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Question 1-CO2
This report is constructed for investigating whether the CO2 level appears to be impacted by
two historical events: 1. the fall of the Berlin wall in November 1989 years ago; 2. the
global lockdown during the COVID-19 pandemic starting in February 2020. The general trend for
CO2 fluctuations within different time frame can be illustrated below, and further analysis
about the estimated smoothed trend of CO2 before and after the events are demonstrated though
plots.
```{r, echo=FALSE}
cUrl = paste0("http://scrippsco2.ucsd.edu/assets/data/atmospheric/",
"stations/flask_co2/daily/daily_flask_co2_mlo.csv")
cFile = basename(cUrl)
if (!file.exists(cFile)) download.file(cUrl, cFile)
co2s = read.table(cFile, header = FALSE, sep = ",",
skip = 69, stringsAsFactors = FALSE, col.names = c("day",
"time", "junk1", "junk2", "Nflasks", "quality",
"co2"))
co2s$date = strptime(paste(co2s$day, co2s$time), format = "%Y-%m-%d %H:%M",
tz = "UTC")
# remove low-quality measurements
co2s = co2s[co2s$quality == 0, ]
plot(co2s$date, co2s$co2, log = "y", cex = 0.3, col = "#00000040",
xlab = "time", ylab = "ppm")
plot(co2s[co2s$date > ISOdate(2015, 3, 1, tz = "UTC"),
c("date", "co2")], log = "y", type = "o", xlab = "time",
ylab = "ppm", cex = 0.5)
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co2s$day = as.Date(co2s$date)
toAdd = data.frame(day = seq(max(co2s$day) + 3, as.Date("2025/1/1"),
by = "10 \text{ days}"), co2 = NA)
co2ext = rbind(co2s[, colnames(toAdd)], toAdd)
timeOrigin = as.Date("2000/1/1")
co2ext$timeInla = round(as.numeric(co2ext$day - timeOrigin)/365.25,
2)
co2ext$cos12 = cos(2 * pi * co2ext$timeInla)
co2ext$sin12 = sin(2 * pi * co2ext$timeInla)
co2ext$cos6 = cos(2 * 2 * pi * co2ext$timeInla)
co2ext$sin6 = sin(2 * 2 * pi * co2ext$timeInla)
Given the fact that the CO2 data is considered as continuous and positive, the Gamma
distribution should be followed in this scenario and a statistical model corresponding to the
data can be expressed as below. Note that, since we observe periodical fluctuations of CO2
general trend, we adopt sinusoidal basis functions toward the model, including twelve months
and six months, in order to obtain the widespread seasonal fluctuations in a precise manner.
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\begin{aligned}
Y {i} & \sim \text { Gamma }\left(\theta,\lambda {i}/\theta\right) \\
\label{lem:lembda_{i}} $$ \left(\lambda_{i} \right) &= X_{i} \ \theta(t_{i}\right) \ \ $$
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X_{i 1} &= \cos \left(2 \right) t_{i} / 365.25 \right) \\ X_{i 2} &= \sin \left(2 \right) t_{i} / 365.25 \right)
365.25\right) \\
X_{i 3} &= \cos \left(2 \pi t_{i} / 182.6 \right) \ X_{i 4} &= \sin \left(2 \pi t_{i} / 182.6 \right)
182.6\right)
\end{aligned}
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Y_i represents each individual level (ith) of the CO2 data, which has a distribution showed
in the plots above, whereas \lambda_i and \theta represents the rate and mean of CO2 level in this
data set. Moreover, $f(t i)$ indicates the random variable for time, and 1/365.25 as well as
1/182.6 represent frequencies for either twelve months or six months cycle.
Considering prior distributions, the prior for random variation indicates changes by log
scale 0.1; whereas the prior for random walk indicates changes of log rate slope by 0.1 from
year to year. The penalized complexity prior is selected, as the intended research questions
are to compare the variability of CO2 before and after the events, such that:
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P(\sigma^2_U > 0.1) = 0.5
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```{r, echo=FALSE}
library('INLA', verbose=TRUE)
# disable some error checking in INLA
mm = get("inla.models", INLA:::inla.get.inlaEnv())
if(class(mm) == 'function') mm = mm()
mm$latent$rw2$min.diff = NULL
assign("inla.models", mm, INLA:::inla.get.inlaEnv())
co2res = inla(co2 \sim sin12 + cos12 + sin6 + cos6 +
f(timeInla, model = 'rw2',
prior='pc.prec', param = c(0.1, 0.5)),
data = co2ext, family='gamma',
control.family = list(hyper=list(prec=list(
prior='pc.prec', param=c(0.1, 0.5))),
# add this line if your computer has trouble
control.inla = list(strategy='gaussian'),
control.predictor = list(compute=TRUE, link=1),
control.compute = list(config=TRUE),
verbose=TRUE)
qCols = c('0.5quant','0.025quant','0.975quant')
Pmisc::priorPost(co2res)$summary[,qCols]
```{r,echo=FALSE}
sampleList = INLA::inla.posterior.sample(30, co2res,
selection = list(timeInla = 0))
sampleMean = do.call(cbind, Biobase::subListExtract(sampleList,
"latent"))
sampleDeriv = apply(sampleMean, 2, diff)/diff(co2res$summary.random$timeInla$ID)
#1
matplot(co2ext$day, co2res$summary.fitted.values[,
qCols], type = "l", col = "black", lty = c(1, 2,
2), log = "y", xlab = "time", ylab = "ppm")
Stime = timeOrigin + round(365.25 * co2res$summary.random$timeInla$ID)
matplot(Stime, co2res$summary.random$timeInla[, qCols],
type = "1", col = "black", lty = c(1, 2, 2), xlab = "time",
ylab = "y")
#3
matplot(Stime[-1], sampleDeriv, type = "1", lty = 1,
xaxs = "i", col = "#00000020", xlab = "time", ylab = "deriv",
ylim = quantile(sampleDeriv, c(0.01, 0.995)))
forX = as.Date(c("2018/1/1", "2021/1/1"))
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forX = seq(forX[1], forX[2], by = "6 months")
toPlot = which(Stime > min(forX) & Stime < max(forX))
matplot(Stime[toPlot], sampleDeriv[toPlot,], type = "1",
lty = 1, lwd = 2, xaxs = "i", col = "#00000050",
xlab = "time", ylab = "deriv", xaxt = "n", ylim = quantile(sampleDeriv[toPlot,
(0.01, 0.995))
axis(1, as.numeric(forX), format(forX, "%b%Y"))
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#Plots that show the CO2 data change during the fall of Berlin wall in 1989
```{r,echo=FALSE}
#first plot
matplot(co2ext$day, co2res$summary.fitted.values[,
qCols], type = "l", col = "black", lty = c(1, 2, 1)
2), log = "y", xlab = "time", ylab = "ppm",
xlim=c(as.Date("1989-01-01"), as.Date("1994-12-31")))
abline(v = as.Date("1989-11-01"), col = "red")
Stime = timeOrigin + round(365.25 * co2res$summary.random$timeInla$ID)
#second plot
matplot(Stime[-1], sampleDeriv, type = "1", lty = 1,
xaxs = "i", col = "#00000020", xlab = "time", ylab = "deriv",
ylim = quantile(sampleDeriv, c(0.01, 0.995)))
abline(v = as.Date("1989-11-01"), col = "red")
forX = as.Date(c("1988/1/1", "1991/12/31"))
forX = seq(forX[1], forX[2], by = "6 months")
toPlot = which(Stime > min(forX) & Stime < max(forX))</pre>
#third plot
matplot(Stime[toPlot], sampleDeriv[toPlot, ], type = "1",
lty = 1, lwd = 2, xaxs = "i", col = "#00000050",
xlab = "time", ylab = "deriv", xaxt = "n", ylim = quantile(sampleDeriv[toPlot,
], c(0.01, 0.995)))
axis(1, as.numeric(forX), format(forX, "%b%Y"))
abline(v = as.Date("1989-11-01"), col = "red")
The trend for CO2 fluctuations during the fall of the Berlin wall in November 1989 are
represented by plots below, which indicate the relationship between time (X axis) and CO2
level (Y axis). Through analyzing the smooth trend of CO2 from all three plots, we can't
observe a steeper change in data variations after the desired time point, meaning that the
fall in industrial production in the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe didn't place a huge
influence on CO2 level. Specifically, we can observe cyclical trends of CO2 from the first
and the second graphs, and the variability of CO2 level increases drastically through
observing the peaks and troughs before and after the fall of the Berlin wall specifically in
the second graph, as the overall amplitude of increasing in CO2 level was shut down.
#Plots that show the CO2 data changes during COVID- 19 pandemic in 2020
```{r,echo=FALSE}
matplot(co2ext$day, co2res$summary.fitted.values[,
qCols], type = "1", col = "black", lty = c(1, 2, 1)
2), log = "y", xlab = "time", ylab = "ppm",
xlim=c(as.Date("2019-01-01"), as.Date("2020-06-16")))
abline(v = as.Date("2020-02-01"), col = "red")
Stime = timeOrigin + round(365.25 * co2res$summary.random$timeInla$ID)
matplot(Stime[-1], sampleDeriv, type = "1", lty = 1,
xaxs = "i", col = "#00000020", xlab = "time", ylab = "deriv",
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ylim = quantile(sampleDeriv, c(0.01, 0.995)))

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abline(v = as.Date("2020-02-01"), col = "red")

forX = as.Date(c("2019/1/1", "2020/11/22"))
 forX = seq(forX[1], forX[2], by = "6 months")
 toPlot = which(Stime > min(forX) & Stime < max(forX))
 matplot(Stime[toPlot], sampleDeriv[toPlot,], type = "1",
 ty = 1, lwd = 2, xaxs = "i", col = "#00000050",
 xlab = "time", ylab = "deriv", xaxt = "n", ylim = quantile(sampleDeriv[toPlot,], c(0.01, 0.995)))
 axis(1, as.numeric(forX), format(forX, "%b%Y"))
 abline(v = as.Date("2020-02-01"), col = "red")</pre>
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The trend for CO2 fluctuations during the global lockdown during the COVID-19 pandemic starting in February 2020 are represented by plots below as well, which indicate the relationship between time (X axis) and CO2 level (Y axis). Through observing the first plot, we can't observe any significant change in data variations after the desired time point, even from the aspect of entire time frame. This means that the shutting down much of the global economy also didn't place a huge influence on CO2 level, which might be caused from the fact that productions and consumptions weren't stagnated completely, but rather transformed to other formats, for example: the option for remote work and store or restaurant pick up. Also, from the second and third graphs, it crucial to note that there is a huge disturbance in CO2 level after the February 2020 shut down, which might be resulted from the fact that the complete data set for 2020 was not updated yet, which potentially leads to this variation.

Therefore, we can conclude that the CO2 level doesn't appear to be impacted by two historical events: 1. the fall of the Berlin wall in November 1989 years ago; 2. the global lockdown during the COVID-19 pandemic starting in February 2020, since both of the events didn't lead to significant drop in the global economic condition.

## Ouestion 2-Death

This report is constructed in order to find out whether real-life mortality data during COVID supported two hypotheses claimed by government official: 1. Deaths amongst the elderly in the spring (March, April and May) were well above the historical averages, whereas the under 50's had deaths in line with previous years; 2. In the most recent death data, there is an increase in deaths in the under 50's whereas the over 70's have no more deaths than would be expected pre-COVID.

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```{r, echo=FALSE, warning=FALSE}
#download data
xWide = read.table(paste0("https://www.stat.gouv.qc.ca/statistiques/",
  "population-demographie/deces-mortalite/", "WeeklyDeaths_QC_2010-2020_AgeGr.csv"),
  sep = ";", skip = 7, col.names = c("year", "junk",
    "age", paste0("w", 1:53)))
xWide = xWide[grep("^[[:digit:]]+$", xWide$year), ]
x = reshape2::melt(xWide, id.vars = c("year", "age"),
  measure.vars = grep("^w[[:digit:]]+$", colnames(xWide)))
x$dead = as.numeric(gsub("[[:space:]]", "", x$value))
x$week = as.numeric(gsub("w", "", x$variable))
x$year = as.numeric(as.character(x$year))
x = x[order(x\$year, x\$week, x\$age), ]
#convert the 'week' variable to time
newYearsDay = as.Date(ISOdate(x$year, 1, 1))
x$time = newYearsDay + 7 * (x$week - 1)
x = x[!is.na(x\$dead),]
x = x[x\}week < 53, ]
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Since the number of deaths associated with different age groups follow the Poisson distribution, which is a discrete and countable distribution, a statistical model corresponding to the data set can be expressed as below. Similarly, in order to accurately display the periodical fluctuations of death trend, we adopt sinusoidal basis functions toward the model, including twelve months and six months, in order to obtain the widespread

seasonal fluctuations in a precise manner.

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\begin{aligned}
Y_{i} & \sim \operatorname{Poisson}\left(O_{i} \lambda_{i}\right) \\
\log \left(\lambda_{i}\right) &=X_{i} \beta+U\left(t_{i}\right)+V_{i} \\
\left[U_{1} \ldots U_{T}\right]^{T} & \sim \operatorname{RW2}\left(0, \sigma_{U}^{2}\right) \\
\V_{i} & \sim \mathrm{N}\left(0, \sigma_{V}^{2}\right) \\
X_{i} & \sim \mathrm{N}\left(2 \pi t_{i} / 365.25\right) \\X_{i} & \sim \left(2 \pi t_{i} / 365.25\right) \\
X_{i} & \sim \left(2 \pi t_{i} / 182.625\right) \\X_{i} & \sim \left(2 \pi t_{i} / 182.625\right) \\
\X_{i} & \sim \left(2 \pi t_{i} / 182.625\right) \\
\Reflect{182.625\right} \\
\end{aligned}
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Here, \$Y_i\$ represents the number of deaths of the COVID data, which has a Poisson distribution; whereas \$0_i\$ represents the time variable (years), \$U(t_i)\$ indicates a second order random walk, and \$V_i\$ indicates the over-dispersion for this model. Similarly, 1/365.25 as well as 1/182.6 represent frequencies for either twelve months or six months cycle. Considering prior distributions, the prior for random variation indicates changes by log scale 1.1; whereas the prior for random walk indicates changes of log rate slope by 0.01 from year to year. The penalized complexity prior is selected, as the intended research questions are to compare the variability of deaths before and after the events, such that:

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P(\sigma^2_U > 0.01) = 0.5, \ \ P(\sigma^2_V > \log(1.2)) = 0.5
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In order to test out whether the under 50's had deaths in line with previous years, and in the most recent death data, there is an increase in deaths in the under 50's, we first create plots for sampled real-life data and prediction data for those deaths under 50's with different scales, which indicate the relationship between time (X axis) and the number of death (Y axis). We can then plot the excess deaths for those under 50's to present a clearer illustration for the second hypothesis.

From the first two plots below, which corresponds to the first hypothesis, we can clearly observe that the red samples only slightly deviate from the black general death trend, meaning that real-life sampled deaths from those under 50's during COVID aligns with the prediction of usual deaths occur during this time period. Therefore, we can conclude that the under 50's had deaths in line with previous years. Also, through observing the plot for excess deaths, given the knowledge that the peaks in excess deaths start from spring (March, April and May), we can observe consecutive months follow almost align trends with previous months, even showing a slightly decreasing trend in recent peaks. As a result, we can also conclude toward the hypothesis that, the age group under 50's is less impacted by COIVD after spring, which has less to do with the fact that young people, primarily university undergraduates, acting irresponsibly.

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#Divide the data into pre and post covid, add extra dates to data so that INLA will create
forecasts.
dateCutoff = as.Date("2020/3/1")
xPreCovid = x[x$time < dateCutoff, ]
xPostCovid = x[x$time >= dateCutoff, ]
toForecast = expand.grid(age = unique(x$age), time = unique(xPostCovid$time),
dead = NA)
xForInla = rbind(xPreCovid[, colnames(toForecast)],
toForecast)
xForInla = xForInla[order(xForInla$time, xForInla$age),
]
#Create some time variables, including sines and cosines. Time in years and centred is
numerically stable in INLA.
xForInla$timeNumeric = as.numeric(xForInla$time)
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xForInla$timeForInla = (xForInla$timeNumeric - as.numeric(as.Date("2015/1/1")))/365.25
xForInla$timeIid = xForInla$timeNumeric
xForInla$sin12 = sin(2 * pi * xForInla$timeNumeric/365.25)
xForInla$sin6 = sin(2 * pi * xForInla$timeNumeric *
2/365.25)
xForInla$cos12 = cos(2 * pi * xForInla$timeNumeric/365.25)
xForInla$cos6 = cos(2 * pi * xForInla$timeNumeric *
2/365.25)
```{r, echo=FALSE,warning=FALSE, message=FALSE}
fit a model for under 50 deaths in INLA
xForInlaTotal= xForInla[xForInla$age == '0-49 years old',]
library(INLA, verbose=FALSE)
res = inla(dead \sim sin12 + sin6 + cos12 + cos6 +
f(timeIid, prior='pc.prec', param= c(log(1.2), 0.5)) +
f(timeForInla, model = 'rw2', prior='pc.prec', param= c(0.01, 0.5)),
data=xForInlaTotal,
control.predictor = list(compute=TRUE, link=1),
control.compute = list(config=TRUE),
control.inla = list(fast=FALSE, strategy='laplace'),
family='poisson')
#parameters
qCols = paste0(c(0.5, 0.025, 0.975), "quant")
rbind(res$summary.fixed[, qCols], Pmisc::priorPostSd(res)$summary[,
qCols])
#Plot predicted intensity and random effect
```{r, echo=FALSE}
matplot(xForInlaTotal$time, res$summary.fitted.values[,
qCols], type = "1", lty = c(1,
2, 2), col = "black", log = "y")
points(x[x$age == "0-49 years old", c("time", "dead")], cex = 0.4,
col = "red")
matplot(xForInlaTotal$time, res$summary.random$timeForInla[,
c("0.5quant", "0.975quant", "0.025quant")], type = "1",
lty = c(1, 2, 2), col = "black", ylim = c(-1, 1) *
0.1)
```{r,echo=FALSE}
#Take posterior samples of the intensity
sampleList = INLA::inla.posterior.sample(30, res, selection = list(Predictor = 0))
sampleIntensity = exp(do.call(cbind, Biobase::subListExtract(sampleList,
sampleDeaths = matrix(rpois(length(sampleIntensity),
sampleIntensity), nrow(sampleIntensity), ncol(sampleIntensity))
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In order to test out whether the deaths amongst the elderly in the spring (March, April and May) were well above the historical averages, and in the most recent death data, the over 70's have no more deaths than would be expected pre-COVID, we first create plots for sampled real-life data and prediction data for those deaths over 70's with different scales, which indicate the relationship between time (X axis) and the number of death (Y axis). We can then plot the excess deaths for those over 70's to present a clearer illustration for the second hypothesis.

From the first plot below, which corresponds to the first hypothesis, we can clearly observe that the red posterior samples deviate a lot from the black general death trend, meaning that real-life sampled deaths from those over 70's during COVID dramatically surpasses the

prediction of usual deaths occur during this time period. Therefore, we can conclude that the over 70's had deaths well above the historical averages during March, April and May. Moreover, from the second plot, we can observe that even during later months of 2020, red samples for over 70's still indicate some deviations toward the black general death trend, meaning that deaths amongst the elderly reach an all-time high level.

Also, through observing the plot for excess deaths, there exists a significant peak for those over 70's during spring (March, April and May). Even though we can observe a drastic decrease in number of deaths follow the initial peak, there is a gradual increasing trend above predictions in consecutive months, specifically after the spring of COVID first occurrence, which might be related with the fact that young people, primarily university undergraduates, acting irresponsibly.

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#plot samples and real data
```{r,echo=FALSE}
matplot(xForInlaTotal$time, sampleDeaths, col = "#00000010",
lwd = 2, lty = 1, type = "l", log = "y")
points(x[x$age == "0-49 years old", c("time", "dead")], col = "red",
cex = 0.5)
matplot(xForInlaTotal$time, sampleDeaths, col = "#00000010",
lwd = 2, lty = 1, type = "l", log = "y", xlim = as.Date(c("2019/6/1",
"2020/11/1")))
points(x[x$age == "0-49 years old", c("time", "dead")], col = "red",
cex = 0.5)
#plot samples of excess deaths
```{r,echo=FALSE}
#calculate excess deaths
xPostCovid50 = xPostCovid[xPostCovid$age == "0-49 years old",
xPostCovidForecast = sampleDeaths[match(xPostCovid50$time,
xForInlaTotal$time),]
excessDeaths = xPostCovid50$dead - xPostCovidForecast
#matplot(xPostCovidTotal$time, xPostCovidForecast, type = "1", col = "black")
#points(xPostCovidTotal[, c("time", "dead")], col = "red")
cset2 = GET::create curve set(list(r=as.numeric(xPostCovid50$time), obs=xPostCovidForecast))
myEnv2 =GET::central region(cset2, coverage = 0.75)
matplot(xPostCovid50$time, xPostCovidForecast, type = "1", lty = 1, col = #00000030", xlab =
'time',
 ylab = 'number of death', main = "Forecasted deaths and actual deaths for under
50's")
matlines(xPostCovid50$time, as.data.frame(myEnv2)[,c("lo","hi","central")], type = "l", lty =
 col = "black", xlab='time', ylab='number od death')
points(xPostCovid50[, c("time", "dead")], col = "red")
#matplot(xPostCovidTotal$time, excessDeaths, type = "1",
\#1ty = 1, col = \#00000030")
#plot2
cset = GET::create curve set(list(r=as.numeric(xPostCovidTotal$time), obs=excessDeaths))
myEnv =GET::central_region(cset, coverage = 0.75)
matplot(xPostCovidTotal$time, excessDeaths, type = "1", lty = 1, col = #00000030", xlab =
 ylab = 'number of death', main = "excess deaths post COVID-19 for under 50's")
matlines(xPostCovidTotal$time, as.data.frame(myEnv)[,c("lo","hi","central")], type = "l", lty
= c(2,2,1),
 col = "black", xlab='time', ylab='number od death')
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#Total excess deaths march-may inclusive
```{r,echo=FALSE}
excessDeathsSub = excessDeaths[xPostCovidTotal$time >
as.Date("2020/03/01") & xPostCovidTotal$time <
as.Date("2020/06/01"), ]
excessDeathsInPeriod = apply(excessDeathsSub, 2, sum)
round(quantile(excessDeathsInPeriod))
#Excess deaths in most recent week
```{r,echo=FALSE}
round(quantile(excessDeaths[nrow(excessDeaths),]))
Turning to those over 70's
```{r,echo=FALSE}
newYearsDay = as.Date(ISOdate(x$year, 1, 1))
x$time = newYearsDay + 7 * (x$week - 1)
x = x[!is.na(x\$dead),]
x = x[x\}week < 53, ]
```{r,echo=FALSE}
#Divide the data into pre and post covid, add extra dates to data so that INLA will create
forecasts.
dateCutoff = as.Date("2020/3/1")
xPreCovid = x[x$time < dateCutoff,]</pre>
xPostCovid = x[x$time >= dateCutoff,]
toForecast = expand.grid(age = unique(x$age), time = unique(xPostCovid$time),
dead = NA)
xForInla = rbind(xPreCovid[, colnames(toForecast)],
toForecast)
xForInla = xForInla[order(xForInla$time, xForInla$age),
#Create some time variables, including sines and cosines. Time in years and centred is
numerically stable in INLA.
xForInla$timeNumeric = as.numeric(xForInla$time)
xForInla$timeForInla = (xForInla$timeNumeric - as.numeric(as.Date("2015/1/1")))/365.25
xForInla$timeIid = xForInla$timeNumeric
xForInla$sin12 = sin(2 * pi * xForInla$timeNumeric/365.25)
xForInla$sin6 = sin(2 * pi * xForInla$timeNumeric *
2/365.25)
xForInla$cos12 = cos(2 * pi * xForInla$timeNumeric/365.25)
xForInla$cos6 = cos(2 * pi * xForInla$timeNumeric *
2/365.25)
```{r, echo=FALSE}
#fit a model for death of elderly in INLA
xForInlaTotal= xForInla[xForInla$age == '70 years old and over', ]
library(INLA, verbose=FALSE)
res = inla(dead \sim sin12 + sin6 + cos12 + cos6 +
f(timeIid, prior='pc.prec', param= c(log(1.2), 0.5)) +
f(timeForInla, model = 'rw2', prior='pc.prec', param= c(0.01, 0.5)),
data=xForInlaTotal,
control.predictor = list(compute=TRUE, link=1),
control.compute = list(config=TRUE),
control.inla = list(fast=FALSE, strategy='laplace'),
family='poisson')
#parameter
qCols = paste0(c(0.5, 0.025, 0.975), "quant")
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rbind(res$summary.fixed[, qCols], Pmisc::priorPostSd(res)$summary[,
qCols])
#Plot predicted intensity and random effect
```{r,echo=FALSE}
matplot(xForInlaTotal$time, res$summary.fitted.values[,
qCols], type = "1", lty = c(1,
2, 2), col = "black", log = "y")
points(x[x$age == "70 years old and over", c("time", "dead")], cex = 0.4,
col = "red")
matplot(xForInlaTotal$time, res$summary.random$timeForInla[,
c("0.5quant", "0.975quant", "0.025quant")], type = "1",
lty = c(1, 2, 2), col = "black", ylim = c(-1, 1) *
```{r, echo=FALSE}
#Take posterior samples of the intensity
sampleList = INLA::inla.posterior.sample(30, res, selection = list(Predictor = 0))
sampleIntensity = exp(do.call(cbind, Biobase::subListExtract(sampleList,
"latent")))
sampleDeaths = matrix(rpois(length(sampleIntensity),
sampleIntensity), nrow(sampleIntensity), ncol(sampleIntensity))
#plot samples and real data
 `{r, echo=FALSE}
matplot(xForInlaTotal$time, sampleDeaths, col = "#00000010",
lwd = 2, lty = 1, type = "l", log = "y")
points(x[x$age == "70 years old and over", c("time", "dead")], col = "red",
cex = 0.5)
matplot(xForInlaTotal$time, sampleDeaths, col = "#00000010",
lwd = 2, lty = 1, type = "l", log = "y", xlim = as.Date(c("2019/6/1",
"2020/11/1")))
points(x[x$age == "70 years old and over", c("time", "dead")], col = "red",
cex = 0.5)
#plot samples of excess deaths
 ``{r, echo=FALSE}
#calculate excess deaths
xPostCovid70 = xPostCovid[xPostCovid$age == "70 years old and over",
xPostCovidForecast2 = sampleDeaths[match(xPostCovid70$time,
xForInlaTotal$time), ]
excessDeaths2 = xPostCovid70$dead - xPostCovidForecast2
#matplot(xPostCovidTotal$time, xPostCovidForecast, type = "1",
       \# ylim =c(1000,2000), col = "black")
#points(xPostCovidTotal[, c("time", "dead")], col = "red")
cset4 = GET::create curve set(list(r=as.numeric(xPostCovid70$time), obs=xPostCovidForecast2))
myEnv4 =GET::central region(cset4, coverage = 0.75)
matplot(xPostCovid70$time, xPostCovidForecast2, type = "1", lty = 1, col = #00000030", xlab =
        ylab = 'number of death', main = "Forecasted deaths and real deaths for over 70's")
matlines(xPostCovid70$time, as.data.frame(myEnv4)[,c("lo","hi","central")], type = "l", lty =
c(2,2,1),
         col = "black", xlab='time', ylab='number od death')
points(xPostCovid70[, c("time", "dead")], col = "red")
```

When we check the graph and data of the elderly, we will find that during the spring, especially from February to May, the red spots are significant higher than those black line, which means during the first wave of COVID-19 epidemic, deaths for those over 70 years old are much higher than usual. And for the second wave, many red spots are still far from black lines, although differences were smaller. Therefore, we can conclude that deaths among elderly in second wave were also above the historical average.

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#Total excess deaths march-may inclusive
```{r,echo=FALSE}
excessDeathsSub = excessDeaths[xPostCovidTotal$time >
as.Date("2020/03/01") & xPostCovidTotal$time <
as.Date("2020/06/01"),]
excessDeathsInPeriod = apply(excessDeathsSub, 2, sum)
round(quantile(excessDeathsInPeriod))

#Excess deaths in most recent week
```{r,echo=FALSE}
round(quantile(excessDeaths[nrow(excessDeaths), ]))</pre>
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Through investigating these two sets of plots, we can conclude that deaths among the elderly in the spring (March, April and May) were indeed well above the historical averages, whereas the under 50's had deaths in line with previous years as well. However, we can't make a conclusion toward the second hypothesis, as we fail to observe a drastic increase in deaths in the under 50's, and for those over 70's still has more deaths than would be expected comparing to pre-COVID.