

Exploration of COVID-19 tracking data from multiple resources

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Introduction

Coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) is an infectious disease caused by a new type of coronavirus: severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2). The outbreak first started in Wuhan, China in December 2019. The first kown case of COVID-19 in the U.S. was confirmed on January 20, 2020, in a 35-year-old man who teturned to Washington State on January 15 after traveling to Wuhan. Starting around the end of Feburary, evidence emerge for community spread in the US.

We, as all of us, are indebted to the heros who fight COVID-19 across the whole world in different ways. For this data exploration, I am grateful to many data science groups who have collected detailed COVID-19 outbreak data, including the number of tests, confirmed cases, and deaths, across countries/regions, states/provnices (administrative division level 1, or admin1), and counties (admin2). Specifically, I used the data from these three resources:

- JHU (<https://coronavirus.jhu.edu/>)
 - The Center for Systems Science and Engineering (CSSE) at John Hopkins University.
 - World-wide counts of coronavirus cases, deaths, and recovered ones.
 - <https://github.com/CSSEGISandData/COVID-19>
- NY Times (<https://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2020/us/coronavirus-us-cases.html>)
 - The New York Times
 - “cumulative counts of coronavirus cases in the United States, at the state and county level, over time”
 - <https://github.com/nytimes/covid-19-data>

- COVID Tracking (<https://covidtracking.com/>)
 - COVID Tracking Project
 - “collects information from 50 US states, the District of Columbia, and 5 other US territories to provide the most comprehensive testing data”
 - <https://github.com/COVID19Tracking/covid-tracking-data>

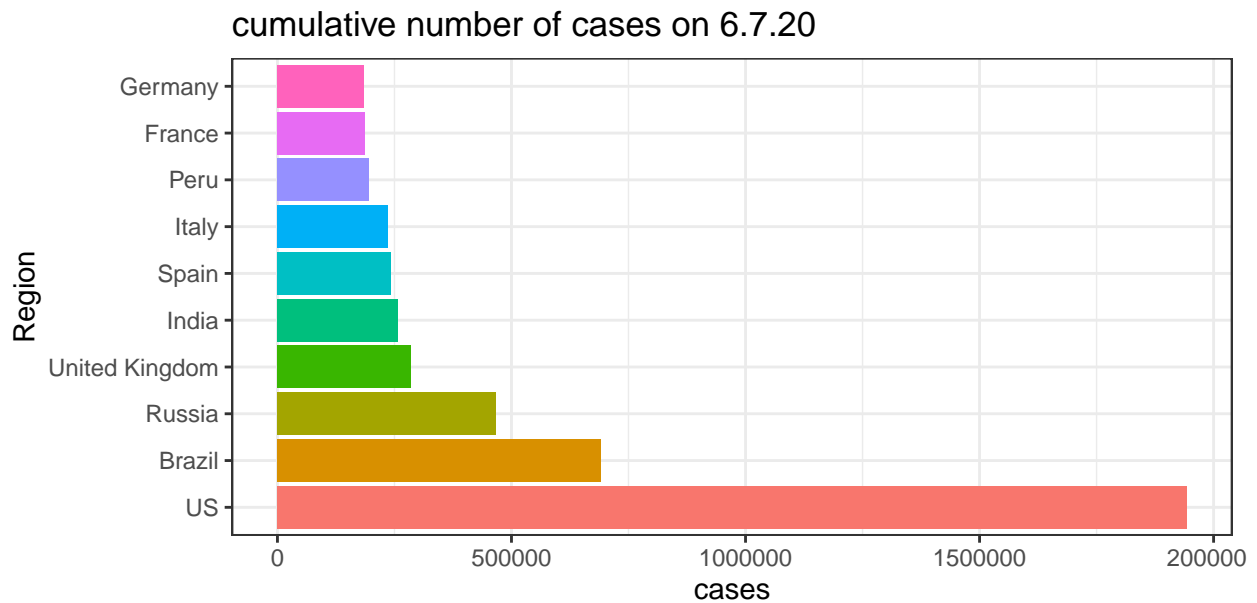
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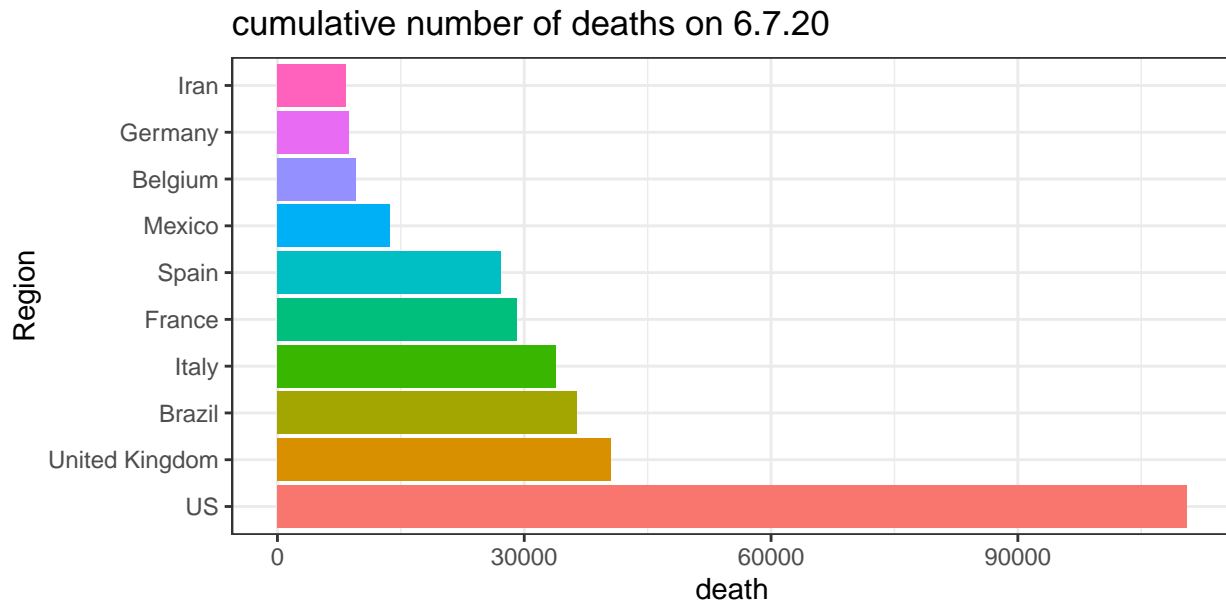
Assume you have cloned the JHU Github repository on your local machine at “../COVID-19”.

time series data

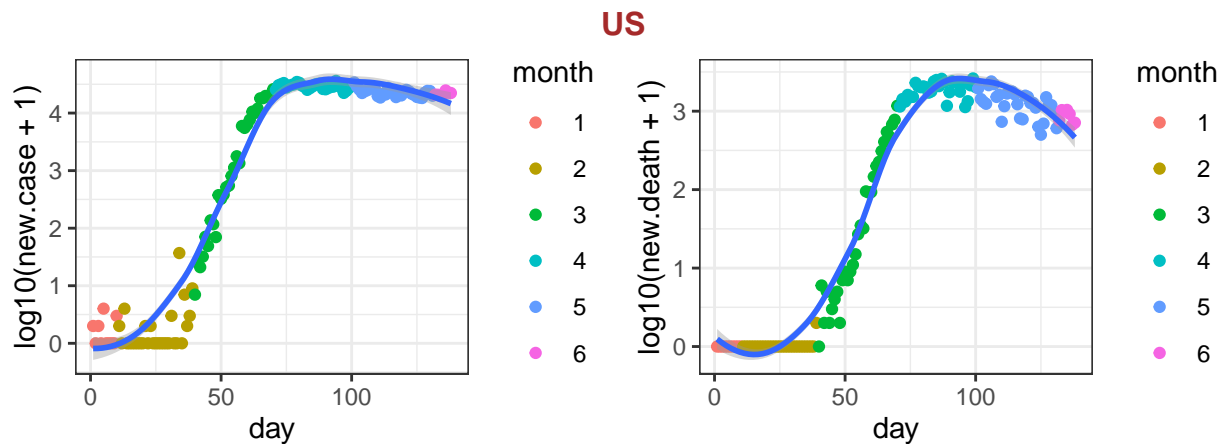
The time series provide counts (e.g., confirmed cases, deaths) starting from Jan 22nd, 2020 for 253 locations. Currently there is no data of individual US state in these time series data files.

Here is the list of 10 records with the largest number of cases or deaths on the most recent date.

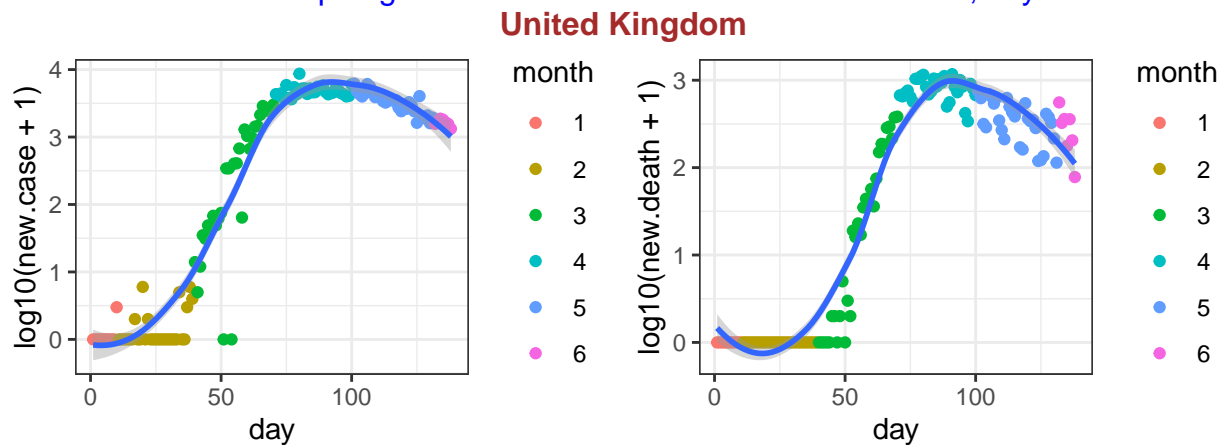




Next, I check for each country/region, what is the number of new cases/deaths? This data is important to understand what is the trend under different situations, e.g., population density, social distance policies etc. Here I checked the top 10 countries/regions with the highest number of deaths.

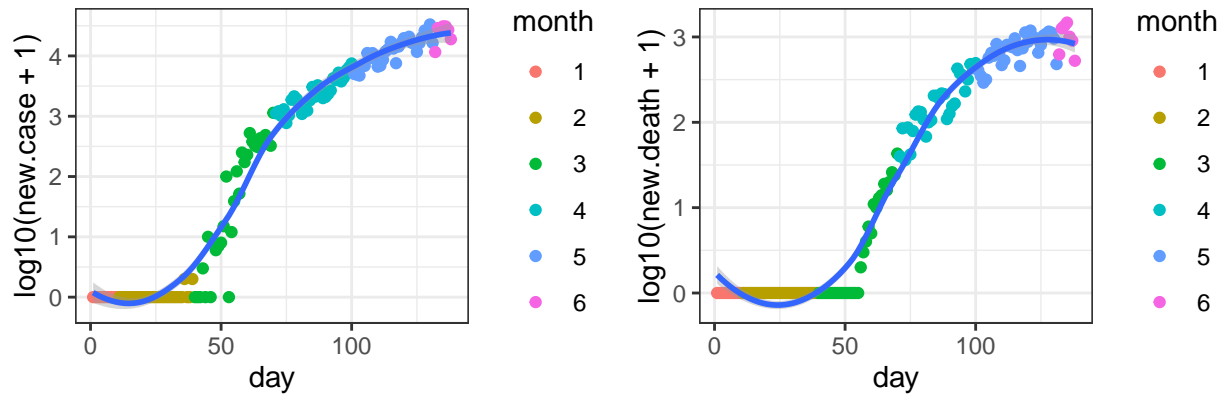


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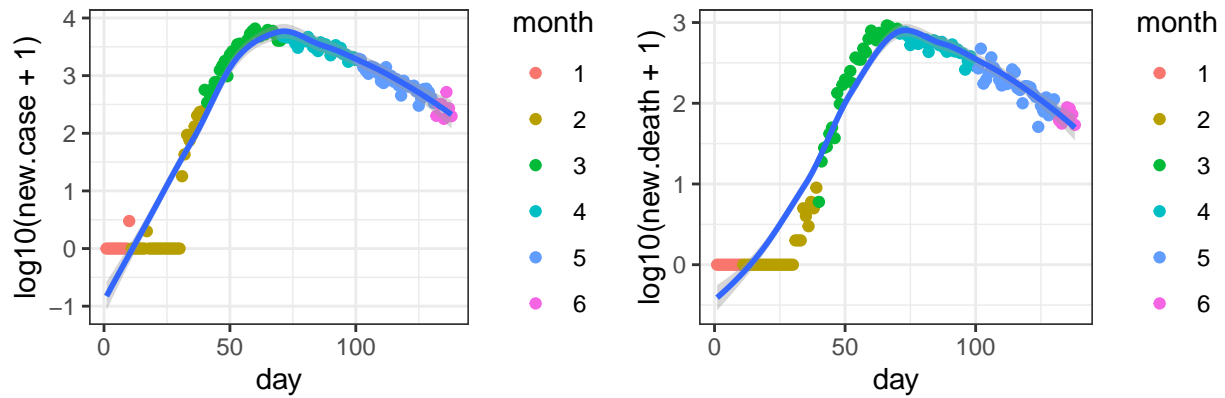
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Brazil



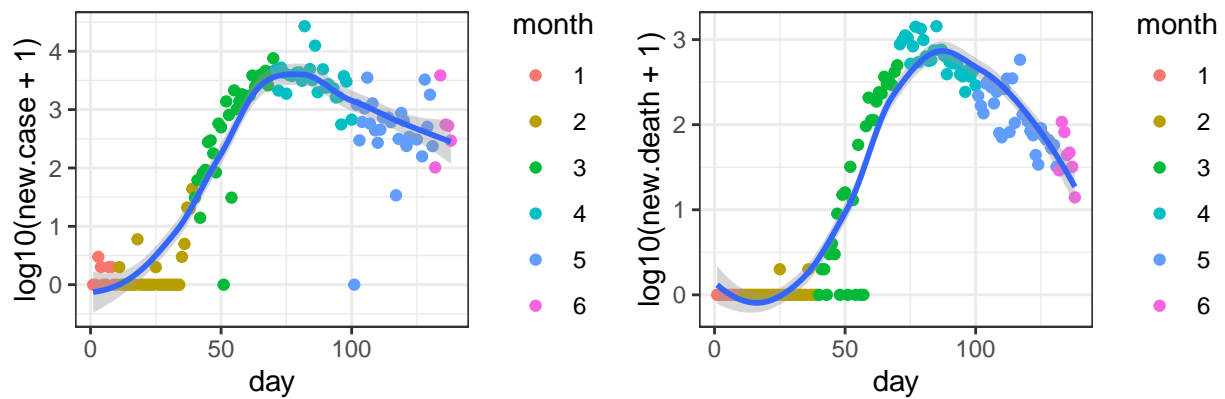
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Italy

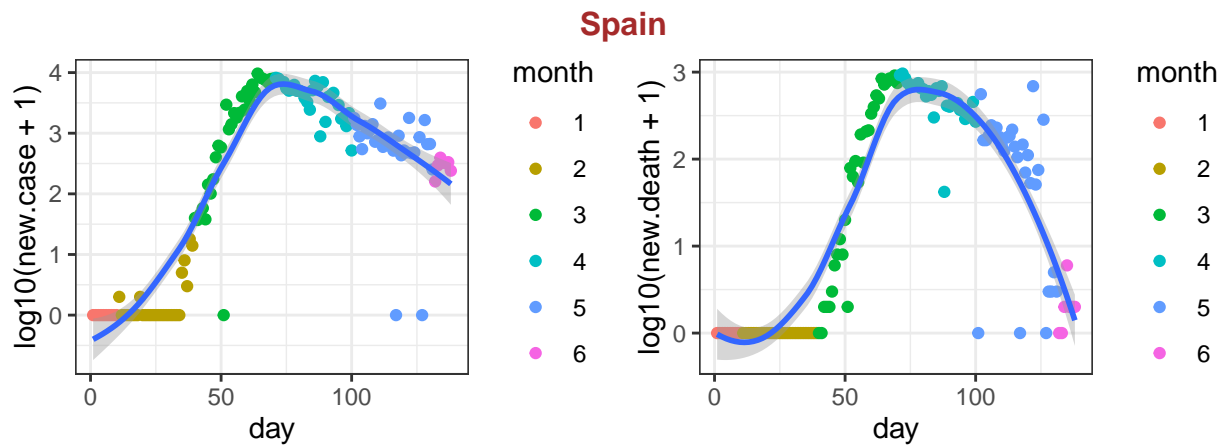


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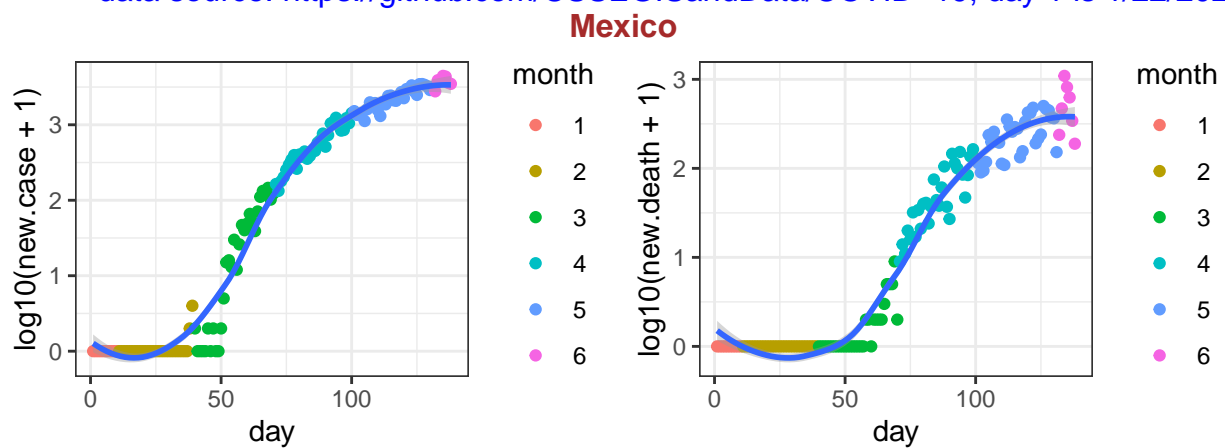
France



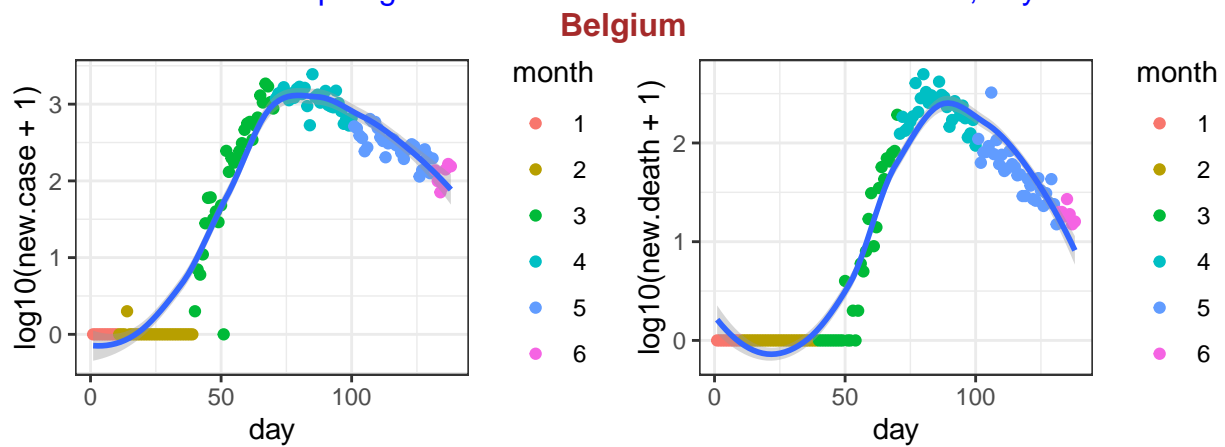
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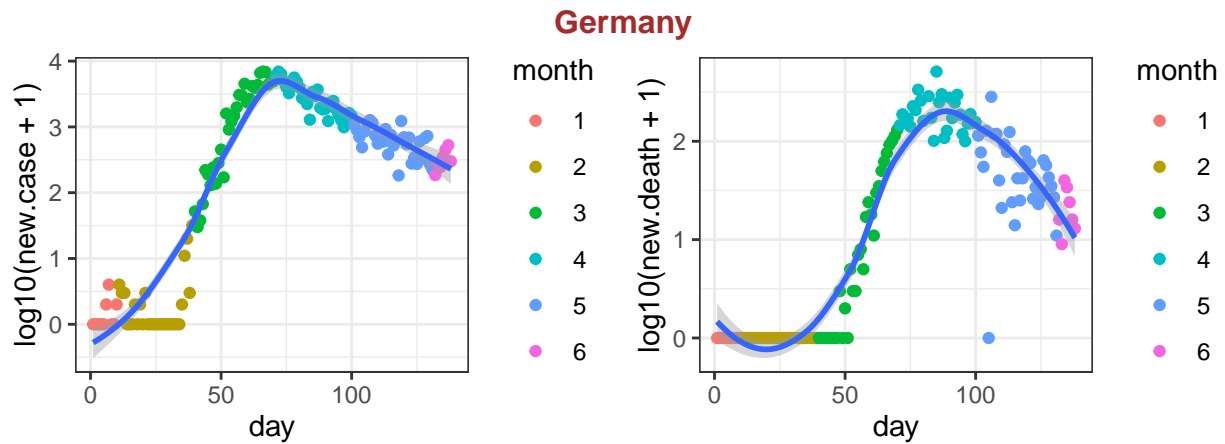
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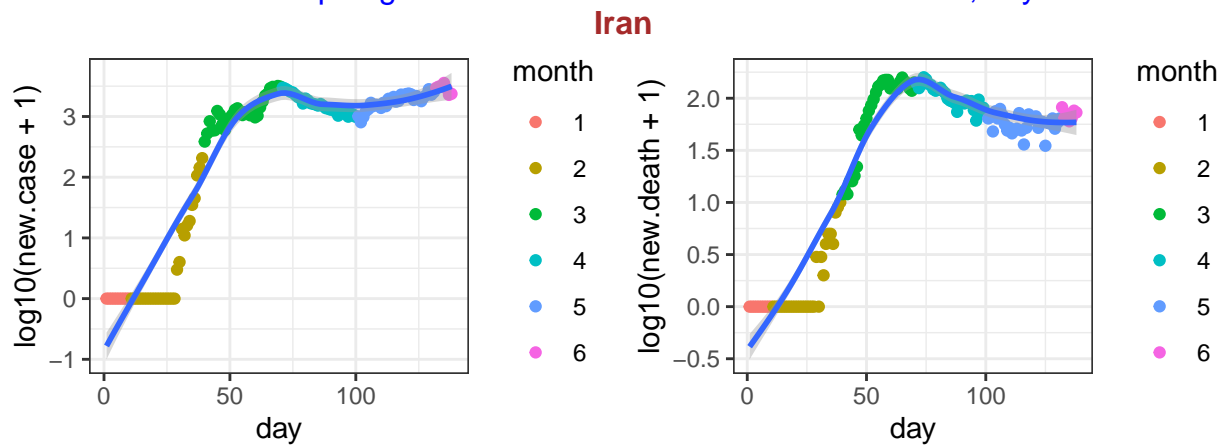
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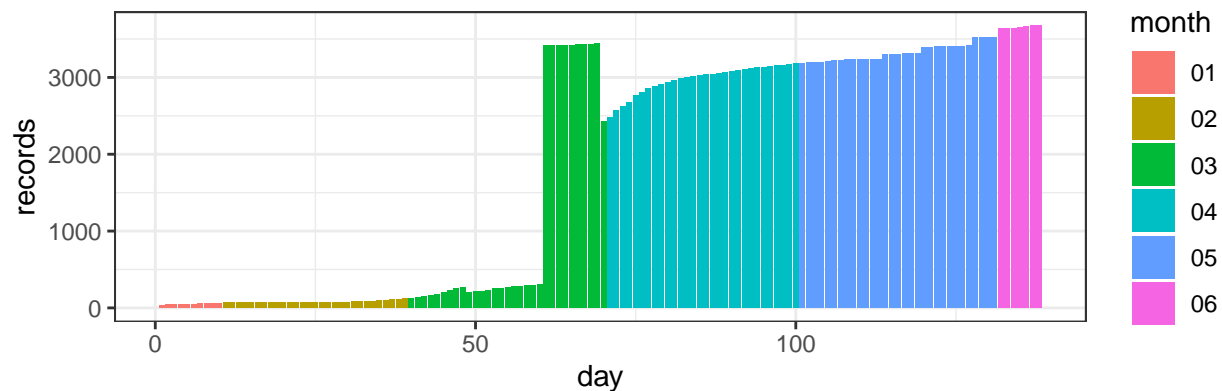


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daily reports data

The raw data from Hopkins are in the format of daily reports with one file per day. More recent files (since March 22nd) include information from individual states of US or individual counties, as shown in the following figure. So I turn to NY Times data for informatoin of individual states or counties.

number of records in Hopkins daily reports



data source: <https://github.com/CSSEGISandData/COVID-19>, day 1 is 1/22/2020

NY Times

The data from NY Times are saved in two text files, one for state level information and the other one for county level information.

The current date is

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## [1] "2020-06-06"
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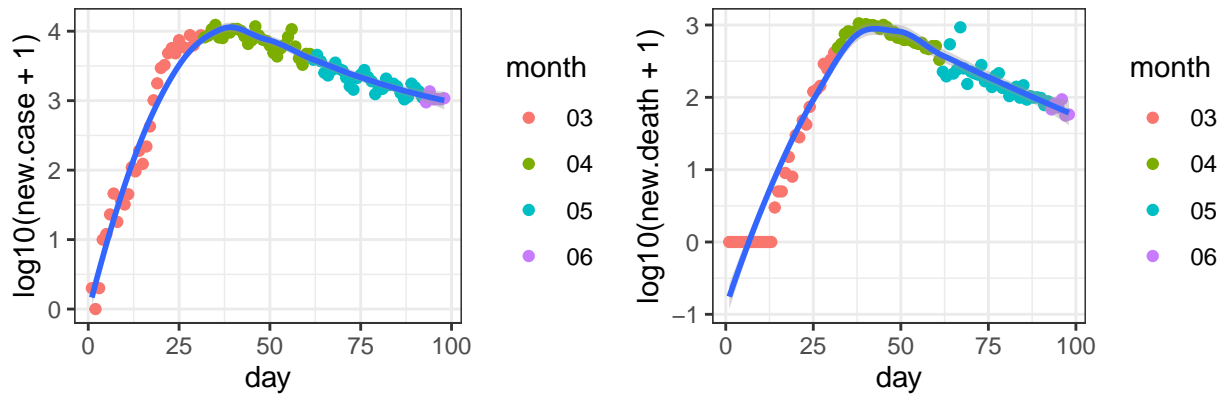
state level data

First check the 30 states with the largest number of deaths.

##	date	state	fips	cases	deaths
## 5273	2020-06-06	New York	36	382102	30123
## 5271	2020-06-06	New Jersey	34	163893	12106
## 5262	2020-06-06	Massachusetts	25	103132	7289
## 5280	2020-06-06	Pennsylvania	42	79507	5986
## 5254	2020-06-06	Illinois	17	127251	5898
## 5263	2020-06-06	Michigan	26	64196	5894
## 5244	2020-06-06	California	6	129147	4626
## 5246	2020-06-06	Connecticut	9	43818	4055
## 5259	2020-06-06	Louisiana	22	42597	2925
## 5261	2020-06-06	Maryland	24	58099	2740
## 5249	2020-06-06	Florida	12	62750	2687
## 5277	2020-06-06	Ohio	39	38111	2370
## 5255	2020-06-06	Indiana	18	37928	2292
## 5250	2020-06-06	Georgia	13	48943	2147
## 5286	2020-06-06	Texas	48	75077	1840
## 5245	2020-06-06	Colorado	8	27834	1527
## 5290	2020-06-06	Virginia	51	49397	1460
## 5264	2020-06-06	Minnesota	27	27512	1181
## 5291	2020-06-06	Washington	53	24486	1163
## 5242	2020-06-06	Arizona	4	25517	1046
## 5274	2020-06-06	North Carolina	37	34809	1020
## 5266	2020-06-06	Missouri	29	14659	823
## 5265	2020-06-06	Mississippi	28	17034	811
## 5282	2020-06-06	Rhode Island	44	15441	772
## 5240	2020-06-06	Alabama	1	20043	689
## 5293	2020-06-06	Wisconsin	55	20701	646
## 5256	2020-06-06	Iowa	19	21527	602
## 5283	2020-06-06	South Carolina	45	13916	545
## 5248	2020-06-06	District of Columbia	11	9269	483
## 5258	2020-06-06	Kentucky	21	11359	480

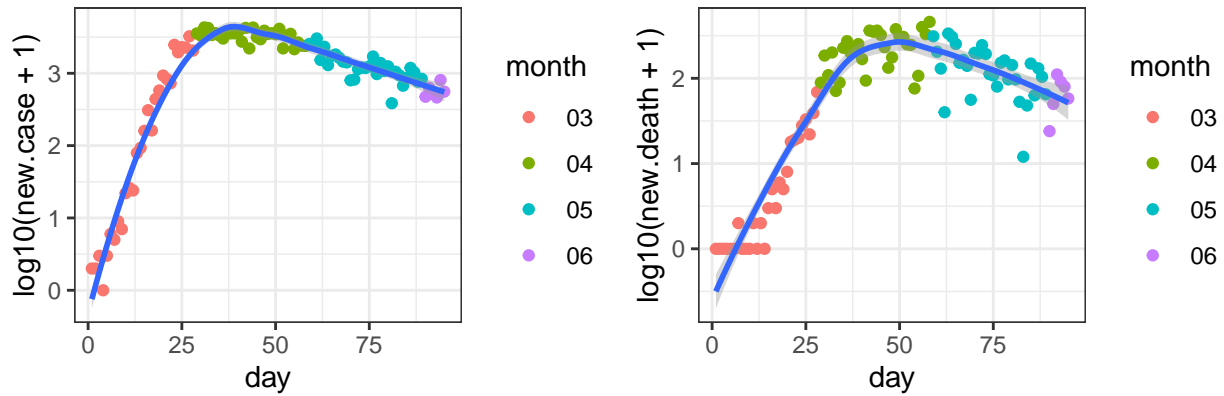
For these 20 states, I check the number of new cases and the number of new deaths. Part of the reason for such checking is to identify whether there is any similarity on such patterns. For example, could you use the pattern seen from Italy to predict what happen in an individual state, and what are the similarities and differences across states.

New York



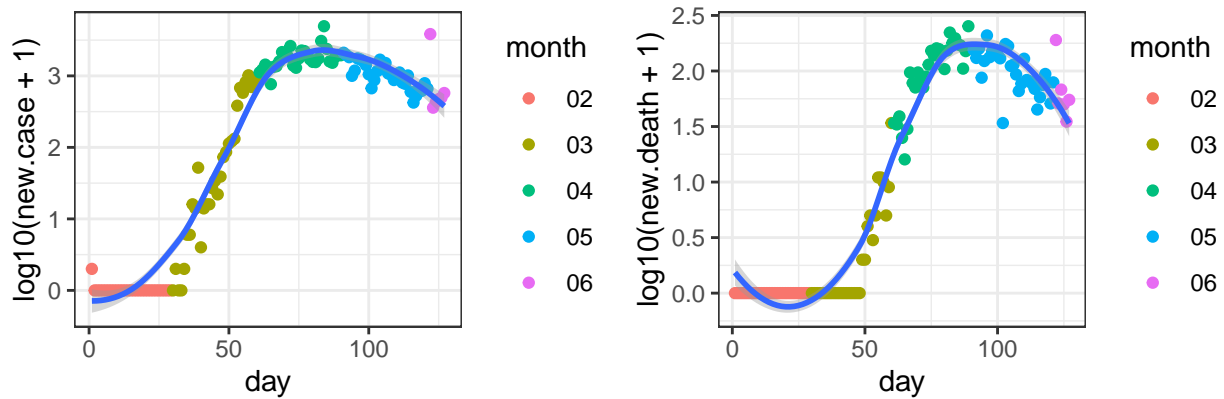
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New Jersey



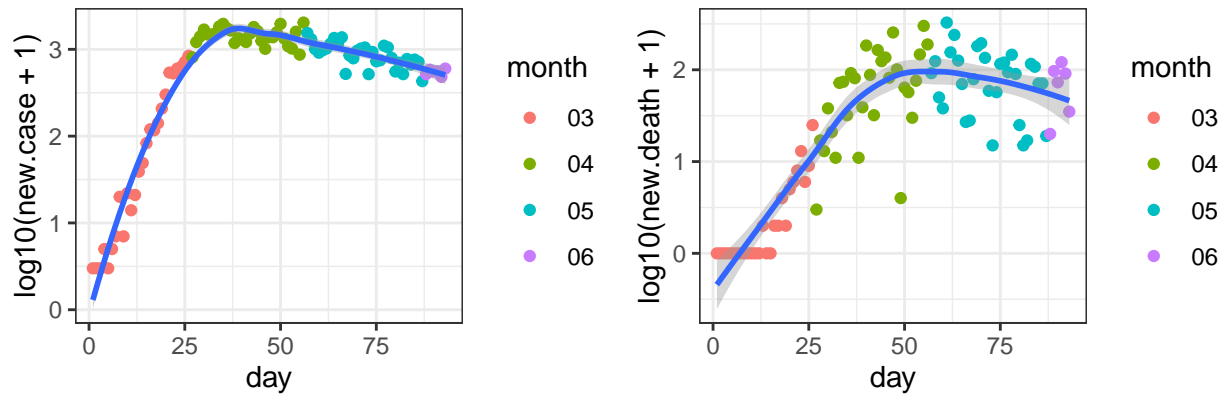
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Massachusetts



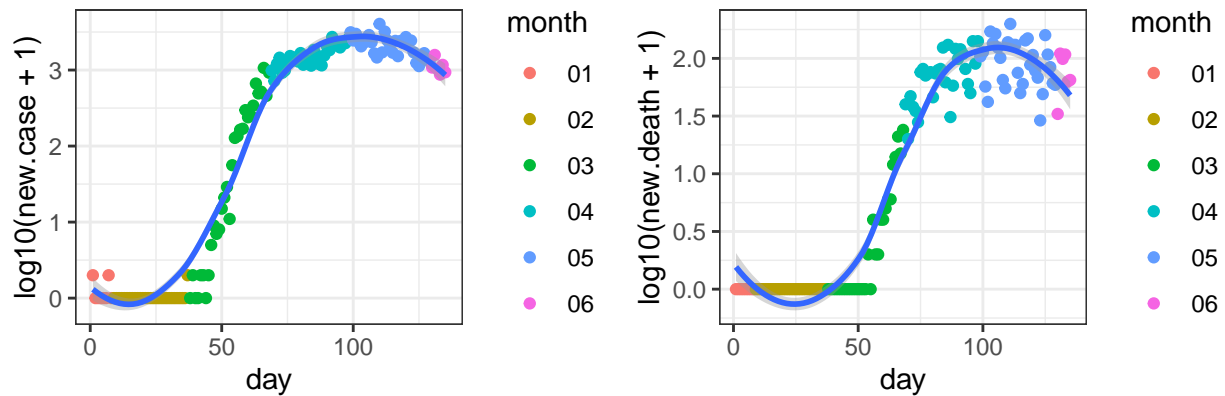
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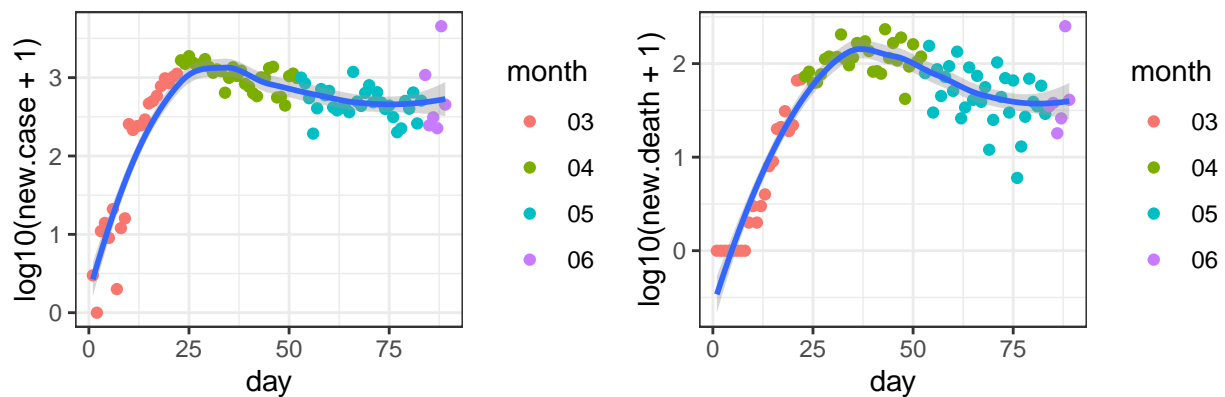
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Illinois

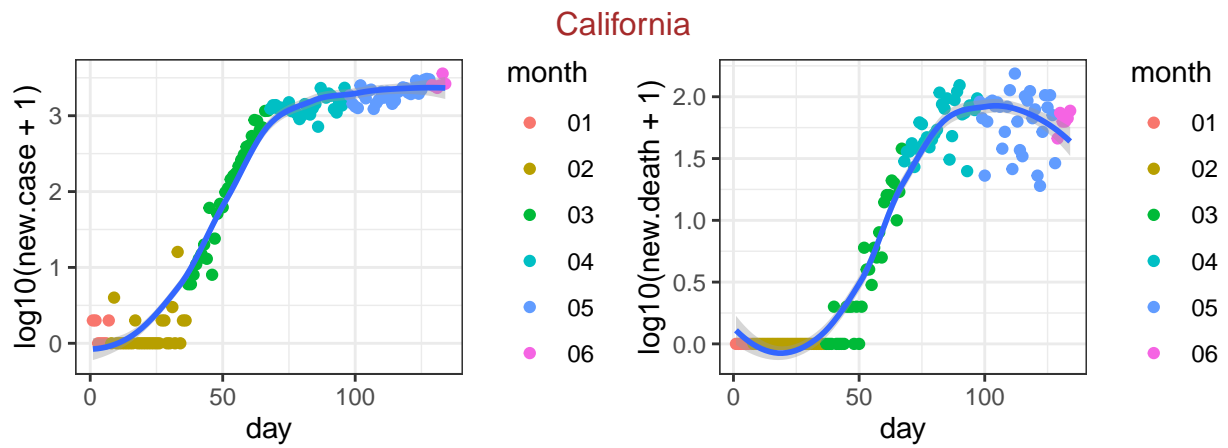


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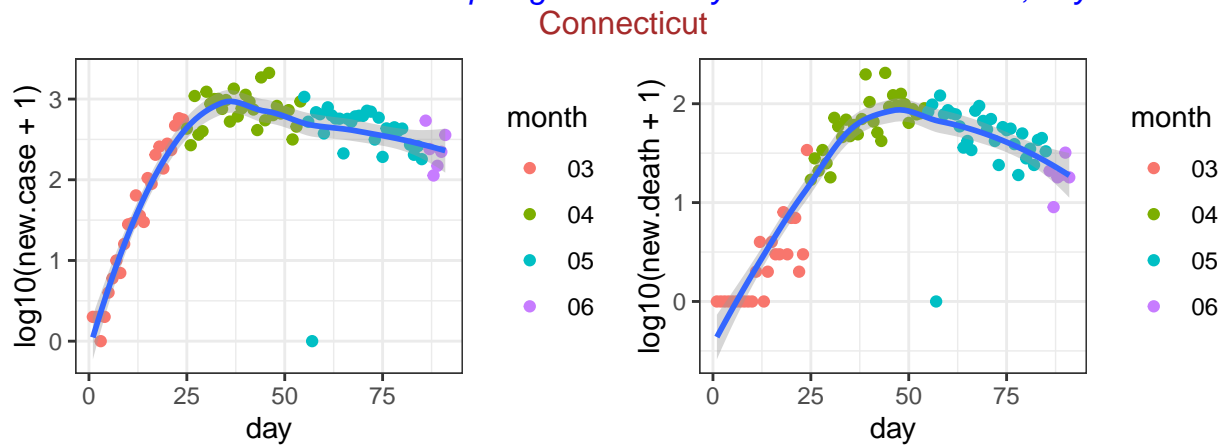
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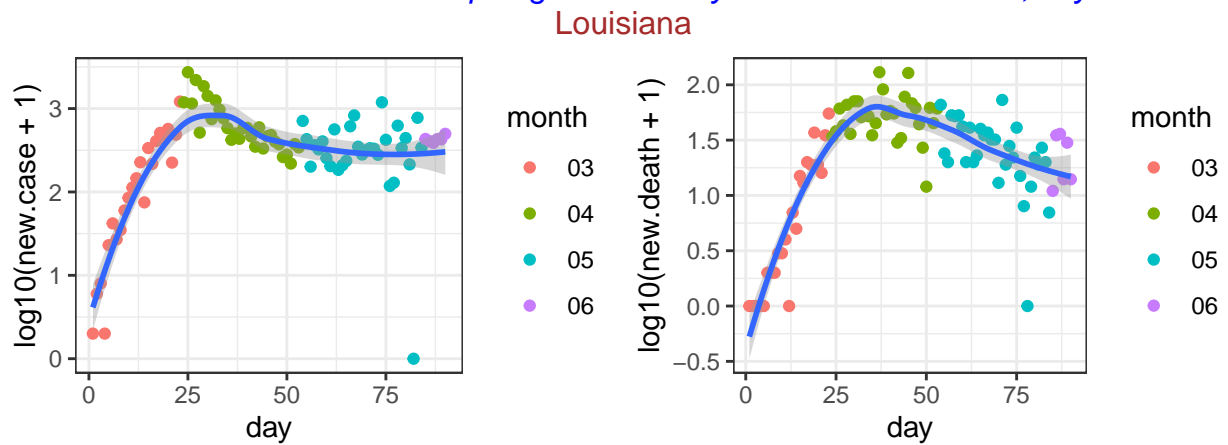
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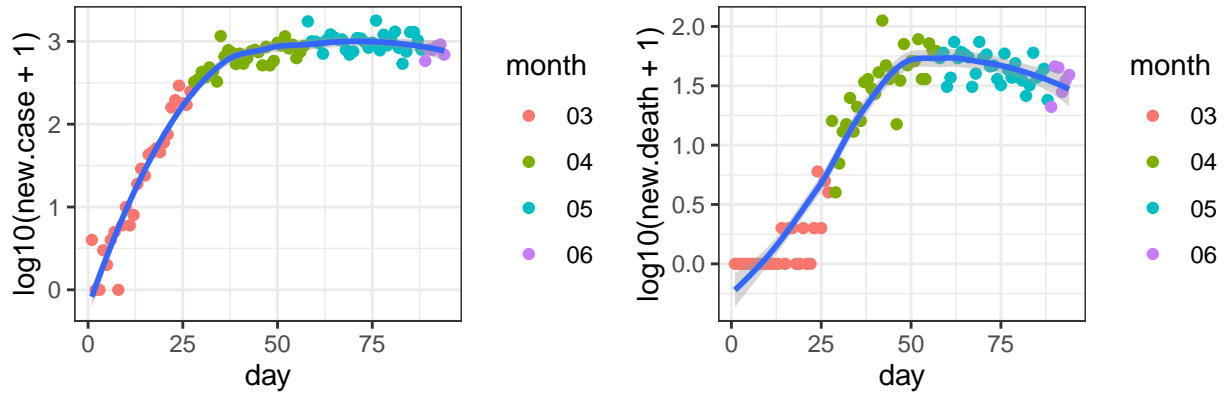


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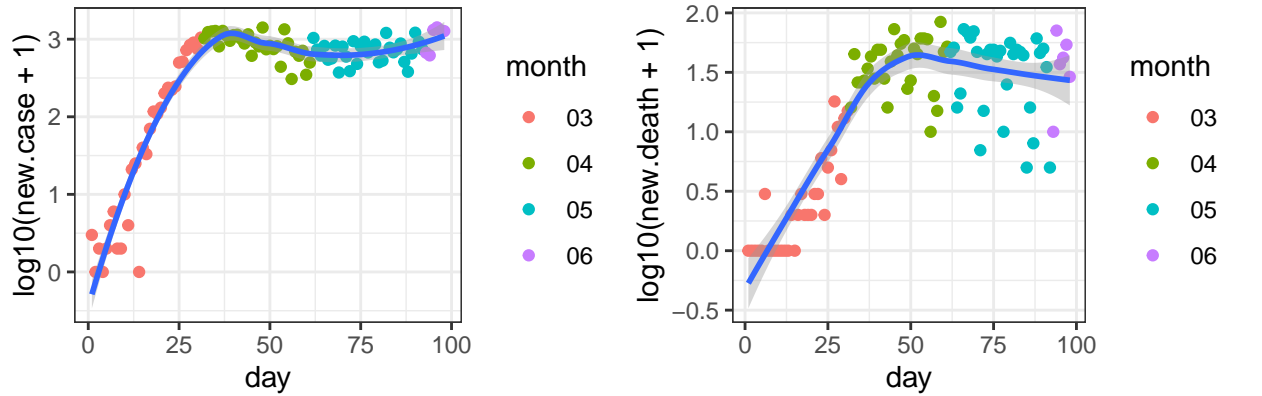
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Maryland



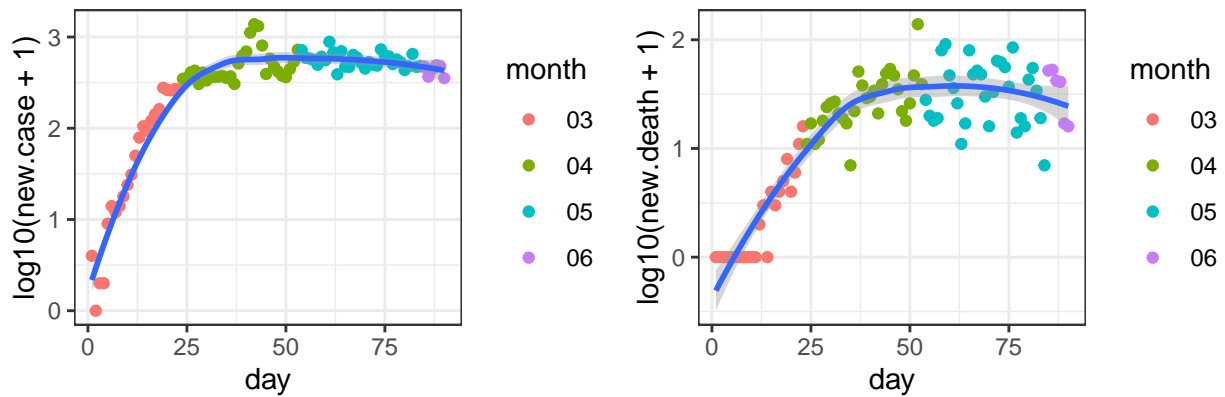
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Florida

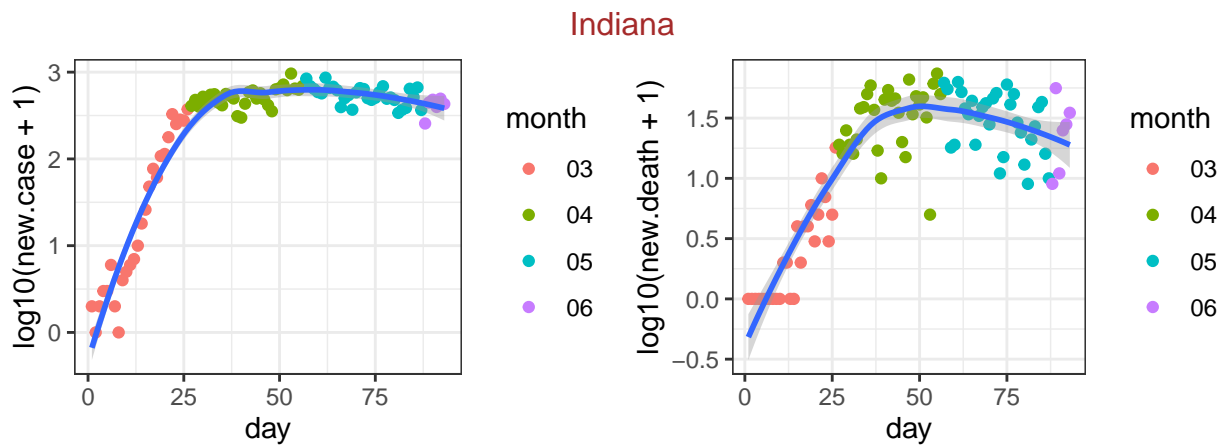


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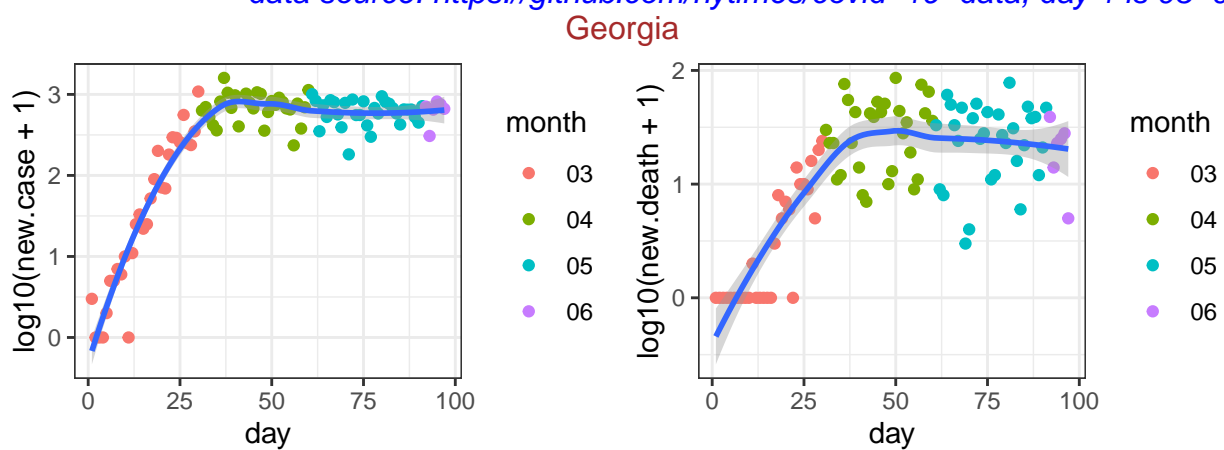
Ohio



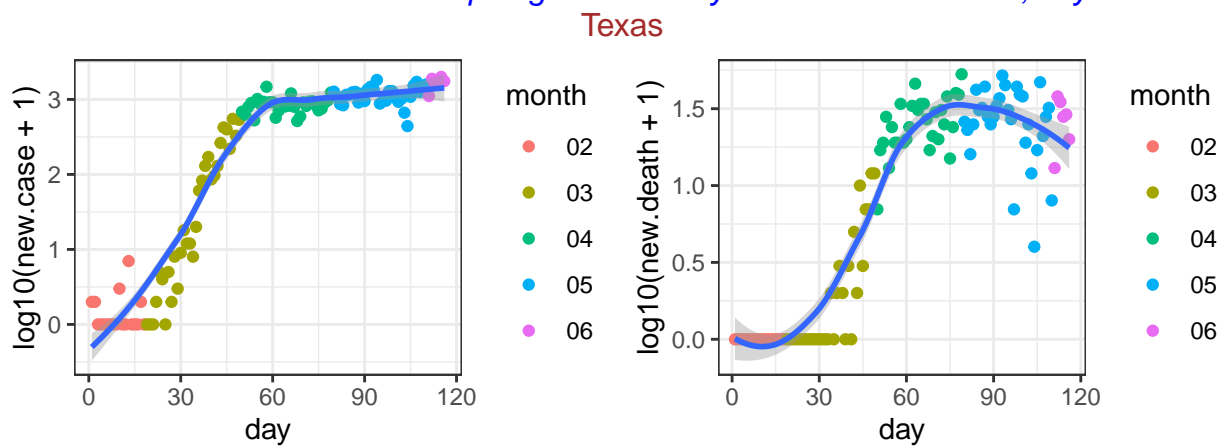
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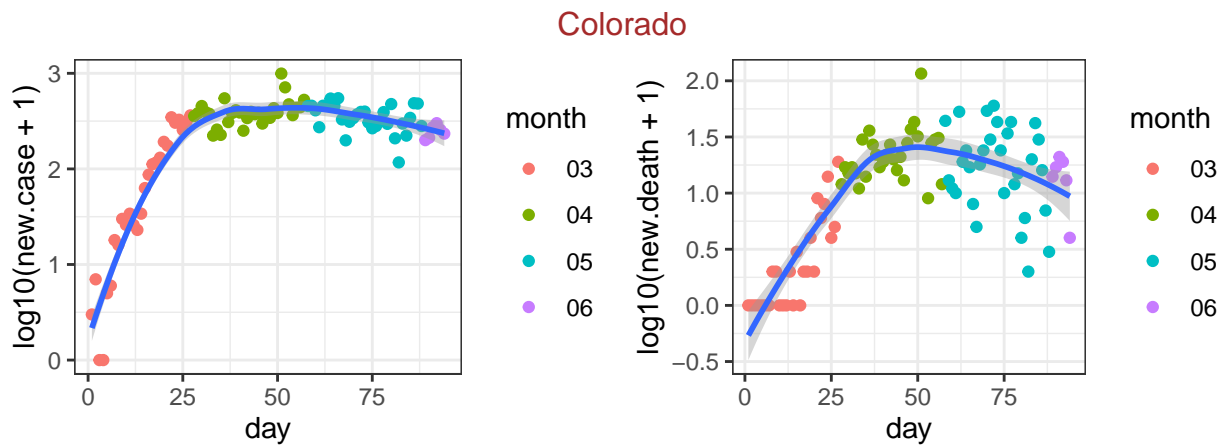
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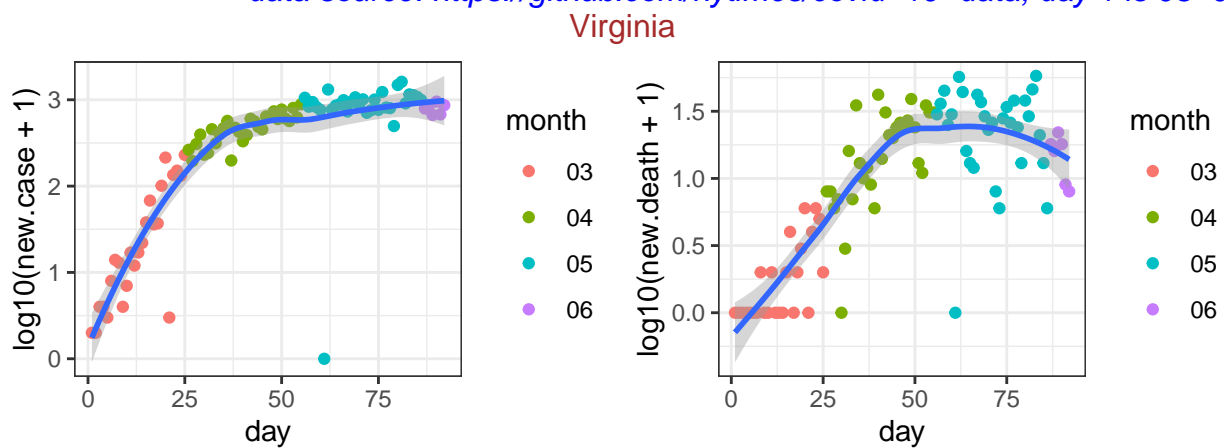
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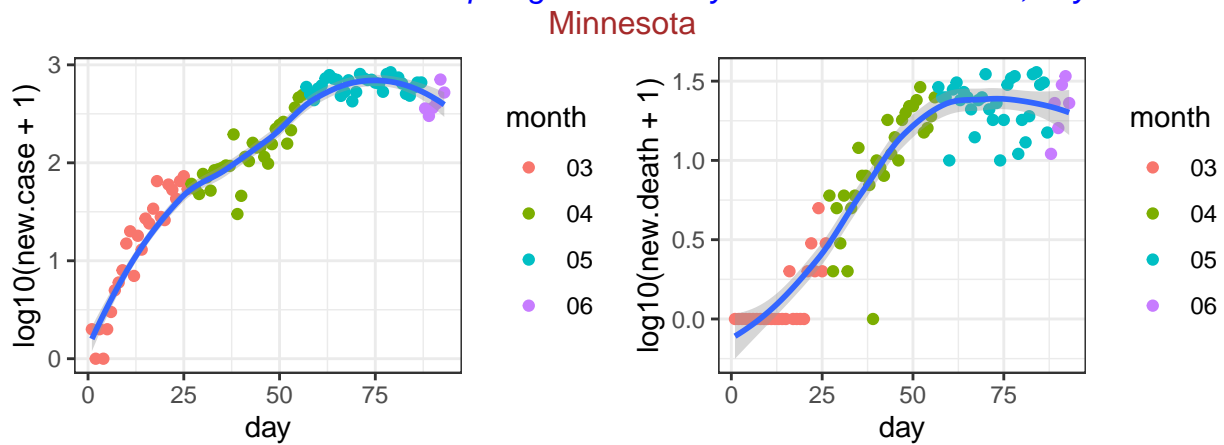
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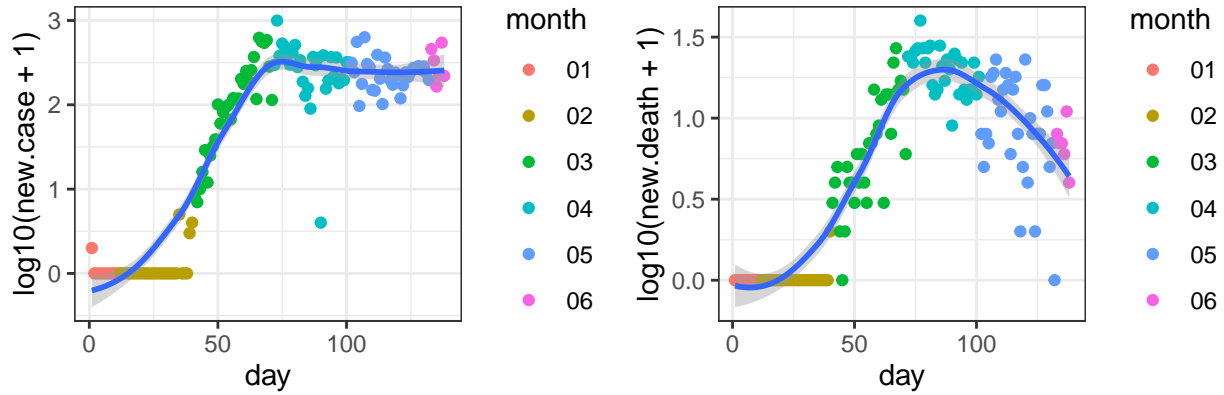


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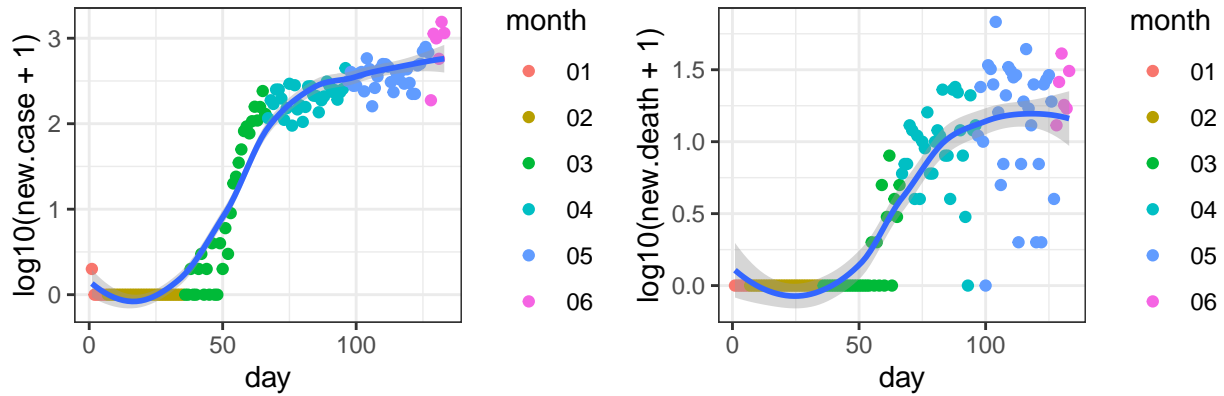
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Washington



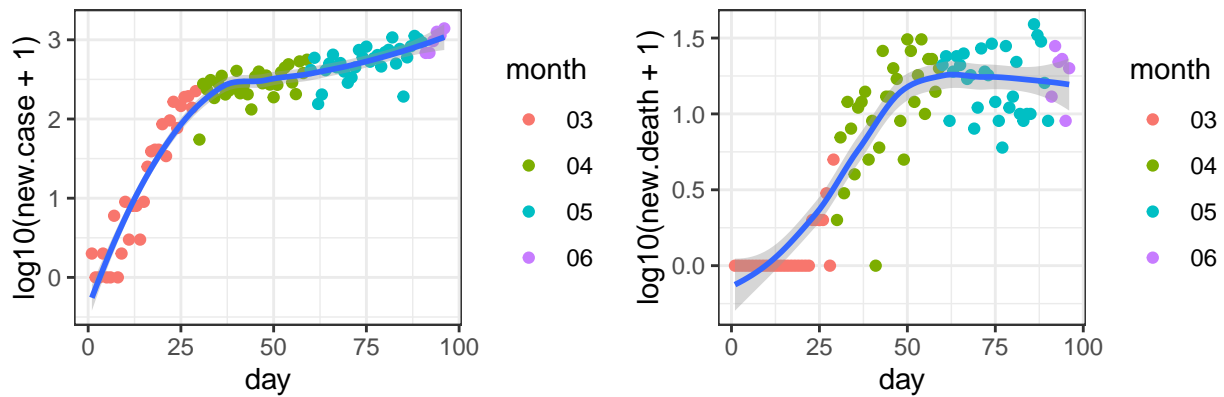
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Arizona



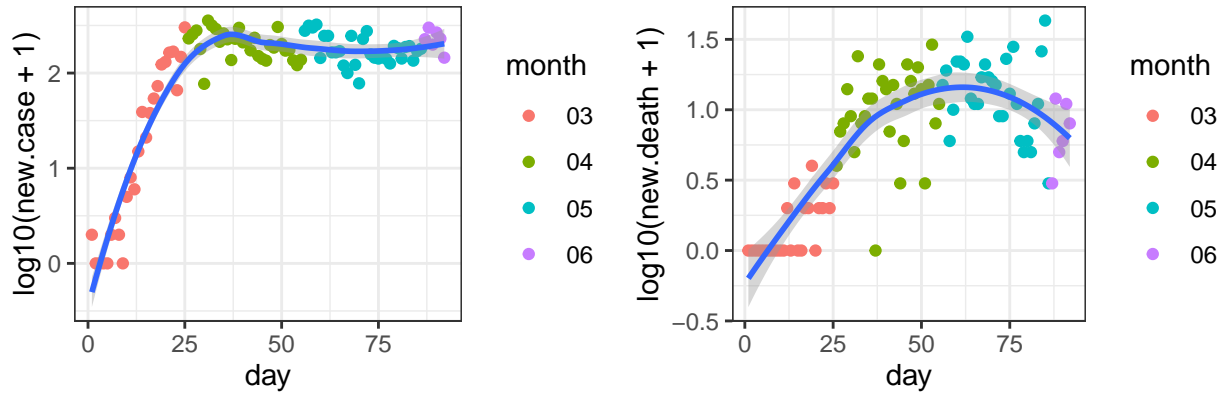
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North Carolina



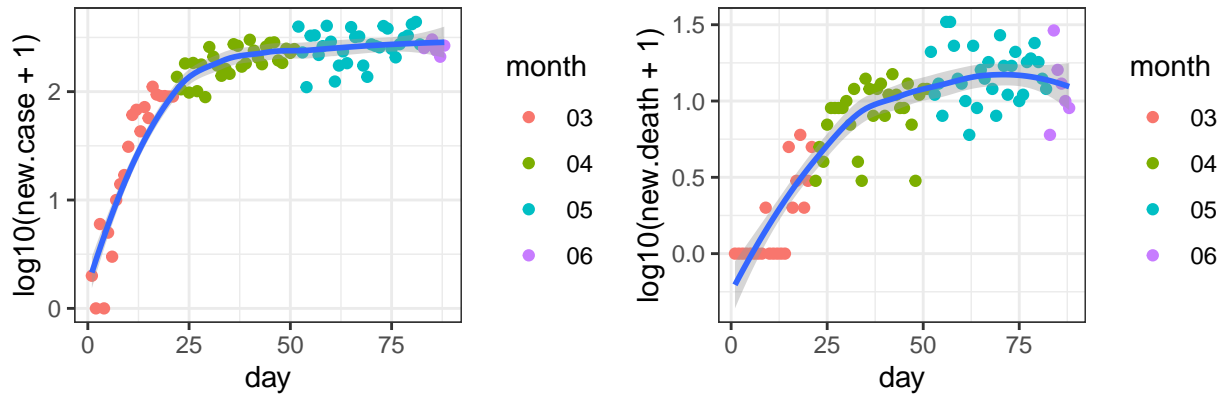
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Missouri



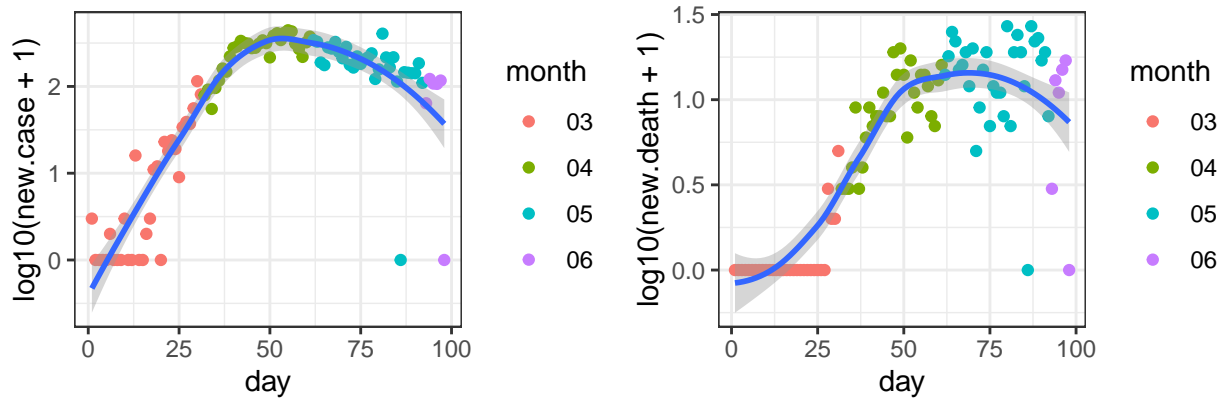
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Mississippi



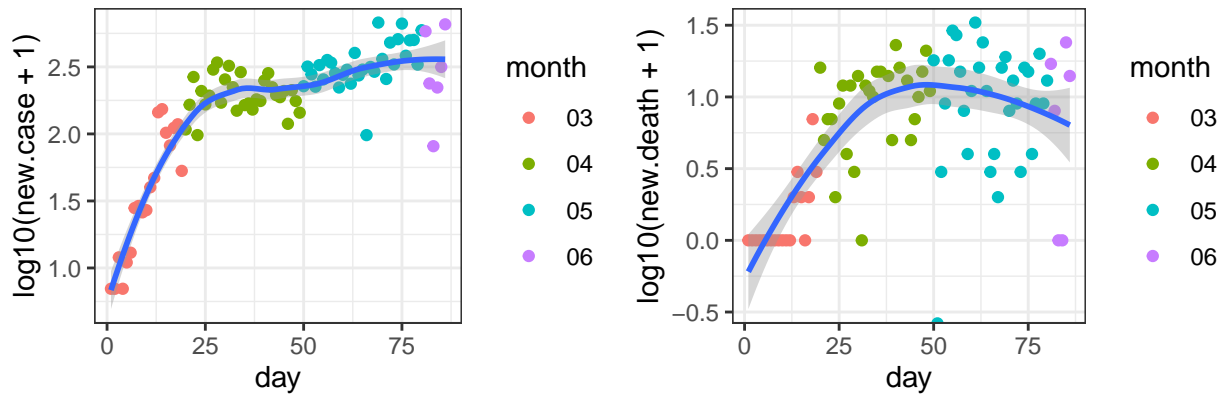
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Rhode Island



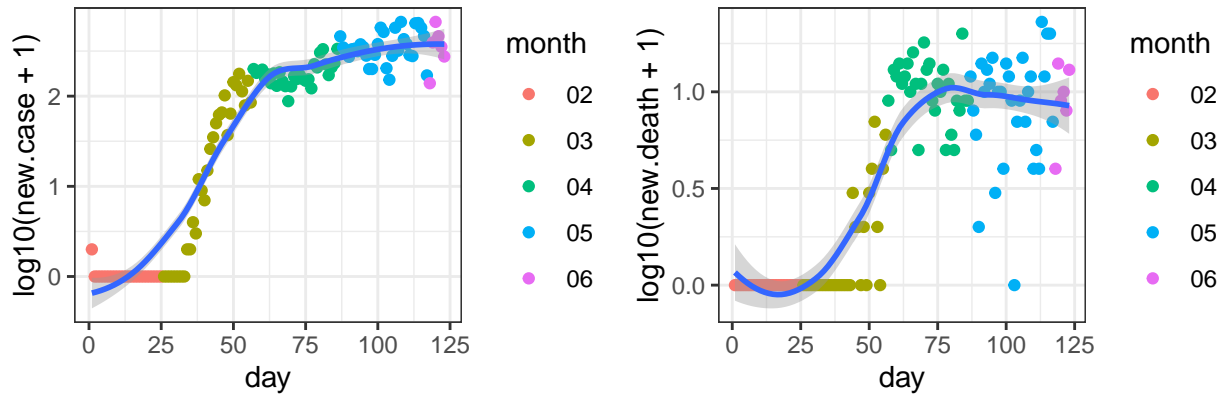
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Alabama



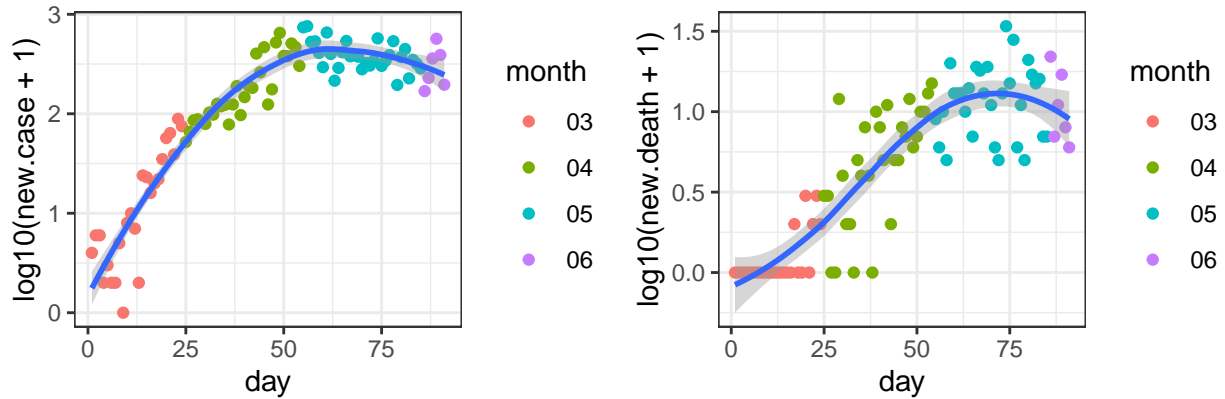
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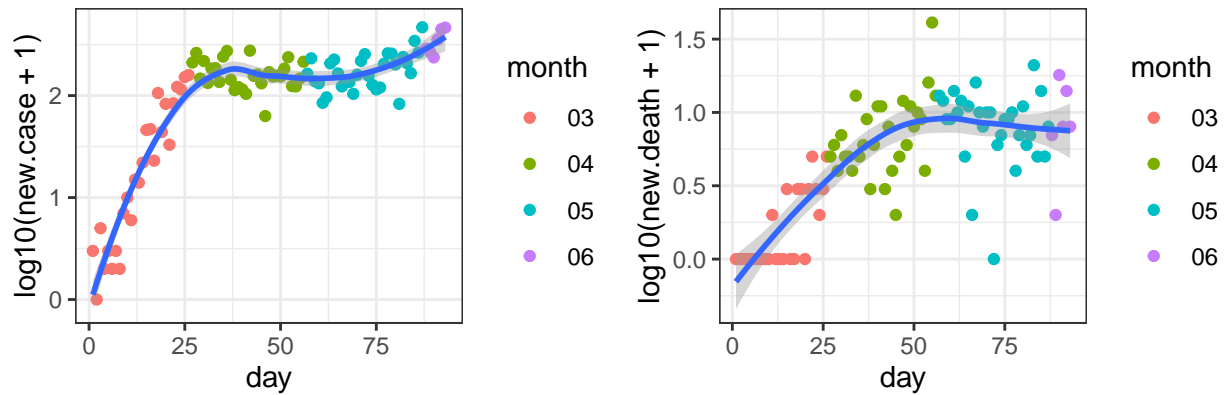
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Iowa



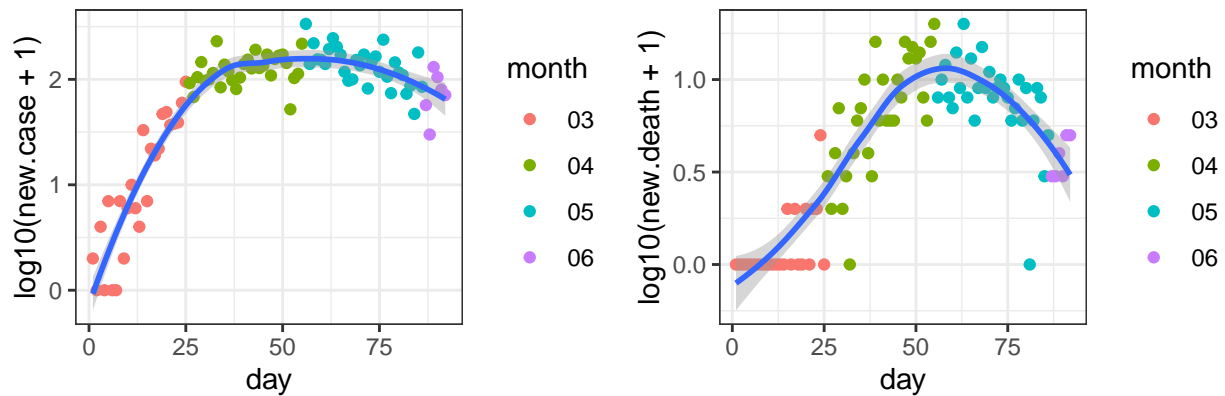
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South Carolina



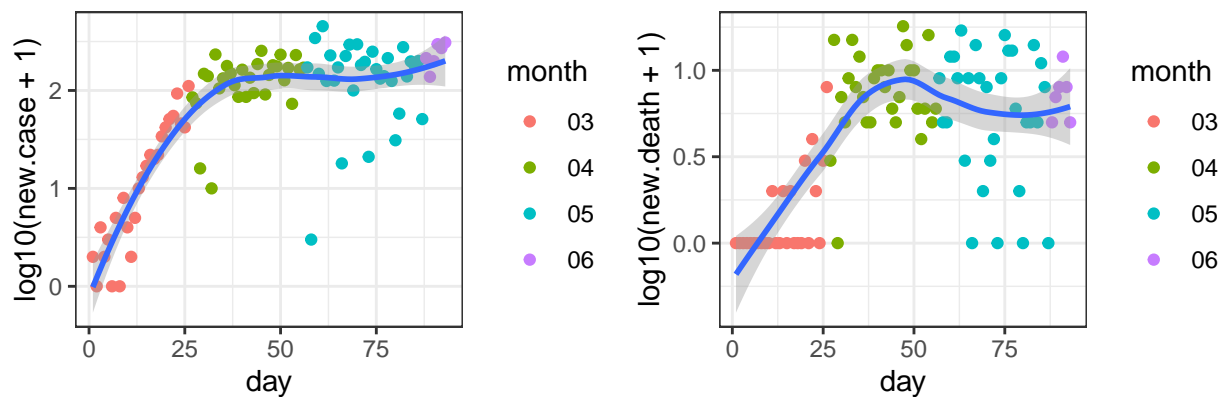
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District of Columbia



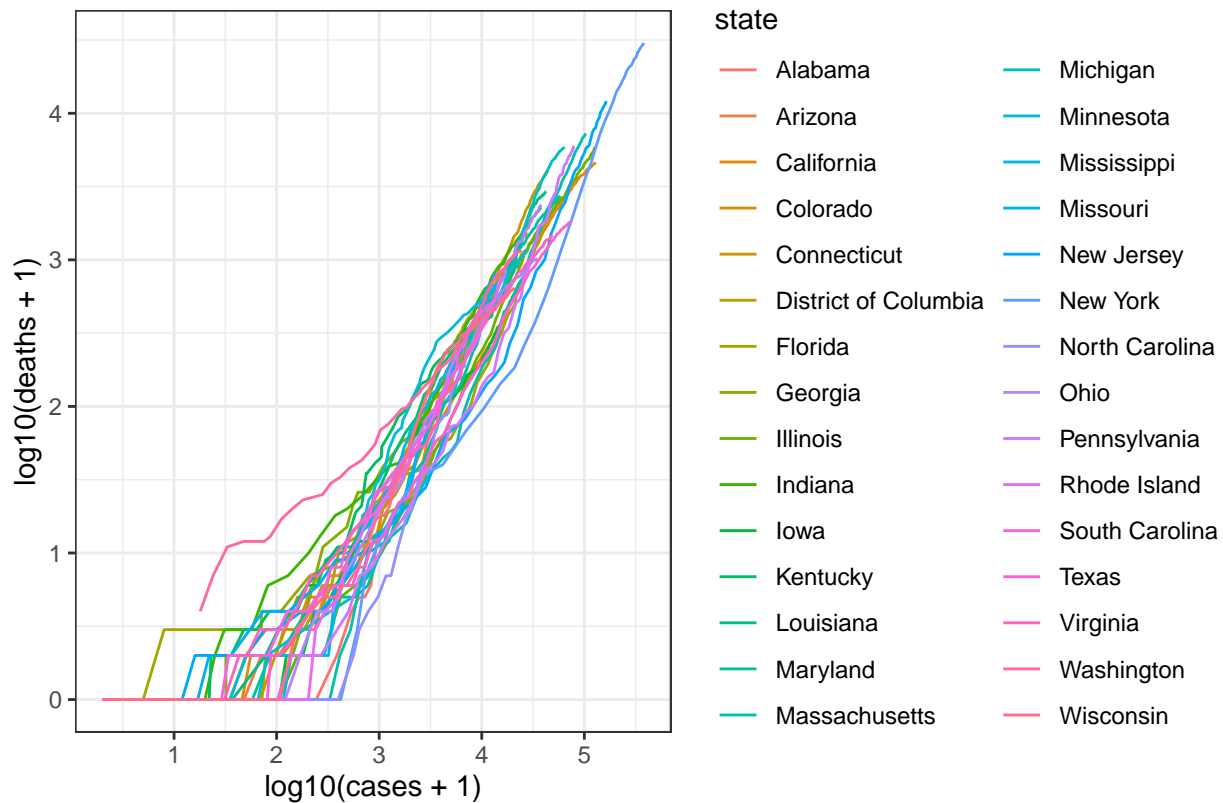
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Kentucky



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Next I check the relation between the **cumulative** number of cases and deaths for these 10 states, starting on March



data source: <https://github.com/nytimes/covid-19-data>

county level data

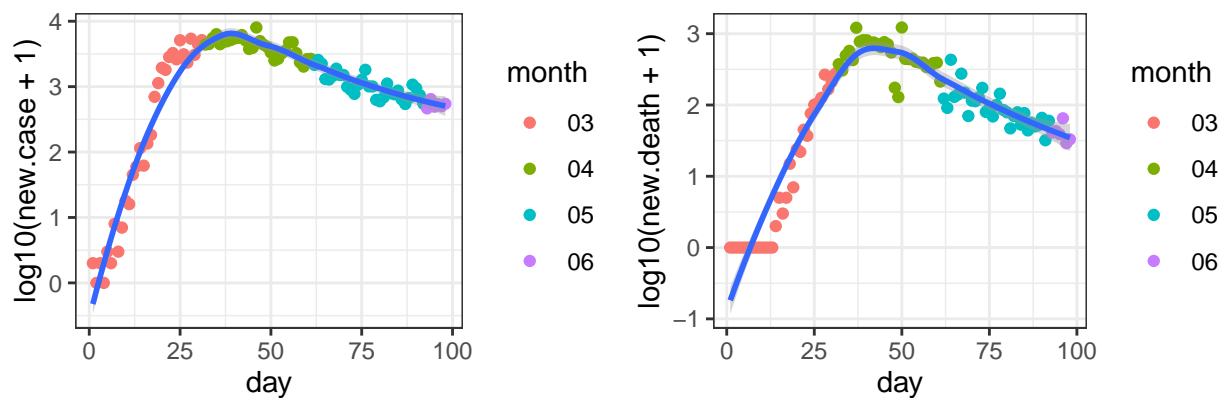
First check the 50 counties with the largest number of deaths.

##	date	county	state	fips	cases	deaths
## 211368	2020-06-06	New York City	New York	NA	211274	21294
## 210192	2020-06-06	Cook	Illinois	17031	81924	3913
## 211367	2020-06-06	Nassau	New York	36059	40853	2635
## 210878	2020-06-06	Wayne	Michigan	26163	21163	2627
## 209796	2020-06-06	Los Angeles	California	6037	62338	2620
## 211387	2020-06-06	Suffolk	New York	36103	40278	1970
## 210792	2020-06-06	Middlesex	Massachusetts	25017	22686	1701
## 211293	2020-06-06	Essex	New Jersey	34013	18066	1701
## 211288	2020-06-06	Bergen	New Jersey	34003	18492	1612
## 211395	2020-06-06	Westchester	New York	36119	33923	1523
## 211791	2020-06-06	Philadelphia	Pennsylvania	42101	23529	1414
## 209895	2020-06-06	Fairfield	Connecticut	9001	16020	1309
## 209896	2020-06-06	Hartford	Connecticut	9003	10747	1279
## 211295	2020-06-06	Hudson	New Jersey	34017	18548	1210
## 211306	2020-06-06	Union	New Jersey	34039	16116	1095
## 210859	2020-06-06	Oakland	Michigan	26125	10980	1055
## 211298	2020-06-06	Middlesex	New Jersey	34023	16203	1032
## 209899	2020-06-06	New Haven	Connecticut	9009	11817	1007
## 210788	2020-06-06	Essex	Massachusetts	25009	15170	998
## 211302	2020-06-06	Passaic	New Jersey	34031	16436	969
## 210796	2020-06-06	Suffolk	Massachusetts	25025	18955	923
## 210846	2020-06-06	Macomb	Michigan	26099	6940	870

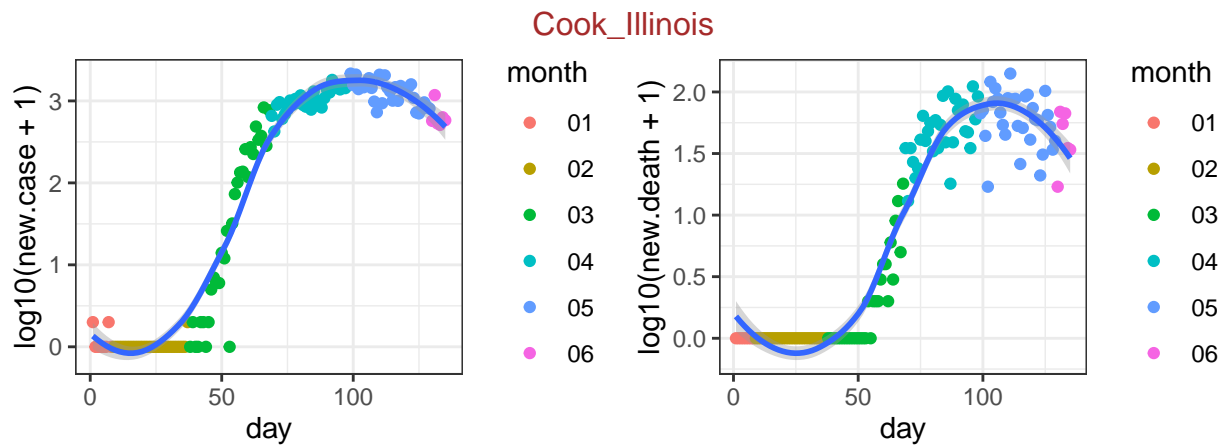
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##	210798	2020-06-06	Worcester	Massachusetts	25027	11696	820
##	211301	2020-06-06	Ocean	New Jersey	34029	8979	767
##	209951	2020-06-06	Miami-Dade	Florida	12086	19298	765
##	211786	2020-06-06	Montgomery	Pennsylvania	42091	7542	724
##	210905	2020-06-06	Hennepin	Minnesota	27053	9255	667
##	210326	2020-06-06	Marion	Indiana	18097	10390	663
##	210774	2020-06-06	Montgomery	Maryland	24031	12662	652
##	211763	2020-06-06	Delaware	Pennsylvania	42045	6661	651
##	211299	2020-06-06	Monmouth	New Jersey	34025	8454	636
##	211300	2020-06-06	Morris	New Jersey	34027	6584	626
##	210790	2020-06-06	Hampden	Massachusetts	25013	6337	618
##	210775	2020-06-06	Prince George's	Maryland	24033	16838	595
##	210795	2020-06-06	Plymouth	Massachusetts	25023	8347	588
##	212436	2020-06-06	King	Washington	53033	8419	578
##	211353	2020-06-06	Erie	New York	36029	6429	547
##	211749	2020-06-06	Bucks	Pennsylvania	42017	5243	529
##	211812	2020-06-06	Providence	Rhode Island	44007	11052	518
##	210713	2020-06-06	Orleans	Louisiana	22071	7222	512
##	211297	2020-06-06	Mercer	New Jersey	34021	7148	500
##	209695	2020-06-06	Maricopa	Arizona	4013	12761	489
##	209908	2020-06-06	District of Columbia	District of Columbia	11001	9269	483
##	210786	2020-06-06	Bristol	Massachusetts	25005	7635	467
##	211379	2020-06-06	Rockland	New York	36087	13315	465
##	211142	2020-06-06	St. Louis	Missouri	29189	5029	460
##	210703	2020-06-06	Jefferson	Louisiana	22051	7831	458
##	211304	2020-06-06	Somerset	New Jersey	34035	4664	425
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For these 50 counties, I check the number of new cases and the number of new deaths.

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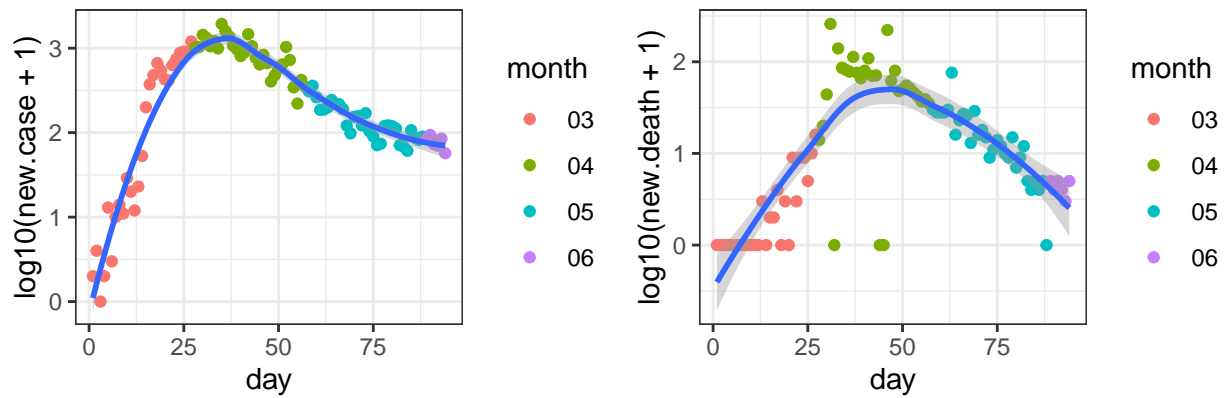


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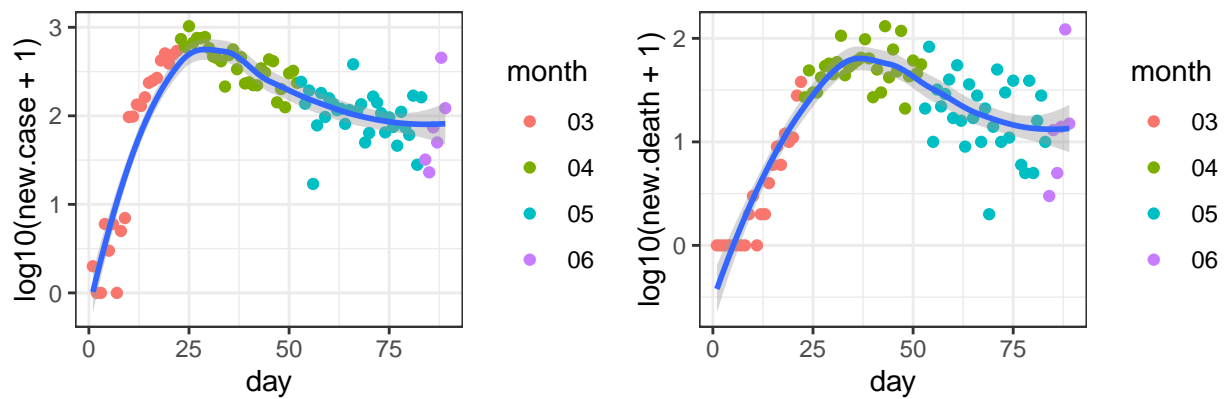
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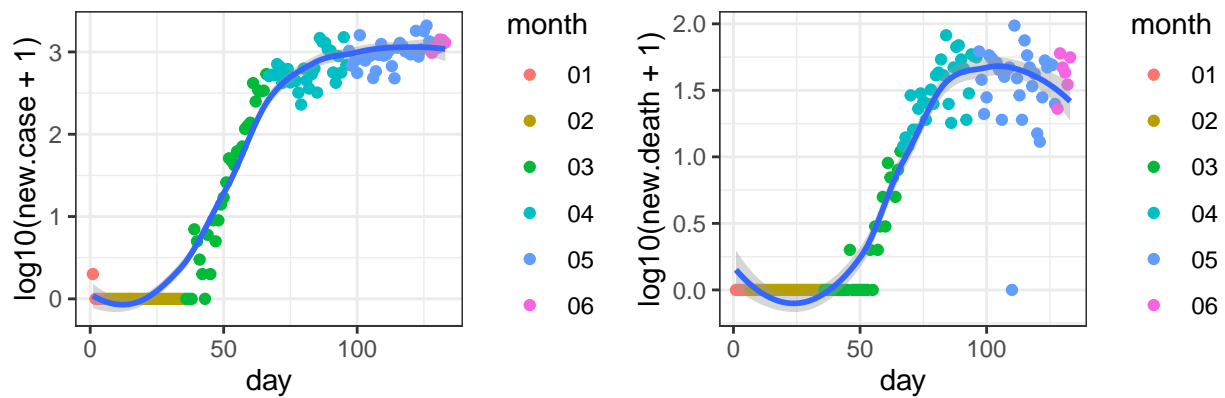
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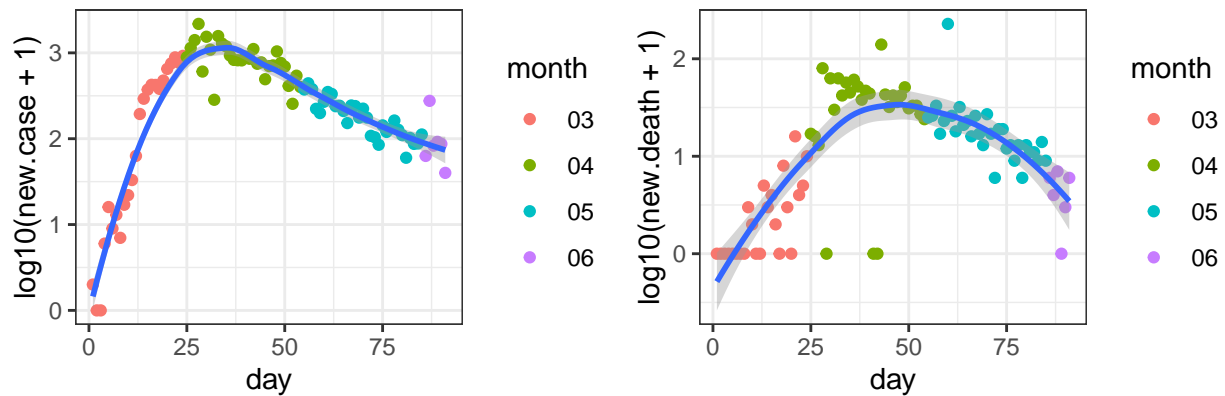
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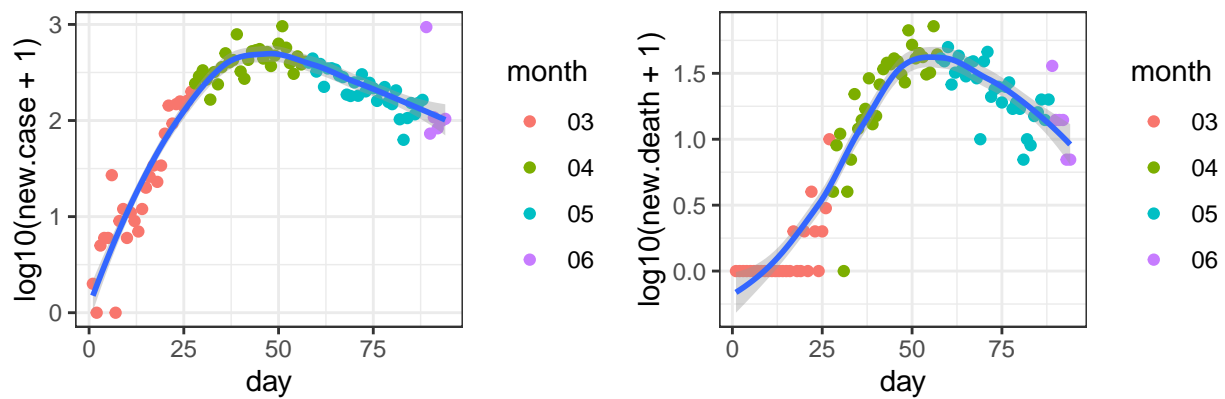
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Suffolk_New York



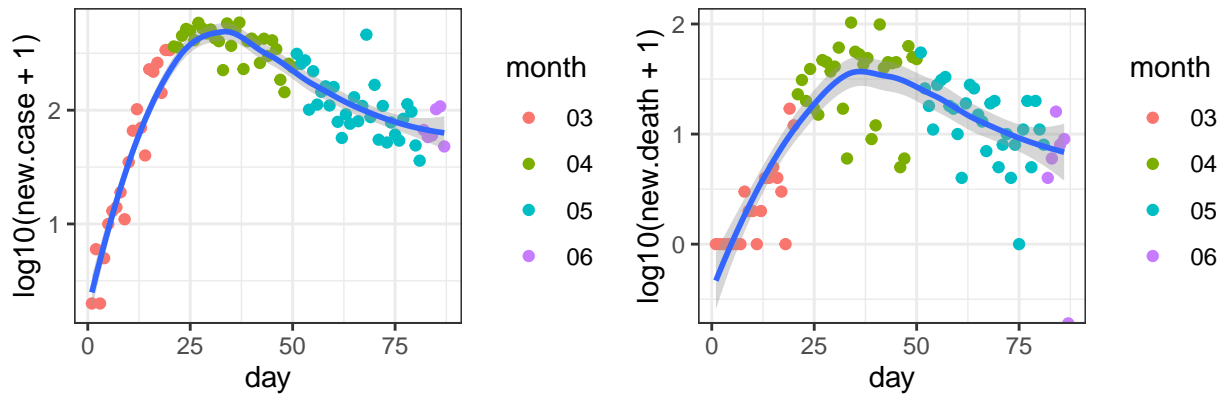
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Middlesex_Massachusetts



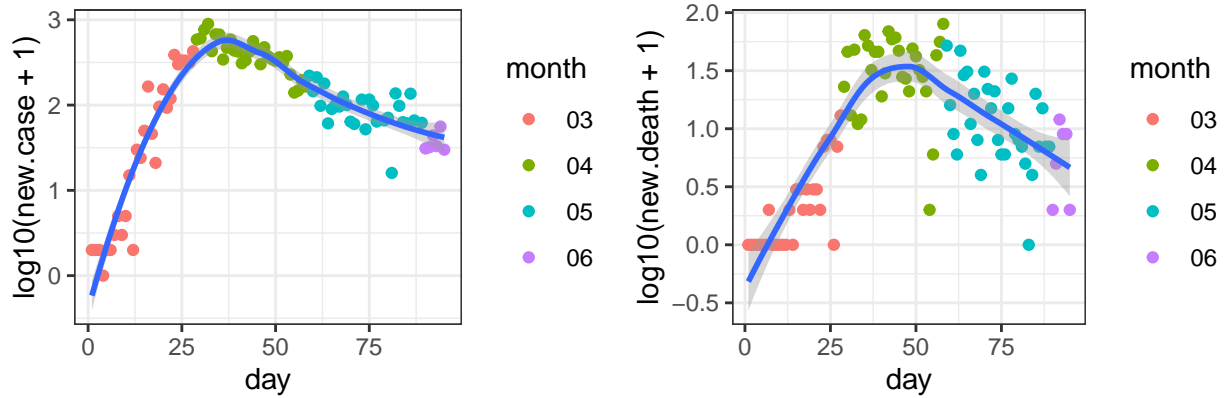
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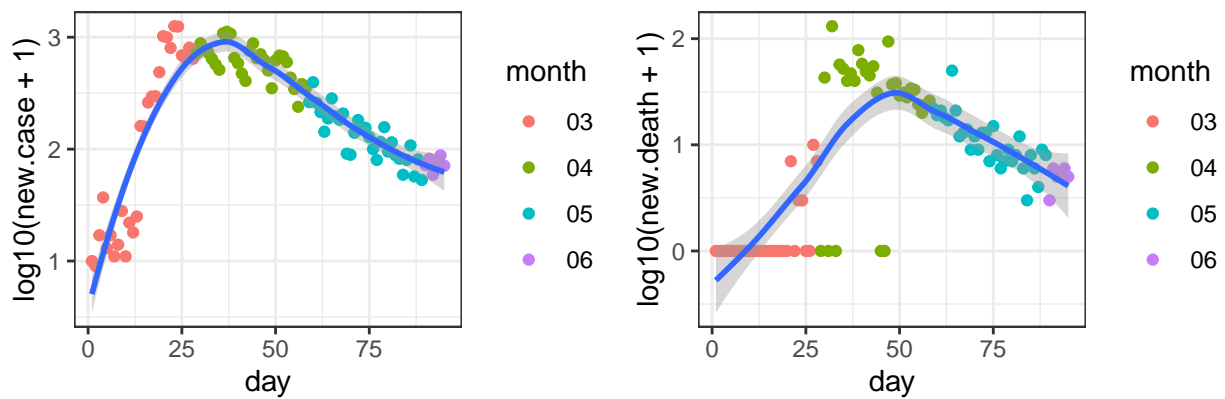
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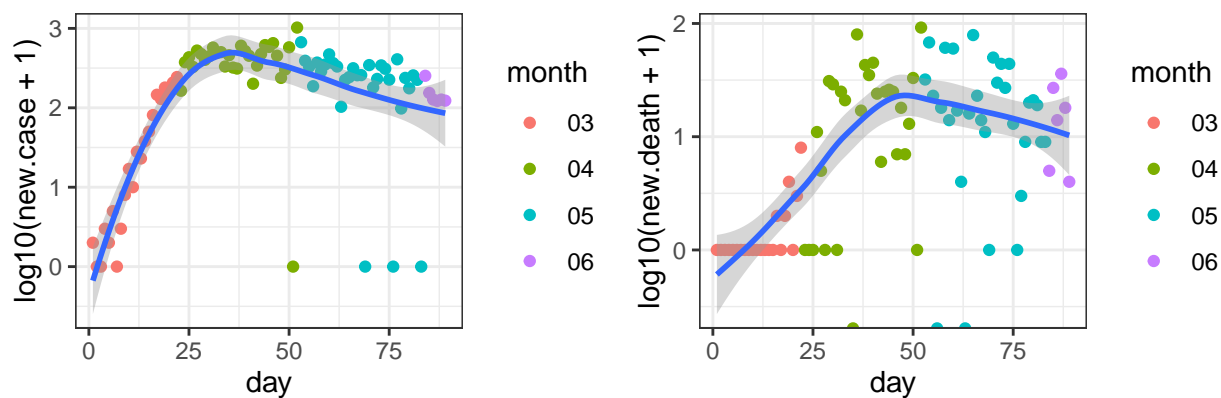
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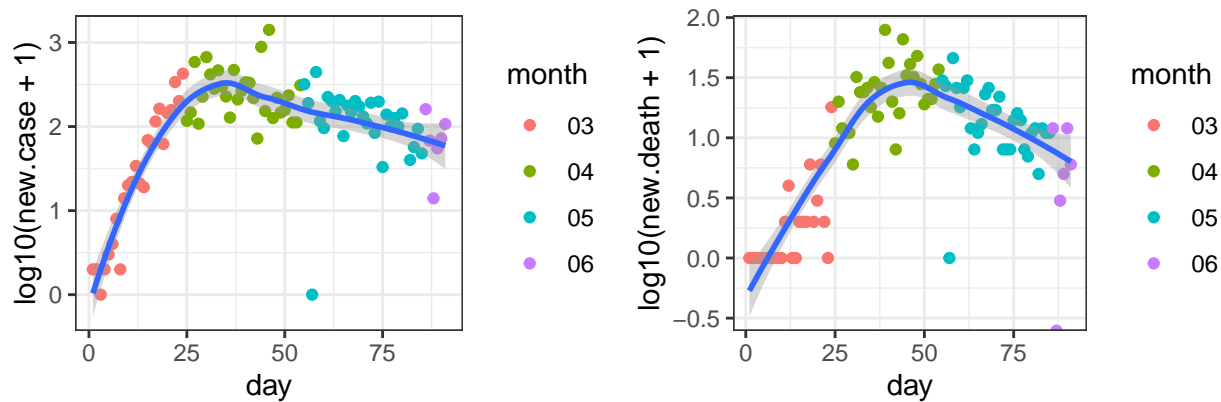
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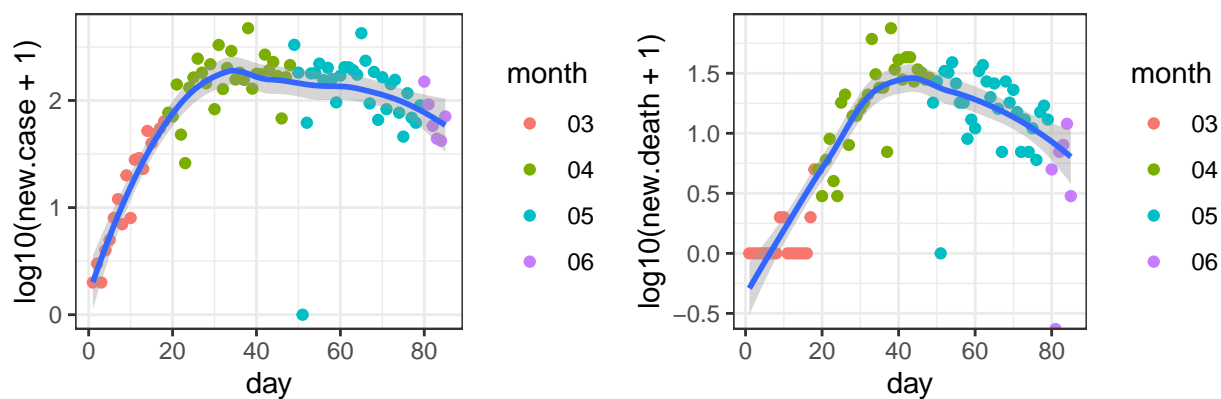
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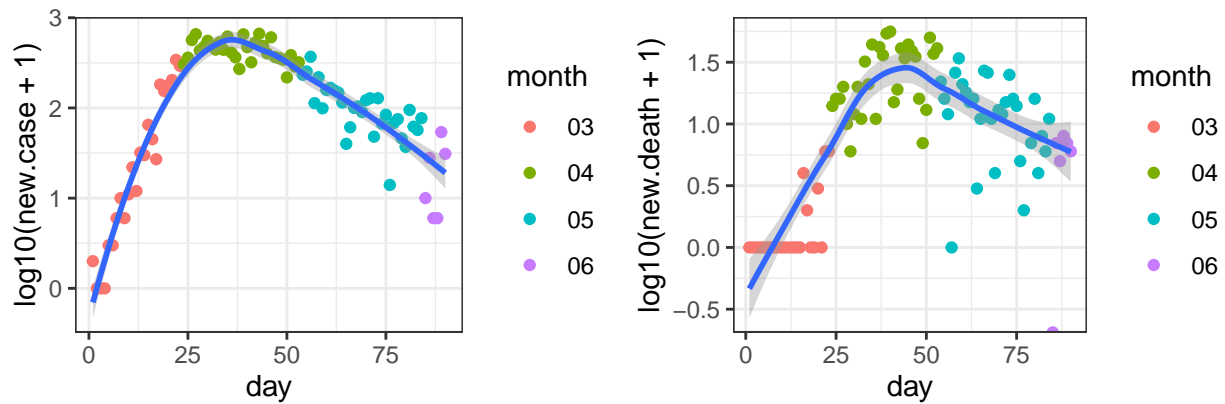
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Hartford_Connecticut



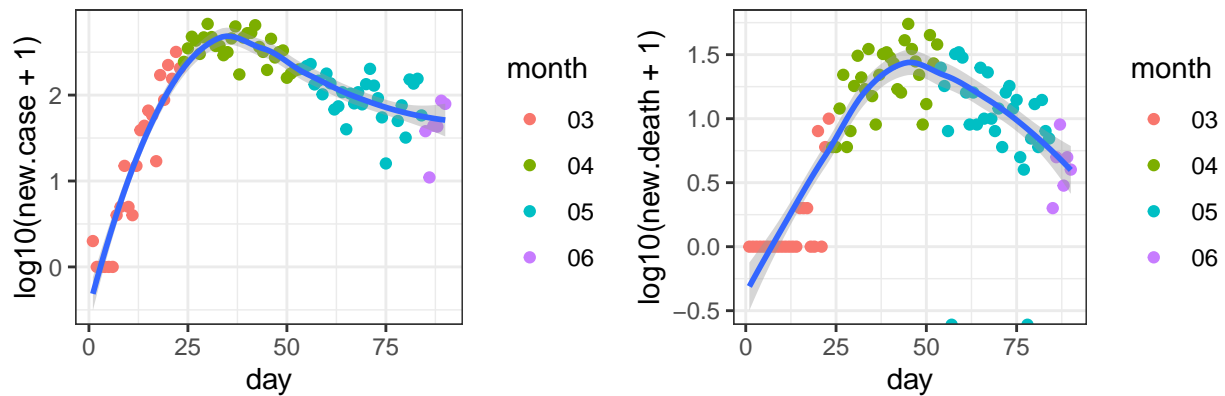
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Hudson_New Jersey



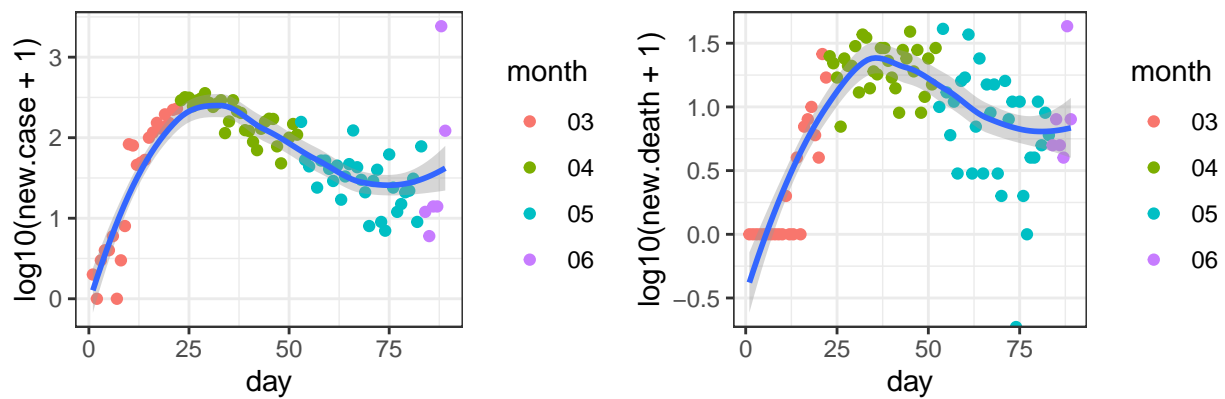
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Union_New Jersey



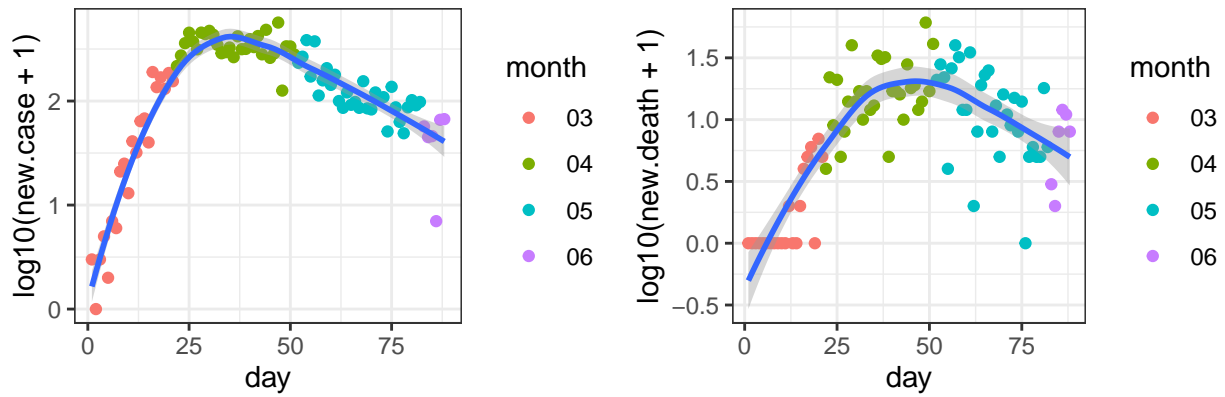
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Oakland_Michigan



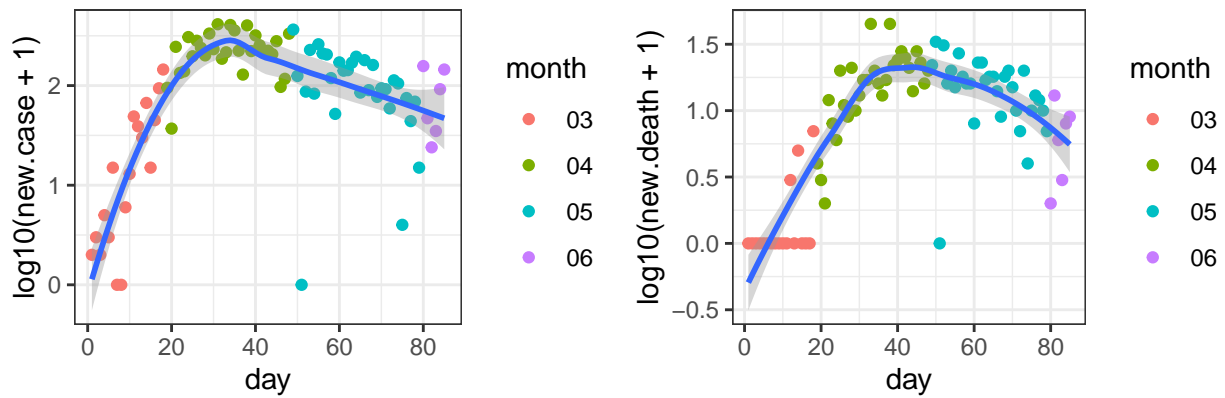
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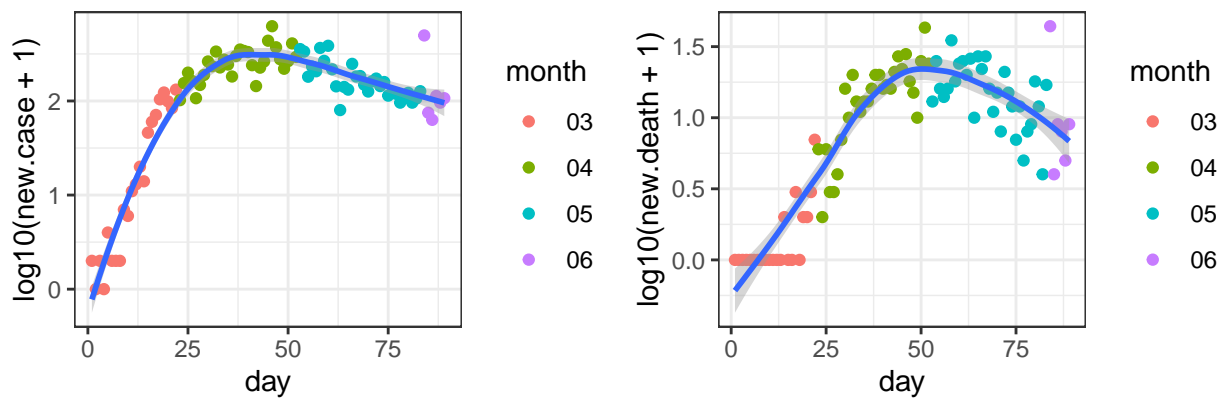
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New Haven_Connecticut



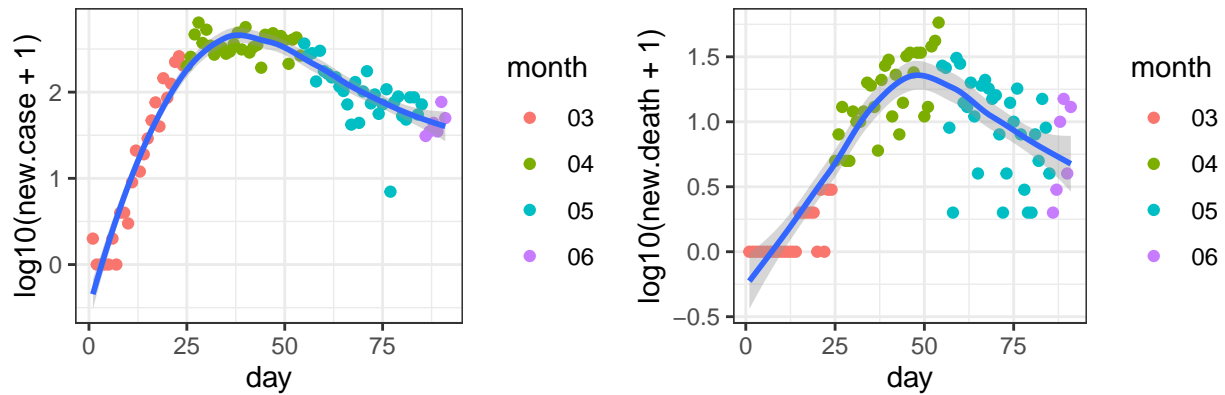
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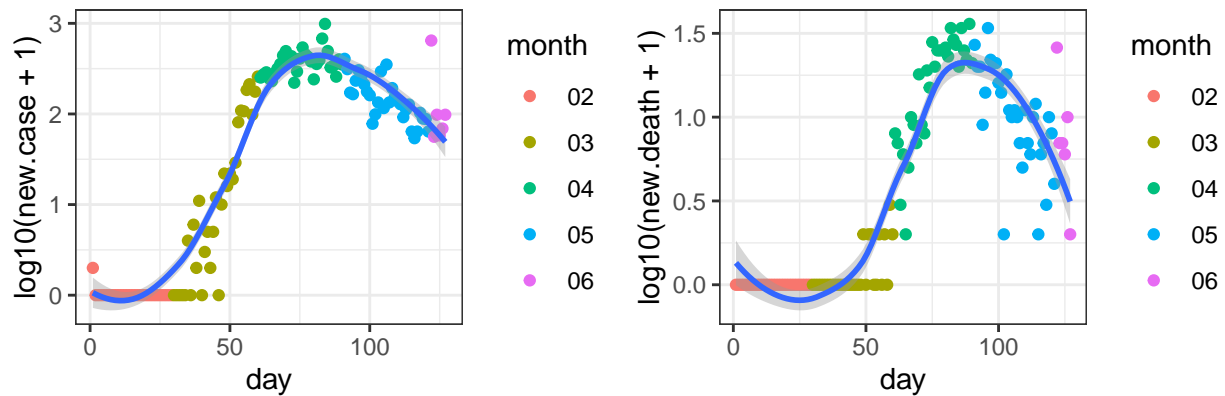
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Passaic_New Jersey



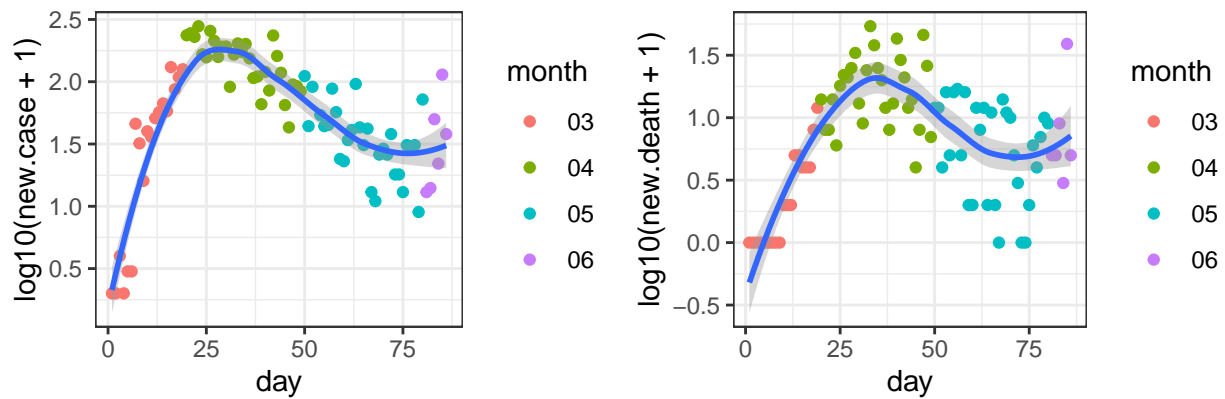
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Suffolk_Massachusetts



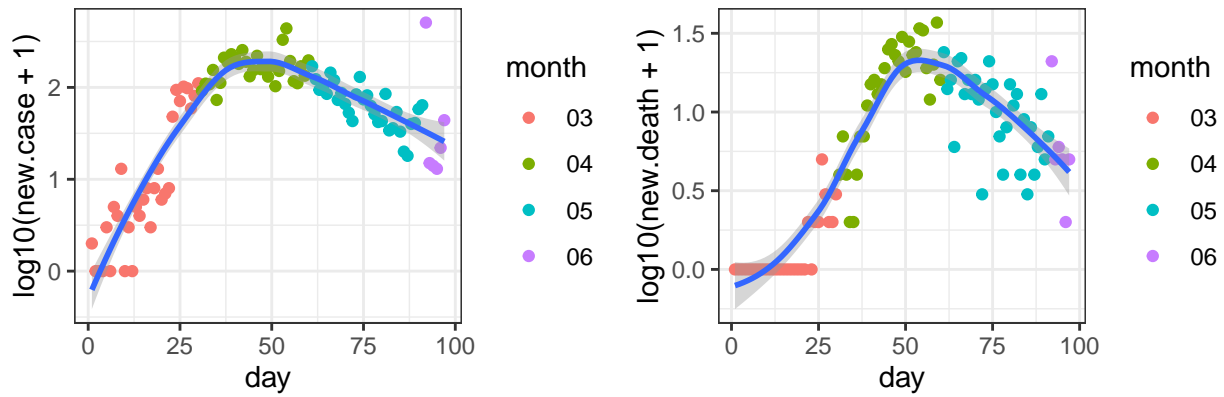
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Macomb_Michigan



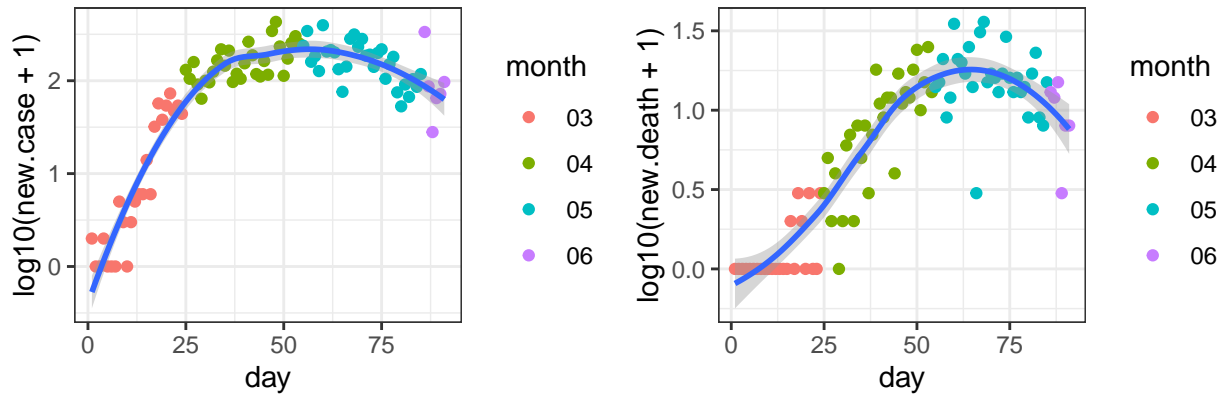
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Norfolk_Massachusetts



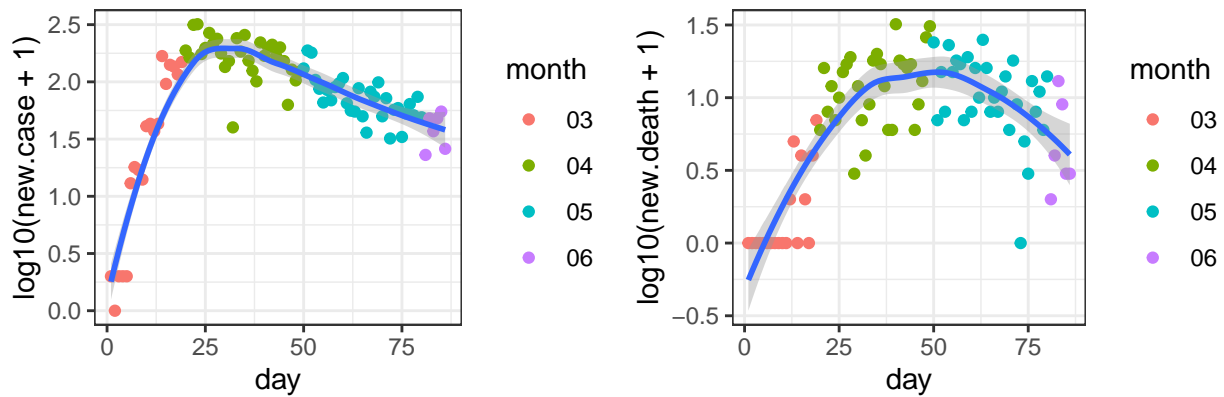
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Worcester_Massachusetts



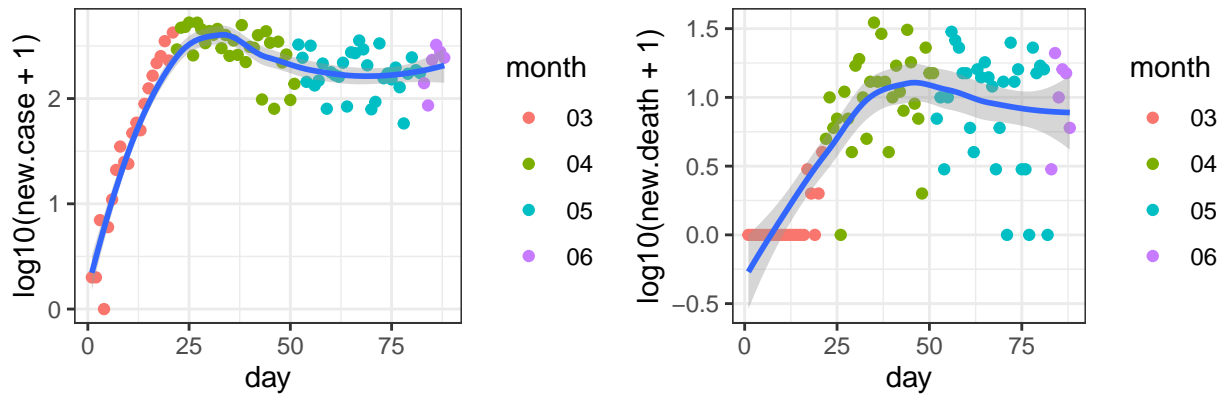
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Ocean_New Jersey



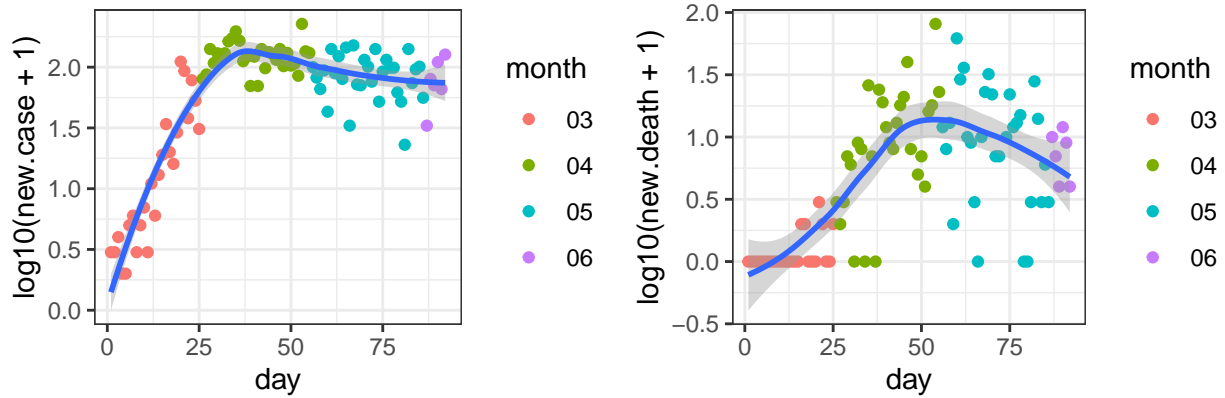
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Miami-Dade_Florida



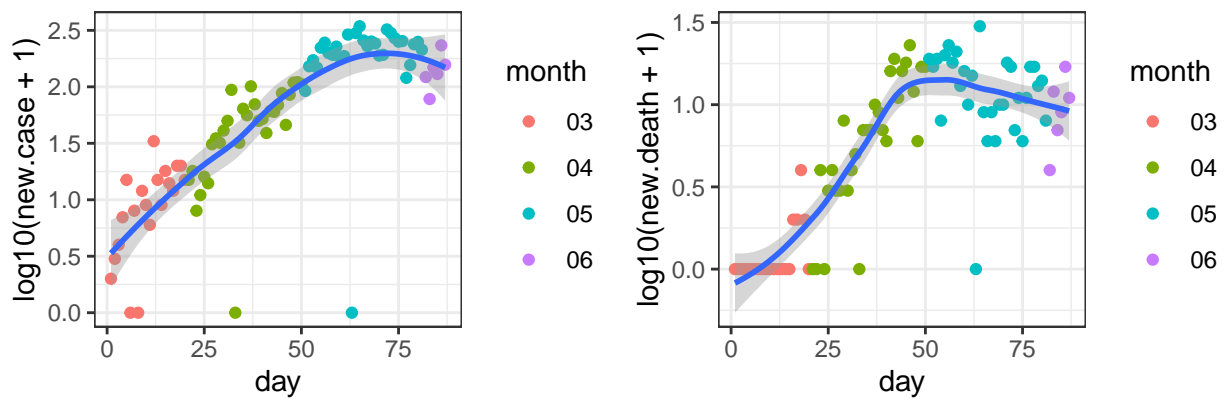
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Montgomery_Pennsylvania



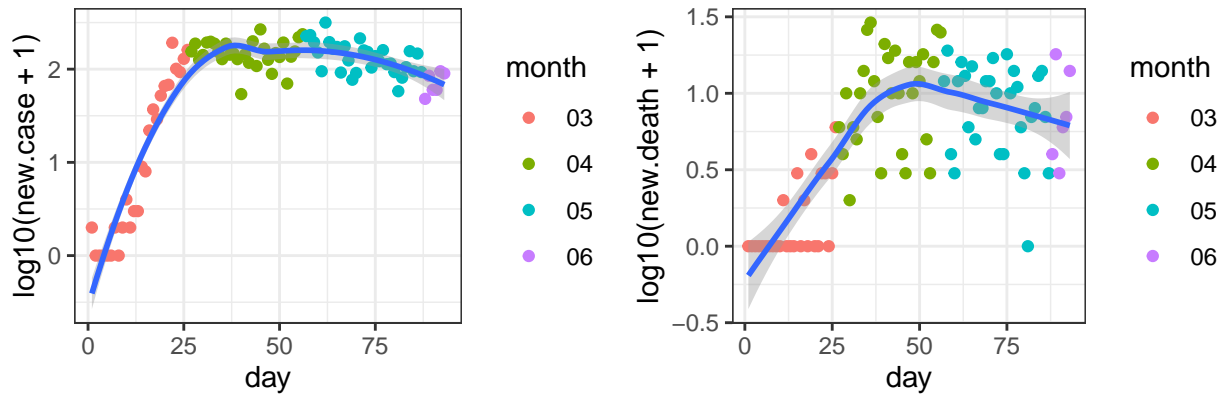
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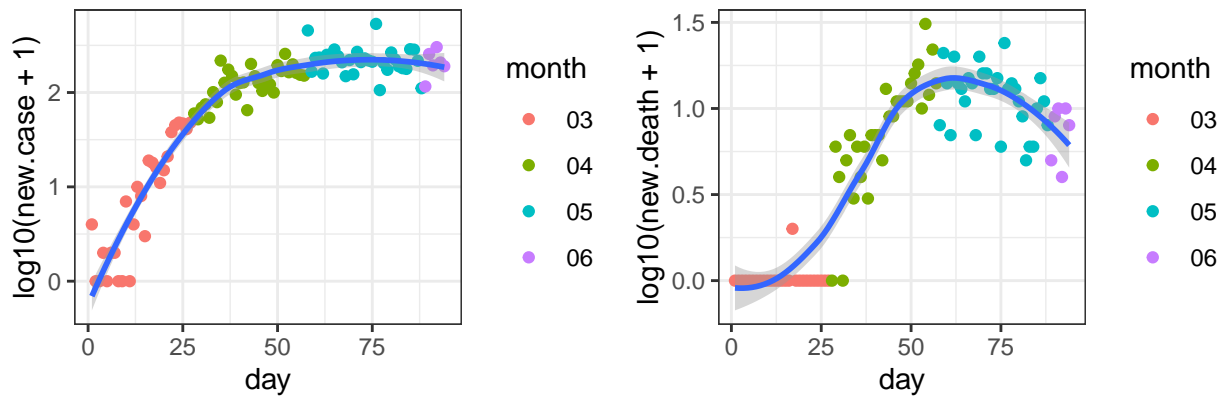
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Marion_Indiana



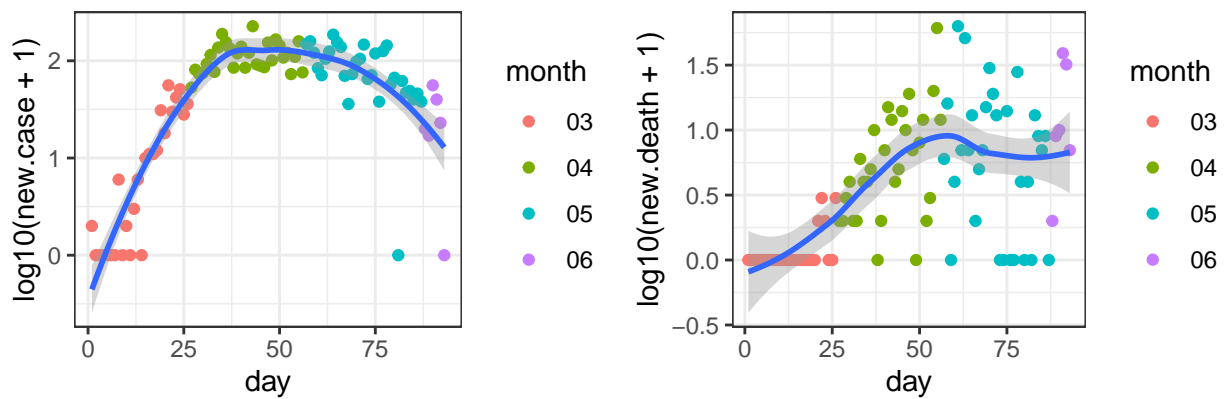
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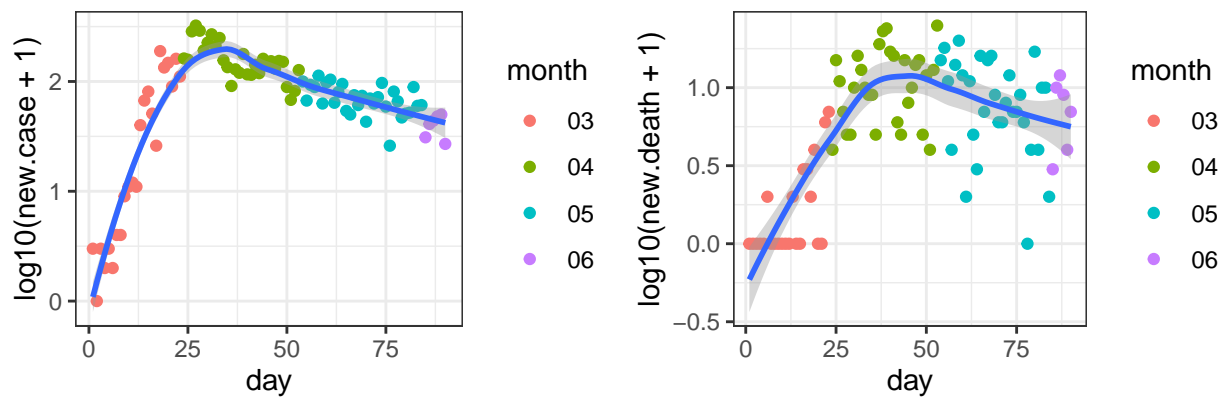
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Delaware_Pennsylvania



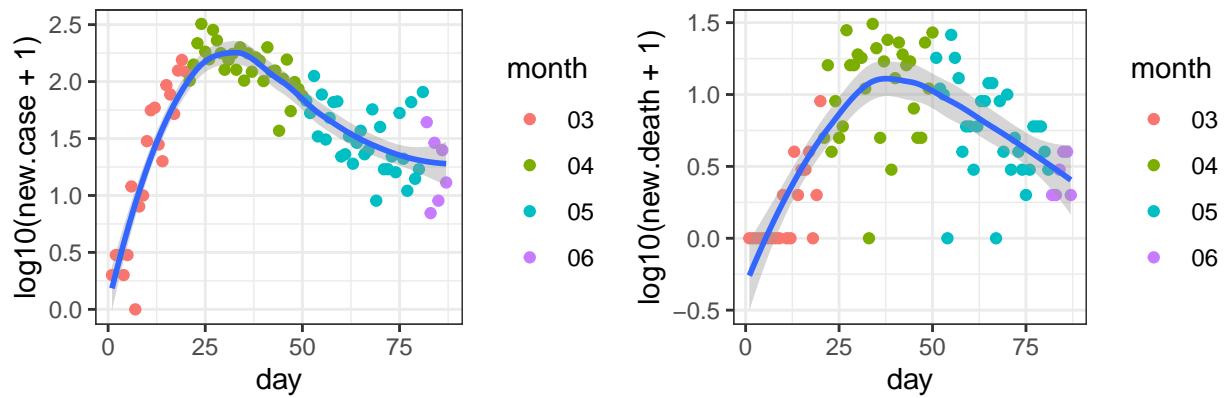
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Monmouth_New Jersey



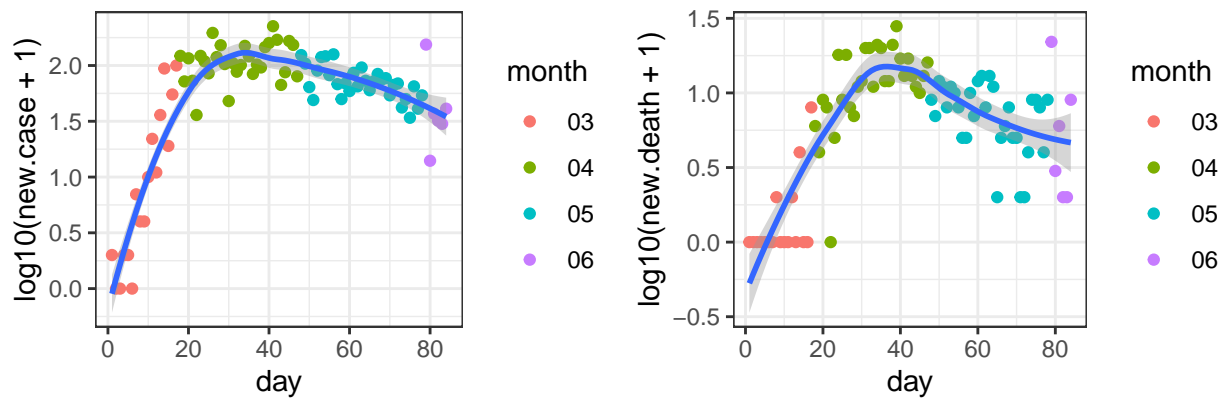
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Morris_New Jersey



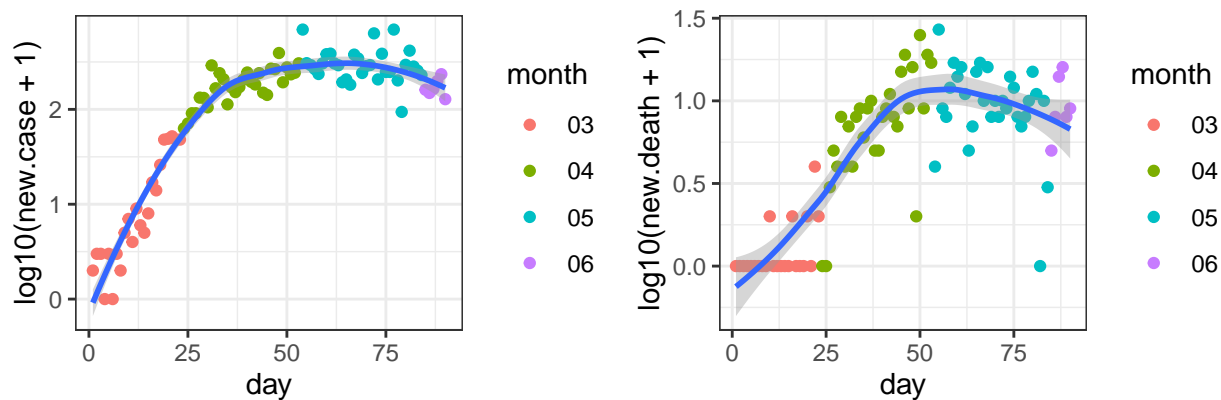
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Hampden_Massachusetts



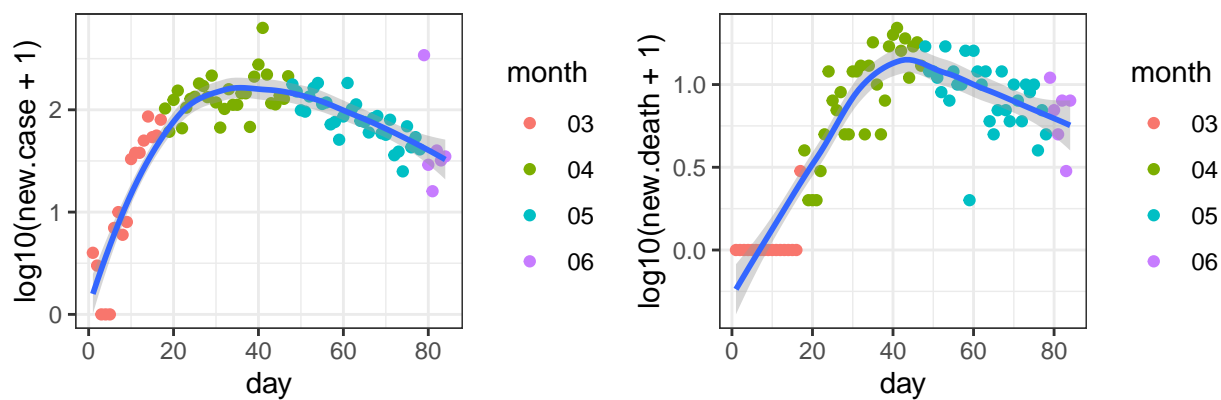
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Prince George's_Maryland



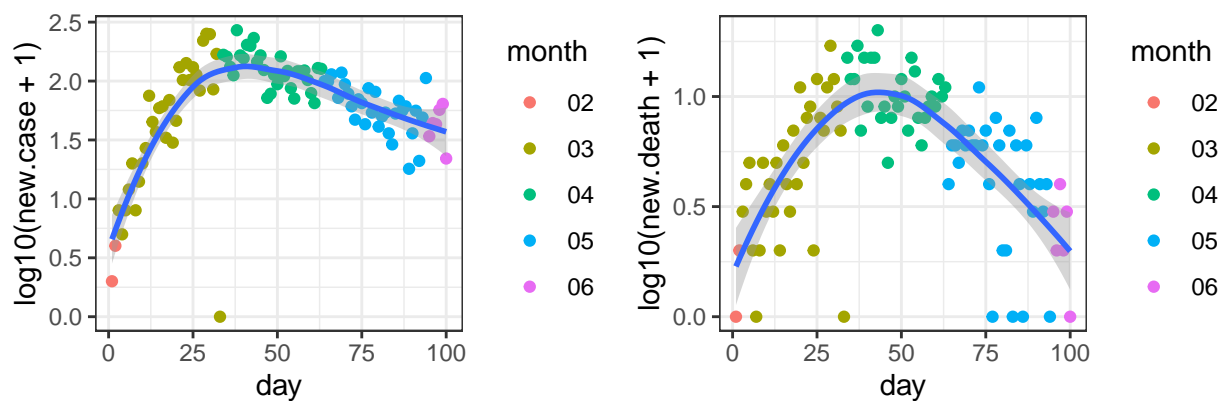
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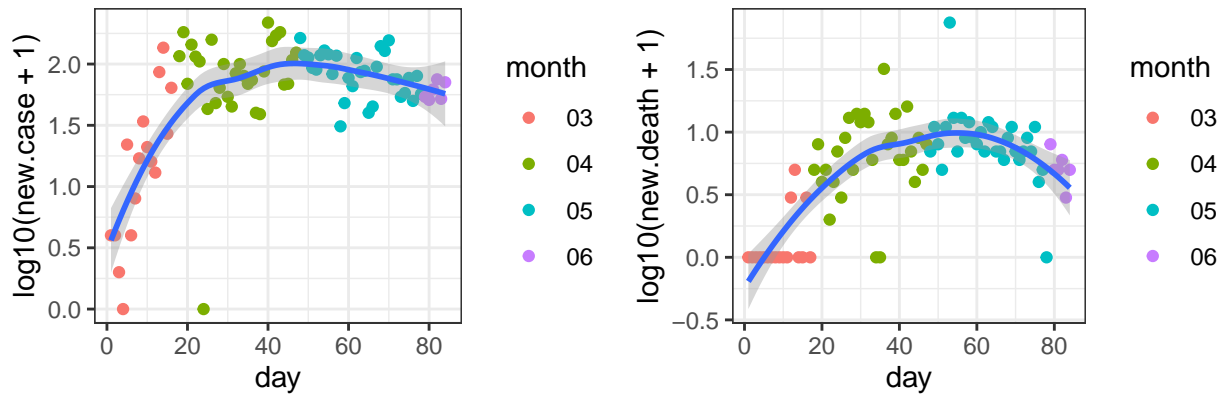
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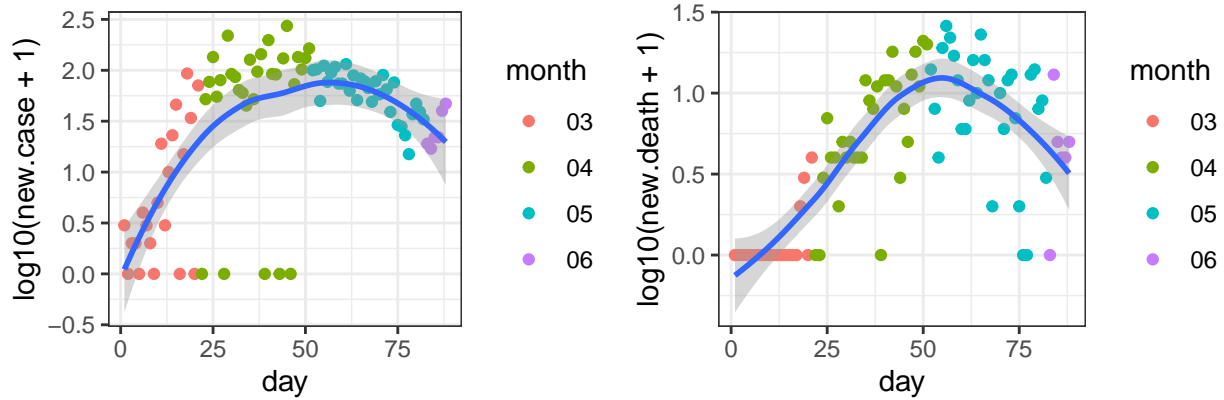
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Erie_New York



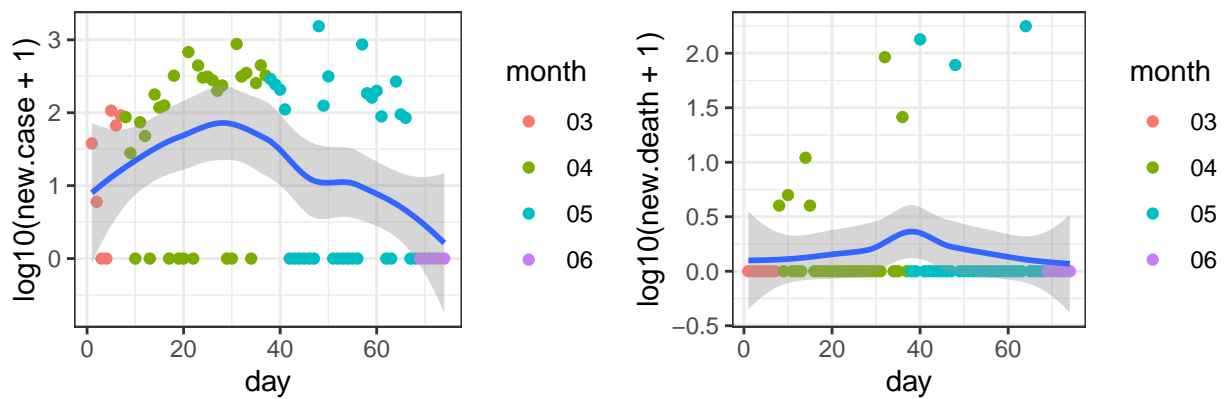
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Bucks_Pennsylvania



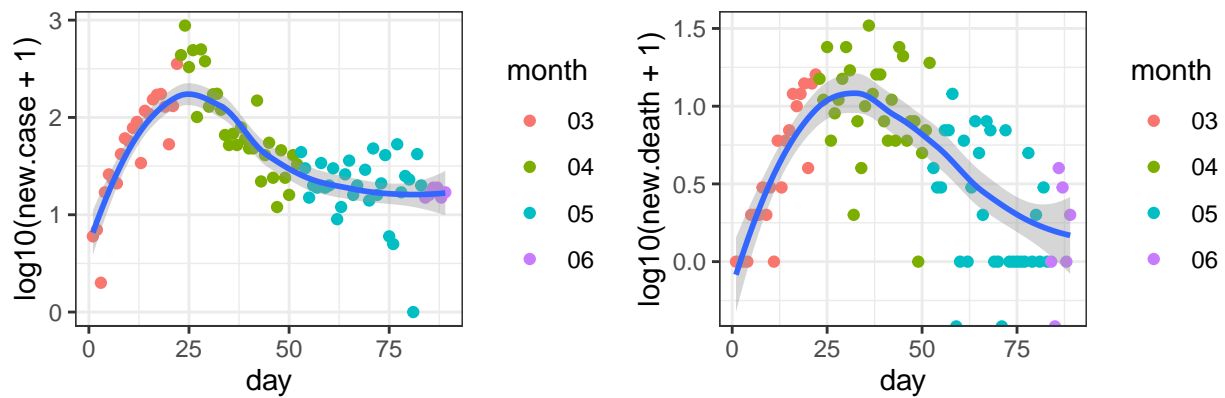
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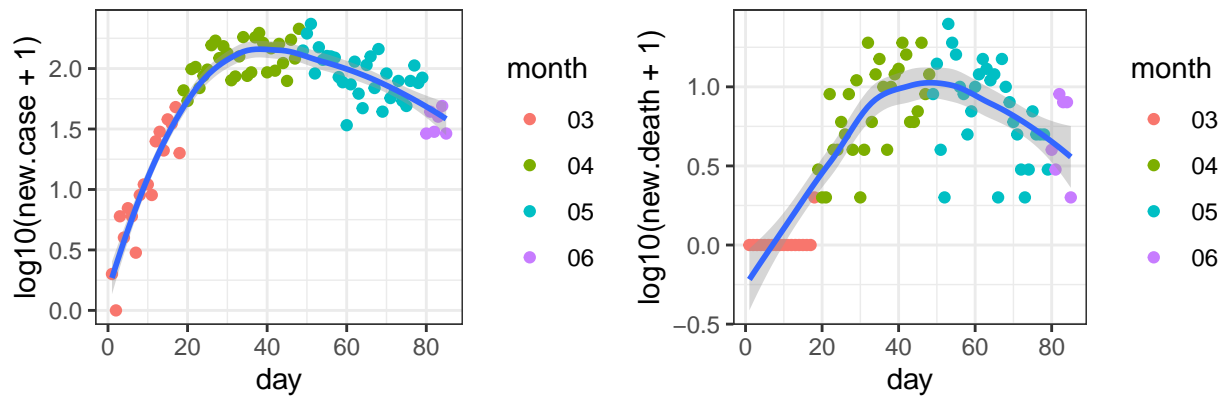
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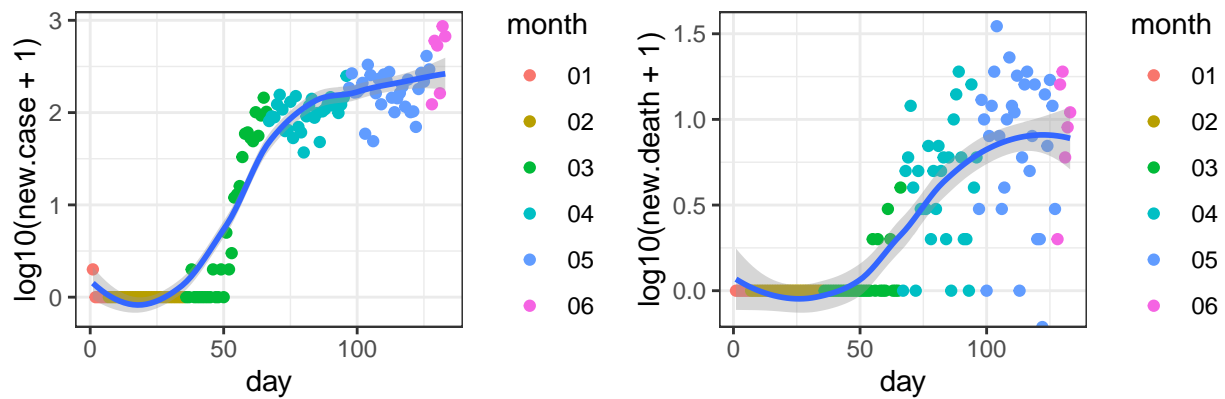
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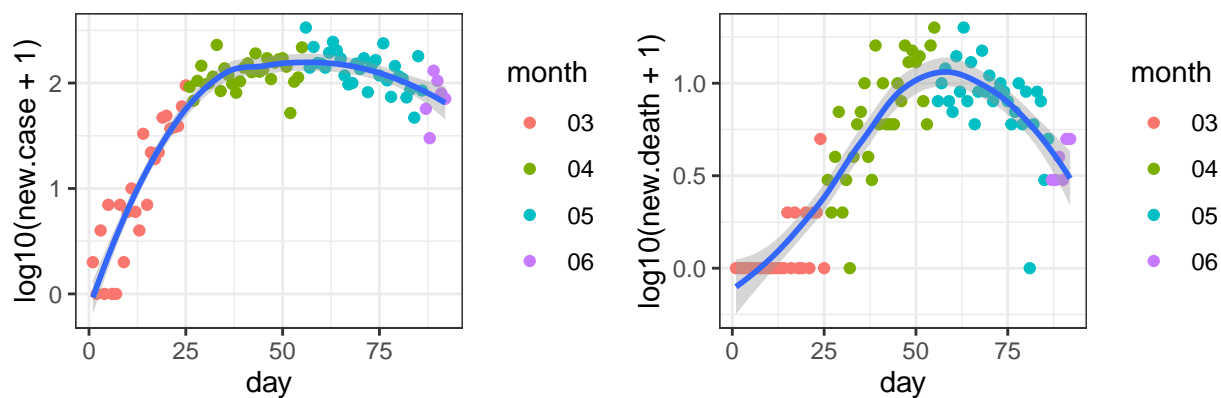
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Maricopa_Arizona



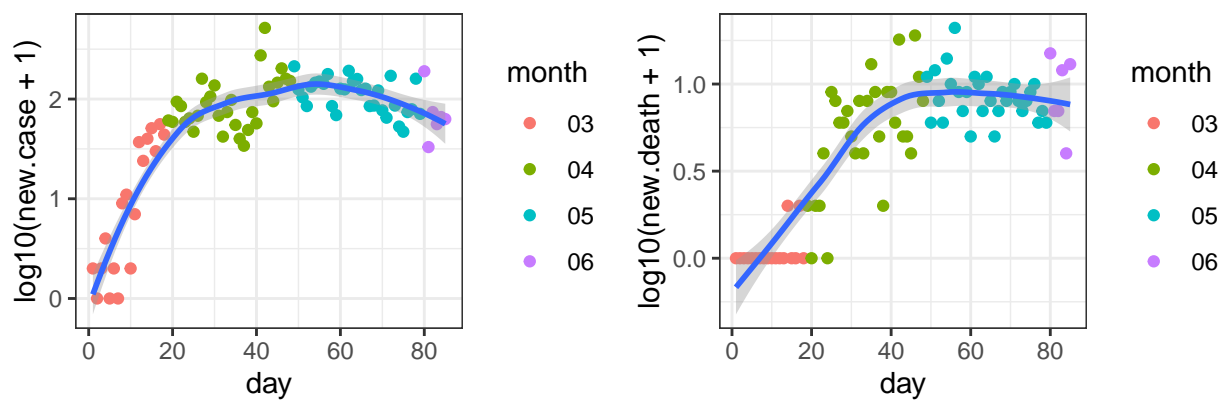
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District of Columbia_District of Columbia



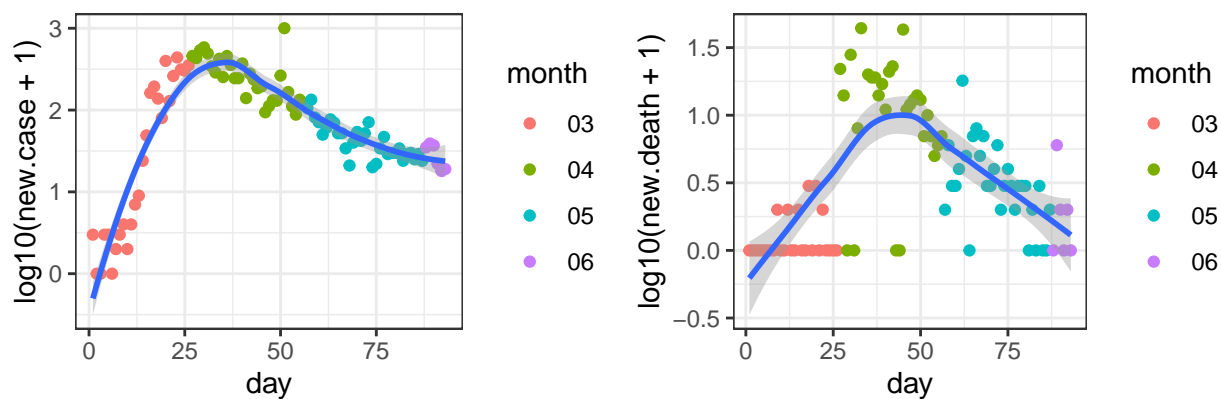
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Bristol_Massachusetts



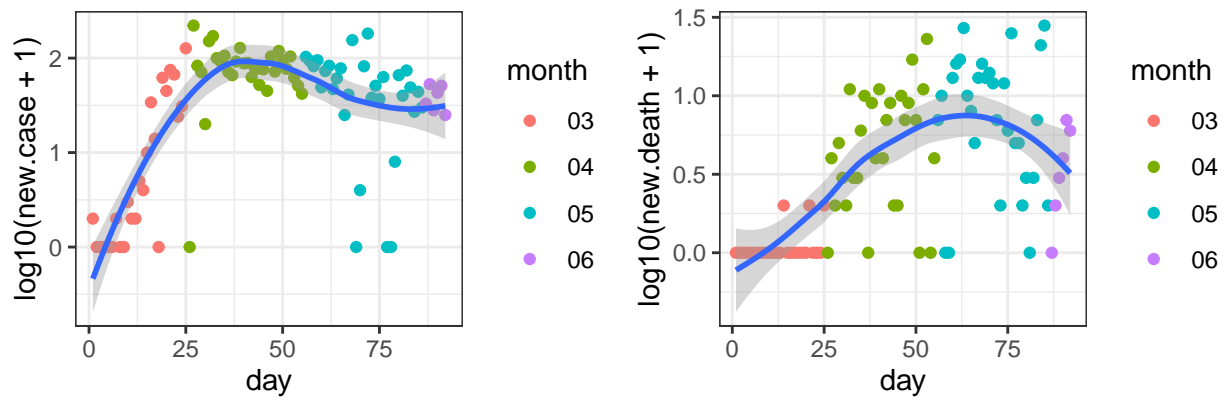
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Rockland_New York



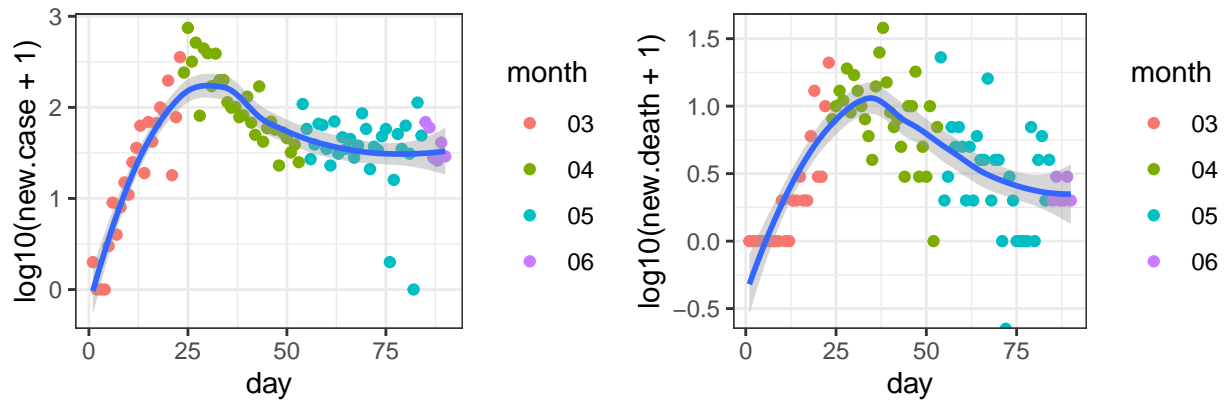
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St. Louis_Missouri



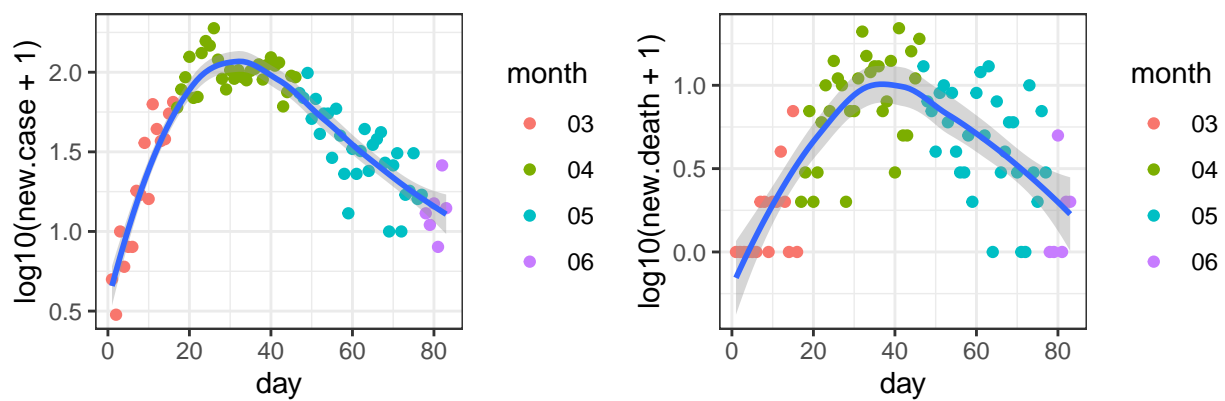
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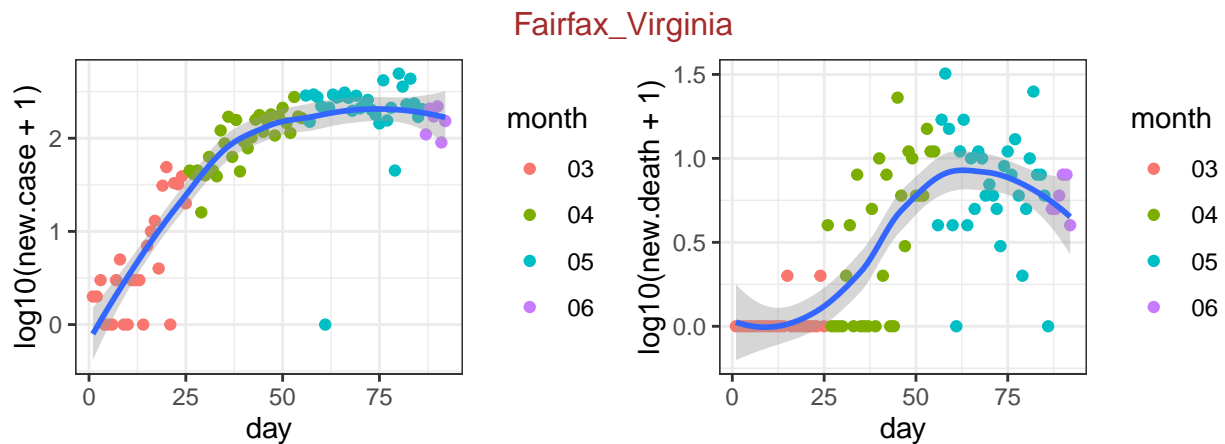


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Somerset_New Jersey



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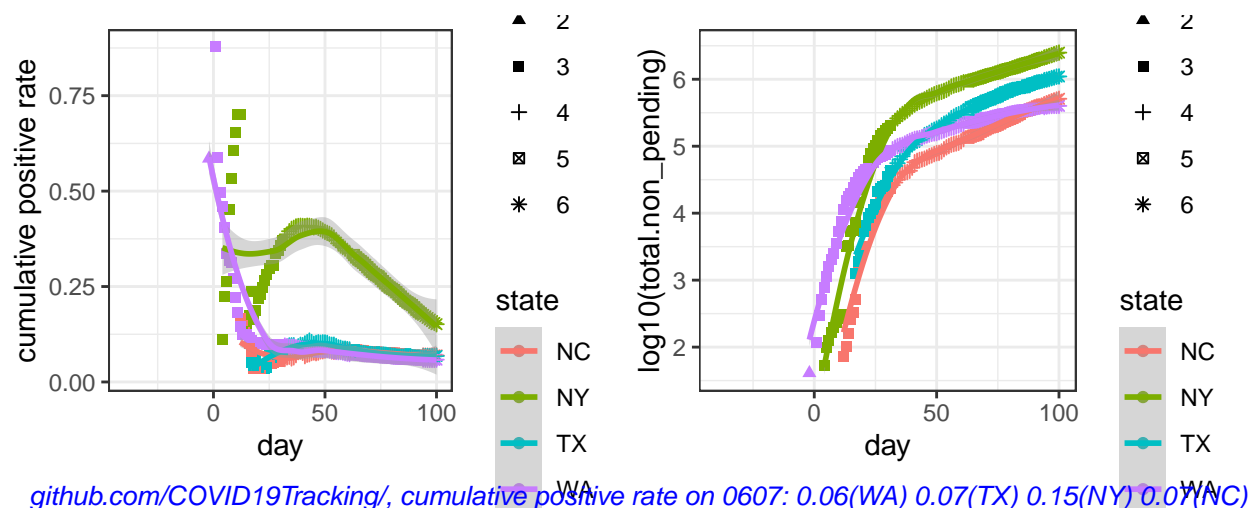


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COVID Tracking

The positive rates of testing can be an indicator on how much the COVID-19 has spread. However, they are more noisy data since the negative testing results are often not reported and the tests are almost surely taken on a non-representative random sample of the population. The COVID tracking project provides a grade per state: “If you are calculating positive rates, it should only be with states that have an A grade. And be careful going back in time because almost all the states have changed their level of reporting at different times.” (<https://covidtracking.com/about-tracker/>). The data are also available for both counties and states, here I only look at state level data.

Since the daily positive rate can fluctuate a lot, here I only illustrate the cumulative positive rate across time, for four states with grade A data. Of course since this is an R markdown file, you can modify the source code and check for other states.



github.com/COVID19Tracking/, cumulative positive rate on 0607: 0.06(WA) 0.07(TX) 0.15(NY) 0.07(NC)

Session information

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