

# General information about GAMs

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Hay que ver el Smooth Terms: `-> sds(sdate_1) -> sds(stimes_1)` is the variance parameter, which has the effect of controlling the wiggleness of the smooth - the larger this value the more wiggly the smooth. <https://fromthebottomoftheheap.net/2018/04/21/fitting-gams-with-brms/>

s = represent smooth function

## Define knots

k = knots. 12 month per year or 24 sampling event per year. Seleccione 12 por Simpson, del siguiente enlace <https://fromthebottomoftheheap.net/2014/05/09/modelling-seasonal-data-with-gam/>

## bs= basis spline

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## bf

Note that we use the `bf()` argument to specify this nonlinear model.

## pp\_check()

[https://tem11010.github.io/regression\\_brms/](https://tem11010.github.io/regression_brms/) The `pp_check` allows for graphical posterior predictive checking. We can generate figures to compare the observed data to simulated data from the posterior predictive distribution. This is a great graphical way to evaluate your model.

Here, `nsamples` refers to the number of draws from the posterior distribution to use to calculate `yrep` values.

```
pp_check(model, nsamples=100)
```