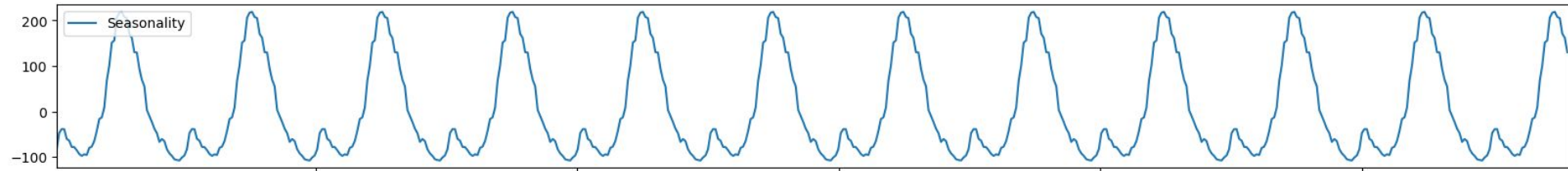
Rainfall



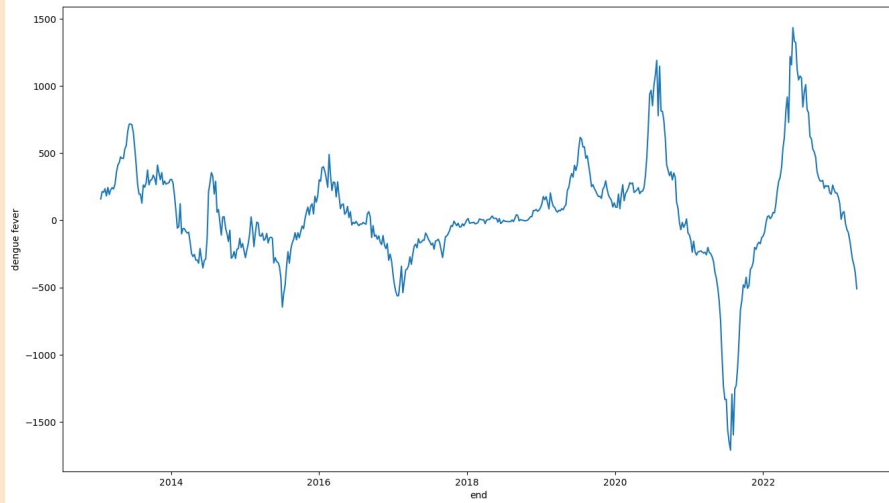
# Fitting SARIMA: determining $m$

11 peaks in 11 years

$m = 52$



# determining D



ADF: 0.02 reject  $H_0$

KPS: 0.1 don't reject  $H_0$

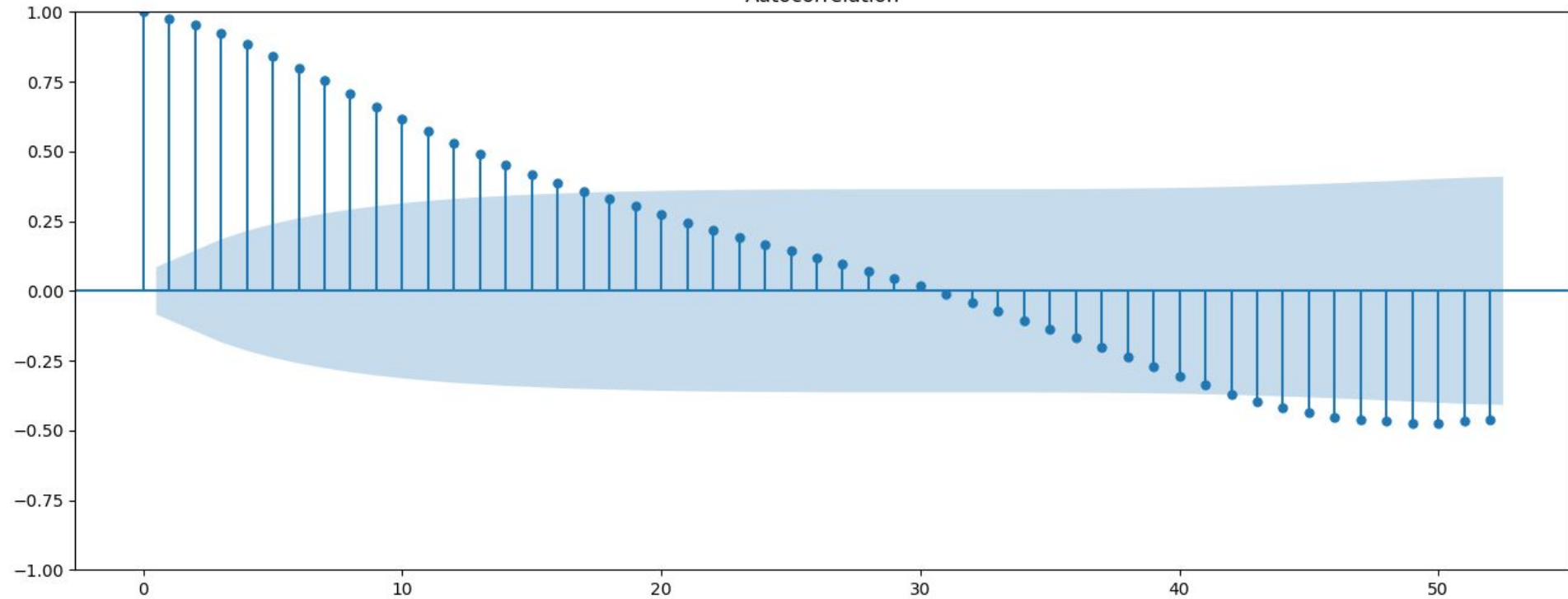
$D = 1$



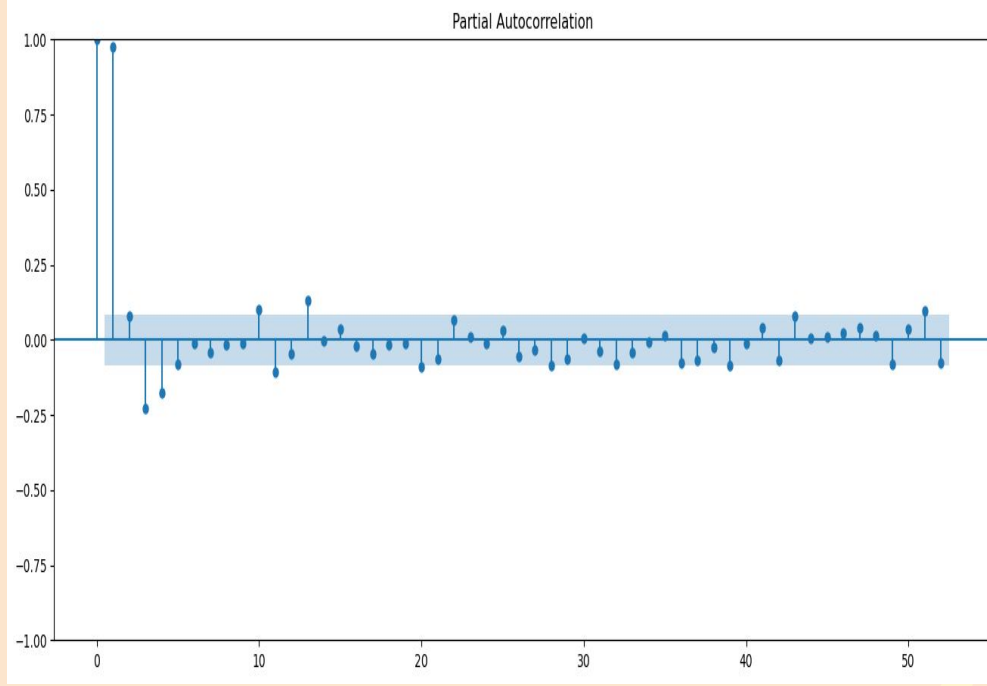


# Determining P

Autocorrelation



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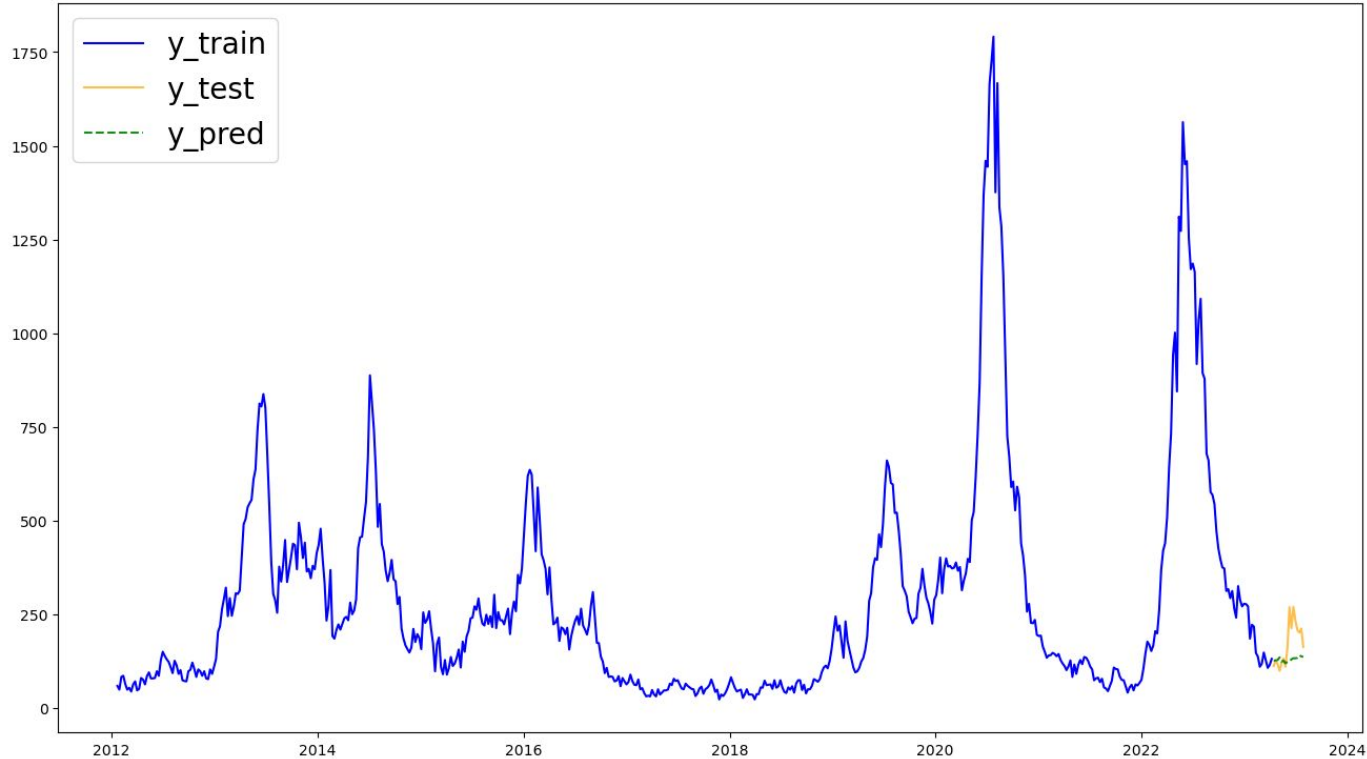


P = 1, 3, 4

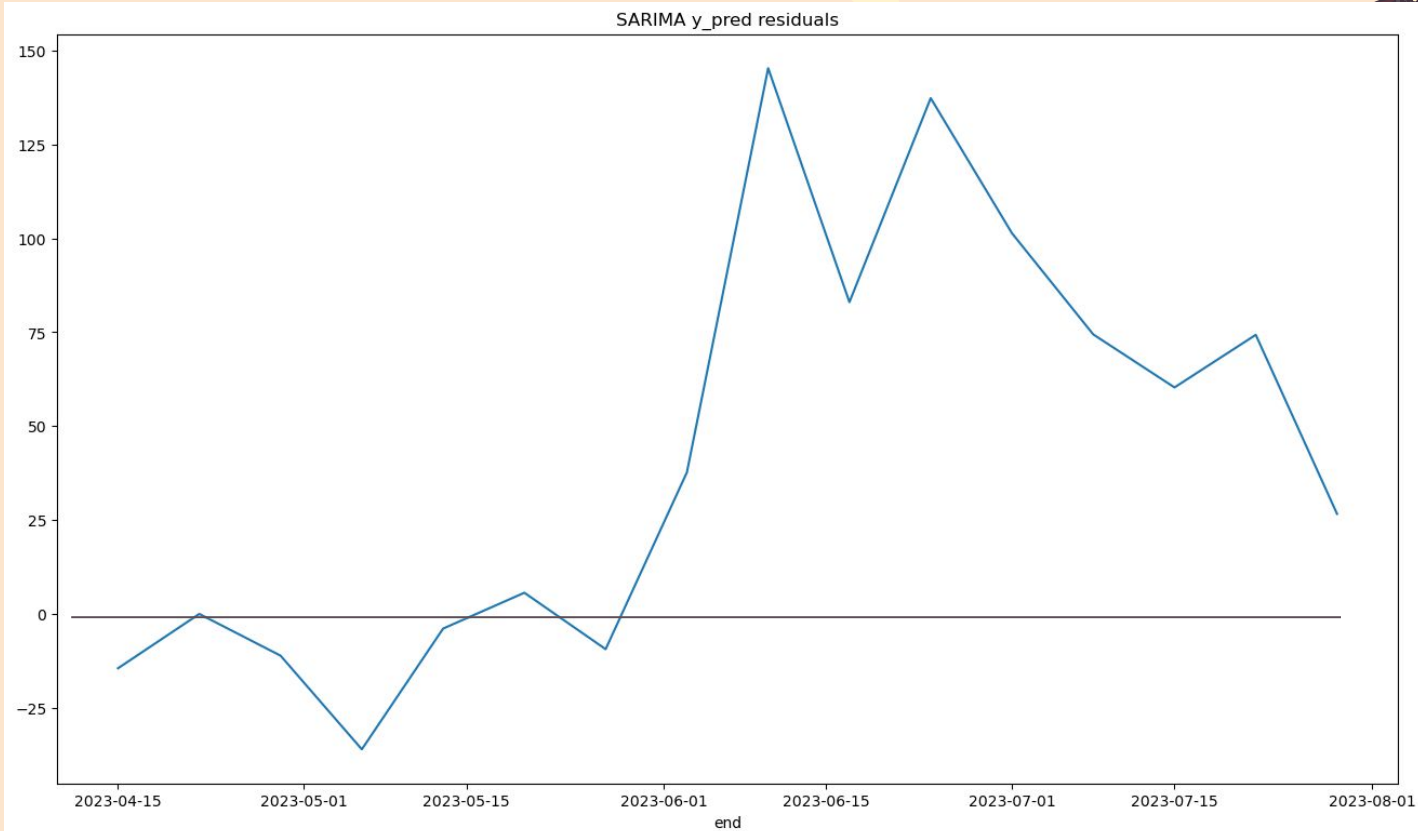


# SARIMA 2,1,2 1, 0, 0, 52

Dengue Cases  
MAPE: 0.2502295988722988



# SARIMA residuals



# SARIMA X

exogenous factors introduced:

Other diseases transmitted by the vector mosquito

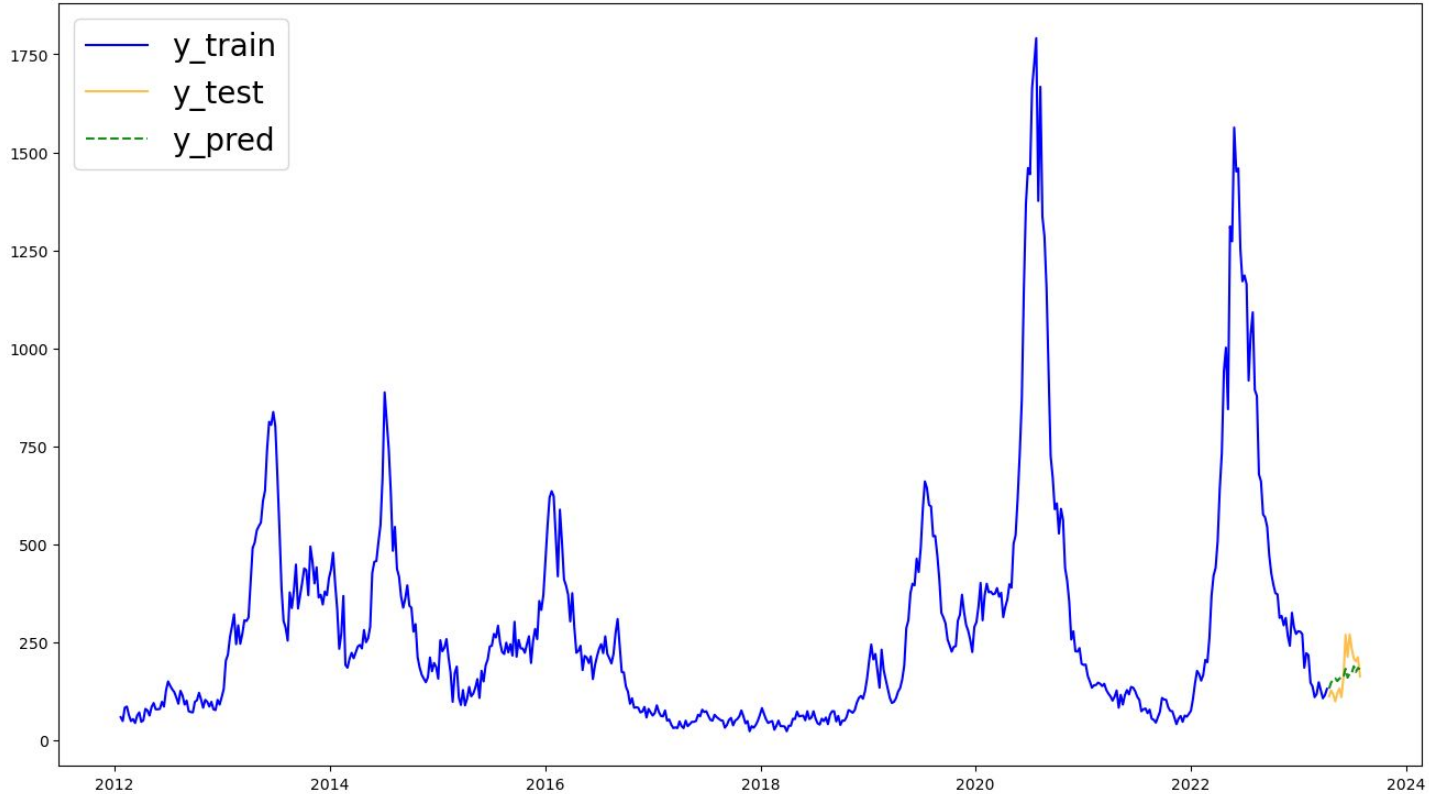
Climate data with lag of 2 weeks

Google Trends on 'Dengue Fever' and 'Insect repellent' topics

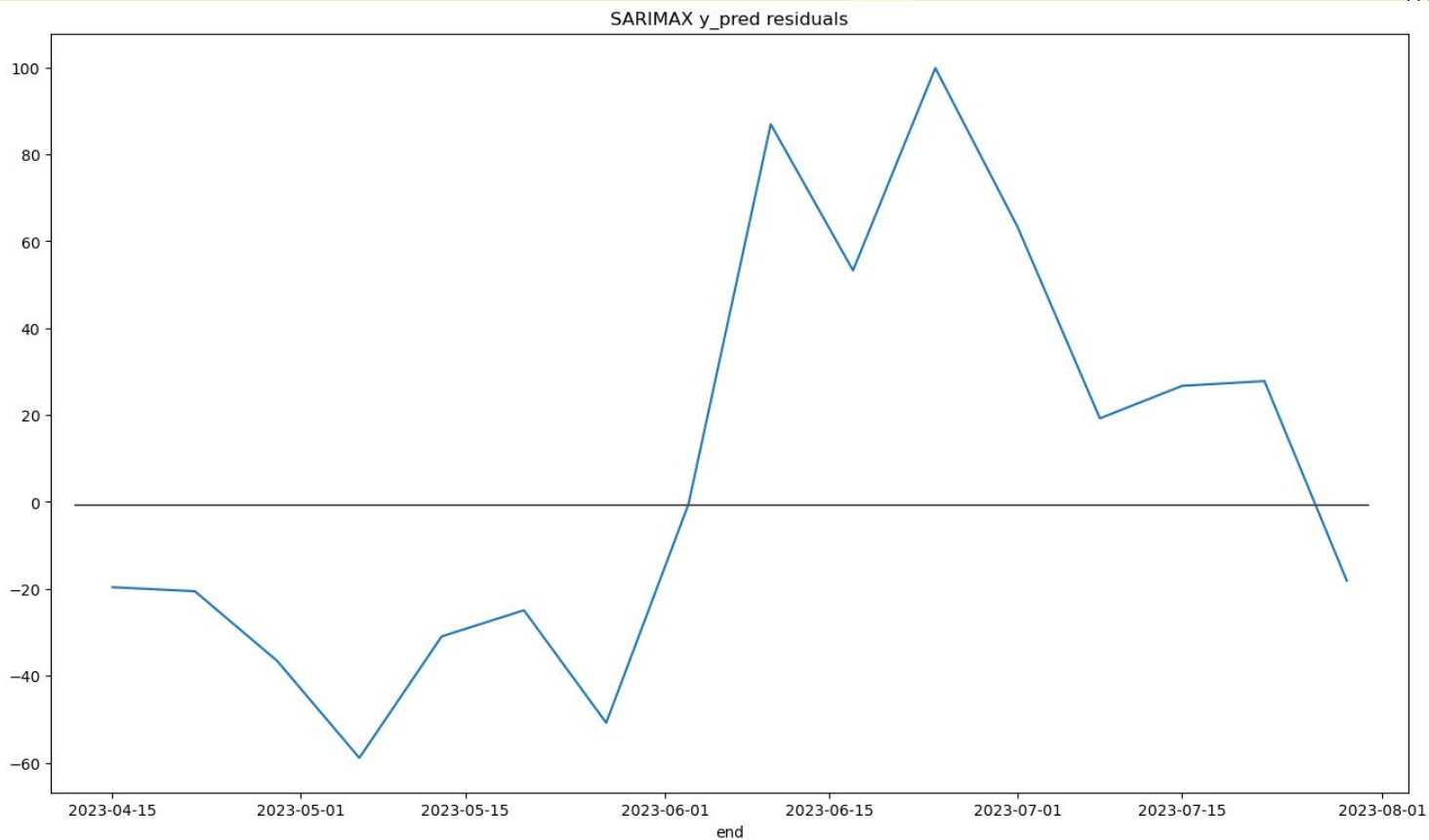


# SARIMA X (1,1,2)(0,0,0)[52]

Dengue Cases  
MAPE: 0.23827386435868847

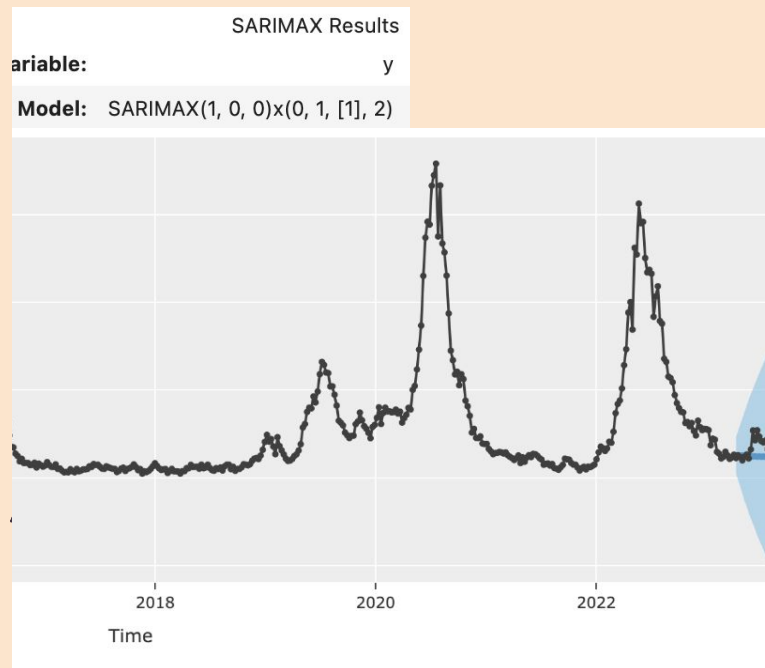


# SARIMA X Residuals

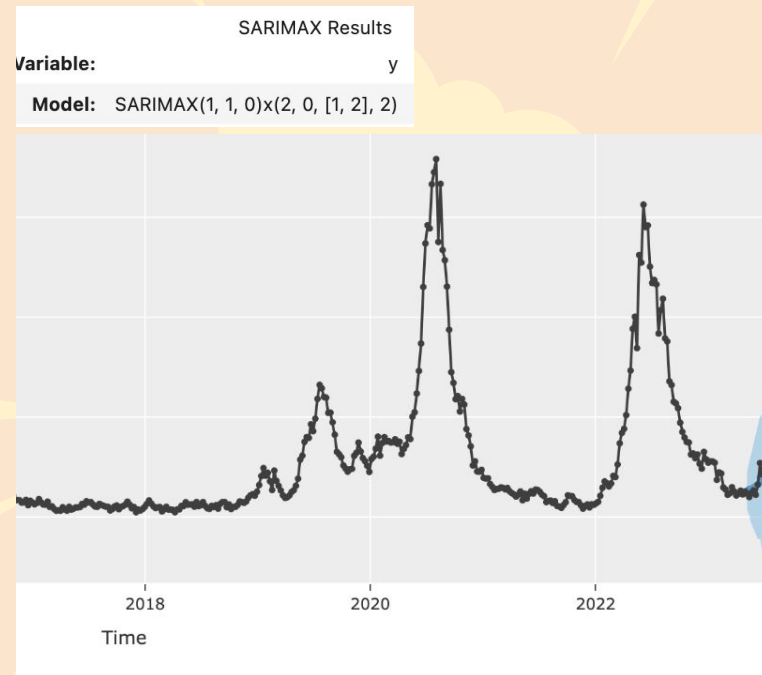


# Pycaret

## SARIMA

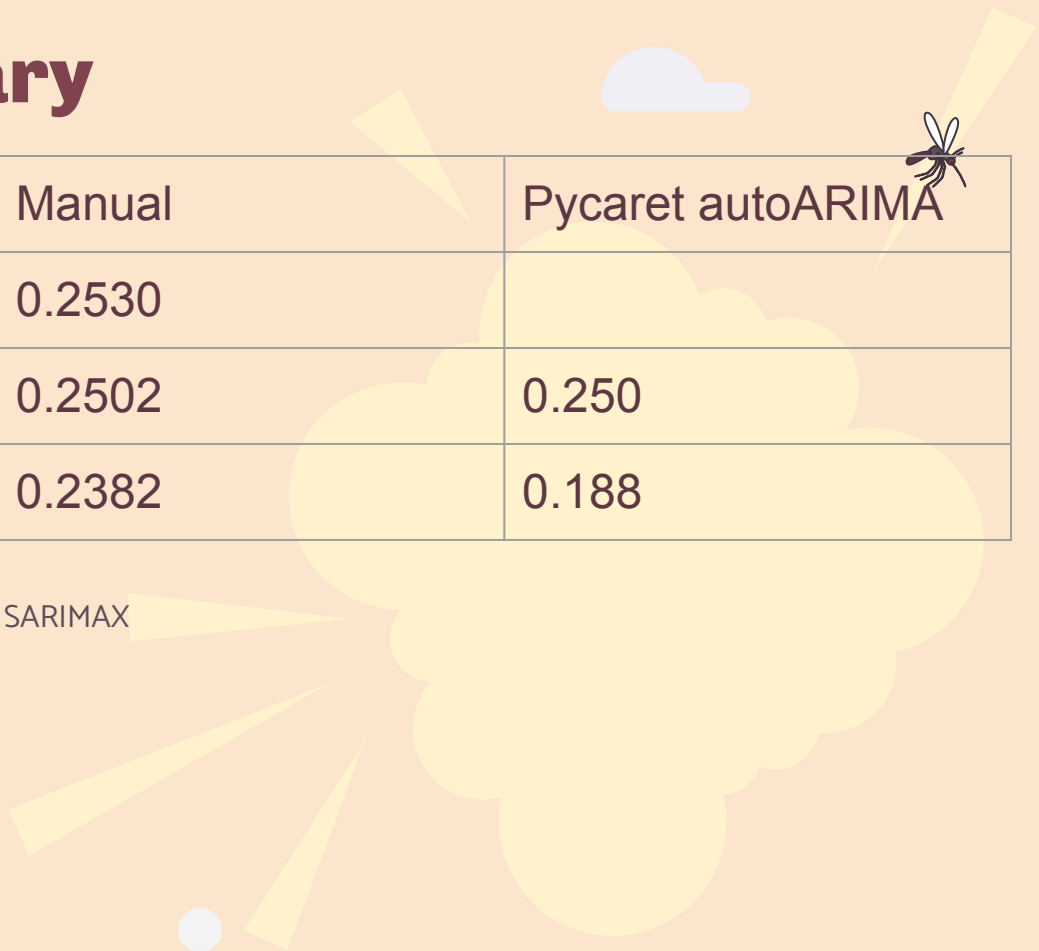


## SARIMA X





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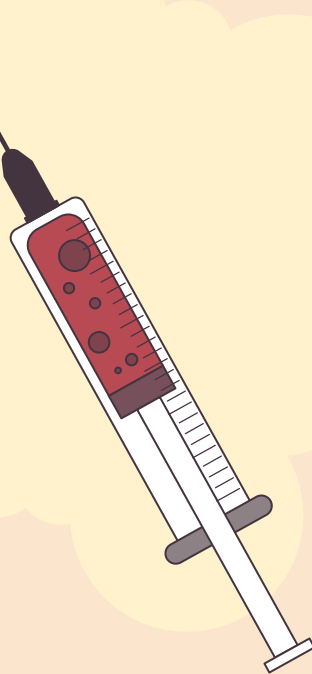


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# 05

## Cost-Benefits Analysis

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## Project Wolbachia

22.7 Million 2010 USD Steady-State cost

Already 'cost effective' at 40% efficacy

NEA reported 60%-80% efficacy

## Cost Concerns:

Equipment/Labor Cost

Suppression requires constant maintenance costs



# Cost Benefit Analysis

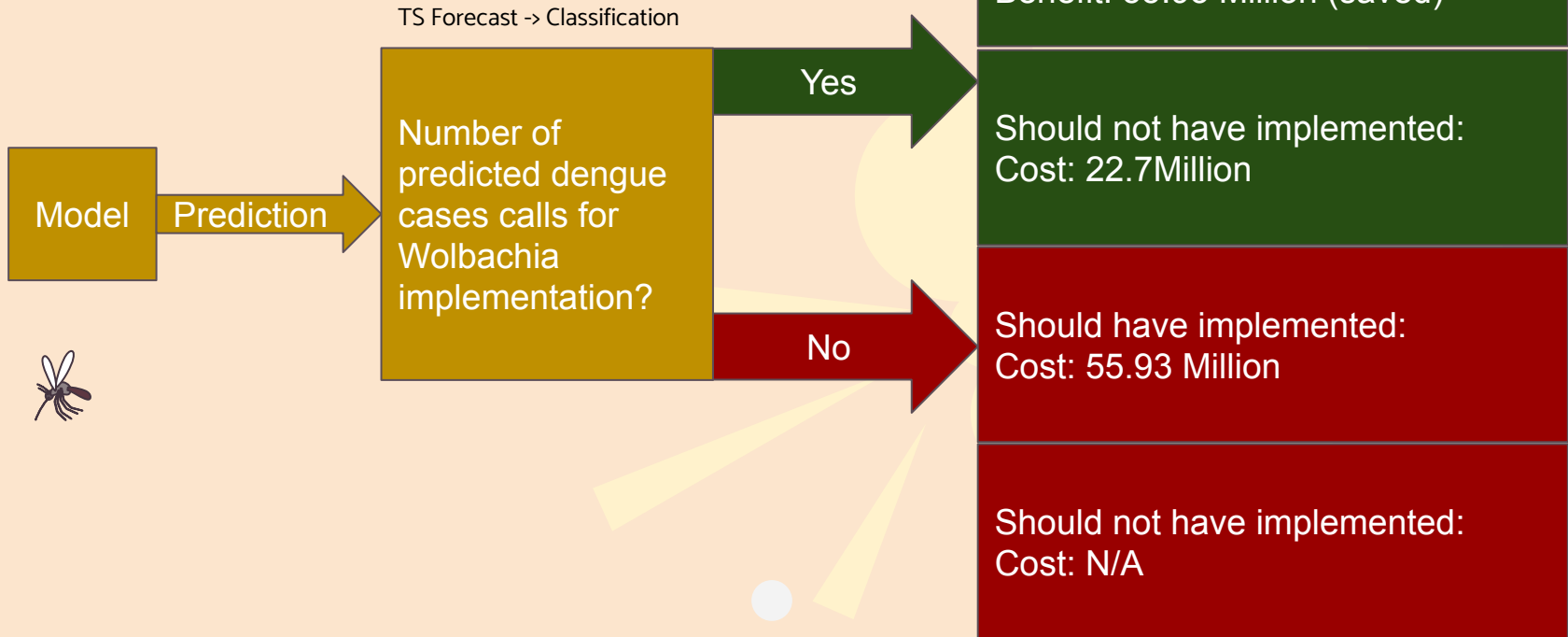
Classification problem

Based on our forecasted dengue cases 4 months into the future,

Should/should not NEA implement project wolbachia?



# Cost Benefit Analysis



# Cost Benefit Analysis

We are interested in achieving a high prediction accuracy (1-MAPE)

| 80% Efficacy   | Predicted Positive<br>(action) | Predicted Negative<br>(no action) |
|--|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Actual Positive<br>(Wolbachia implementation was required)     | Gain: \$33.23 million<br>TP    | Loss: \$55.93 million<br>FN       |
| Actual Negative<br>(Wolbachia implementation was not required) | Loss: \$22.7 million<br>FP     | No Change<br>TN                   |

Expected cost/benefit = (Probability of TP×Gain if TP) + (Probability of FN×Loss if FN) + (Probability of FP×Loss if FP) + (Probability of TN×Gain if TN)



The actual/predicted positive rate and actual negative rates

depend on how/when NEA deems Wolbachia implementation is required

# 06

## Conclusion & Continuous Improvements



# Conclusion

Model that predicts with MAPE of 18% at 4 months notice

The National Environment Agency (NEA)

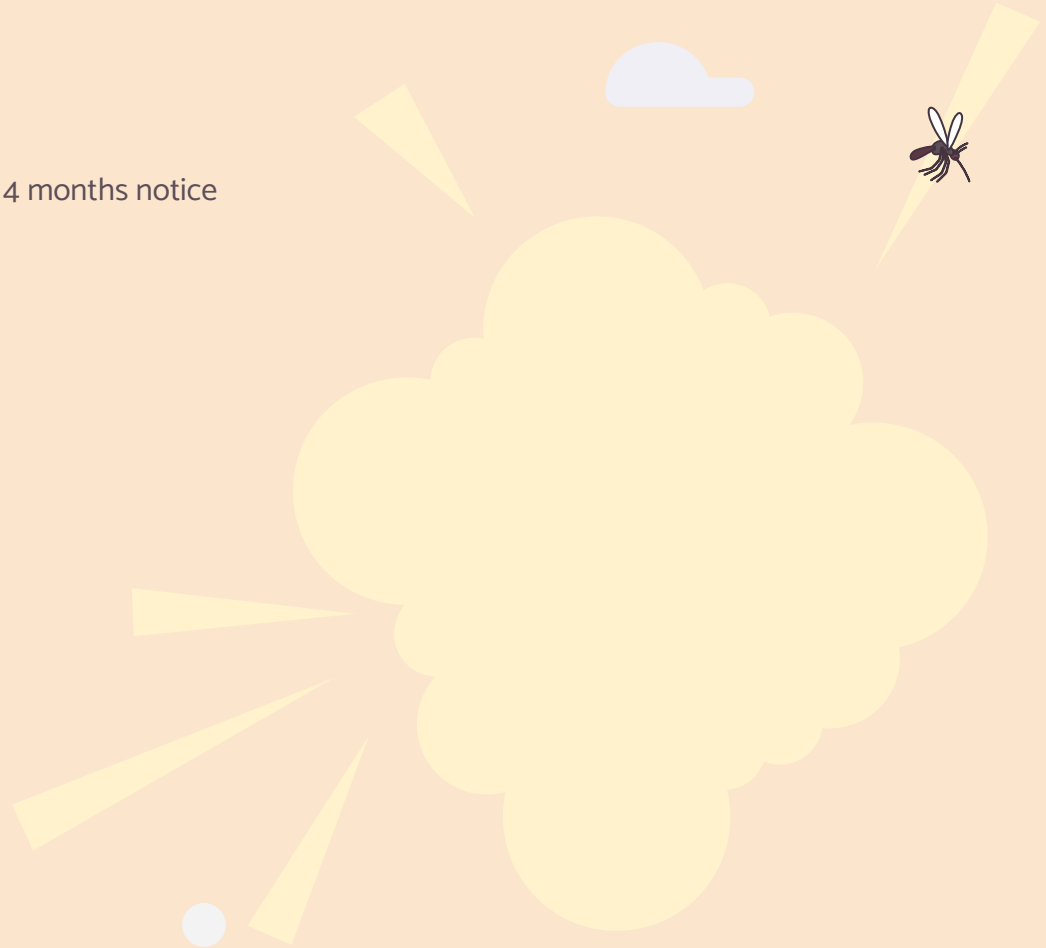
Project Wolbachia

Public Health Campaigns

Plan for fumigation

Ministry of Health:

Prepare healthcare facilities





# Future Works

Explore other models

Dynamic Harmonic Regression

Random Forests

Collect more data:

Look into more correlated Data:

Try to find data at higher frequencies than weekly



# Conclusion and Continuous Improvements

## Model Accuracy

PyCaret SARIMAX MAPE : 0.18

## Project Wolbachia Benefit

Anticipate, Intervene, Suppress

## Implications

### NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL AGENCY

- Early warning prevention measures
- Reduced medical costs, better health outcomes

### MINISTRY OF HEALTH

- Prepare for patient surges
- Allocate funds and resources to dengue research & prevention.

## Data Collection

- Expand Data Sources
- Data Frequency

## Feedback Mechanism

- Real-time Feedback
- Error Analysis

## Stakeholder Collaboration

- Collaborate with Healthcare Professionals
- Engage with MOH and NEA

## Public Engagement

- Awareness Campaigns
- Public Feedback



# Thanks

