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 Trackng (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

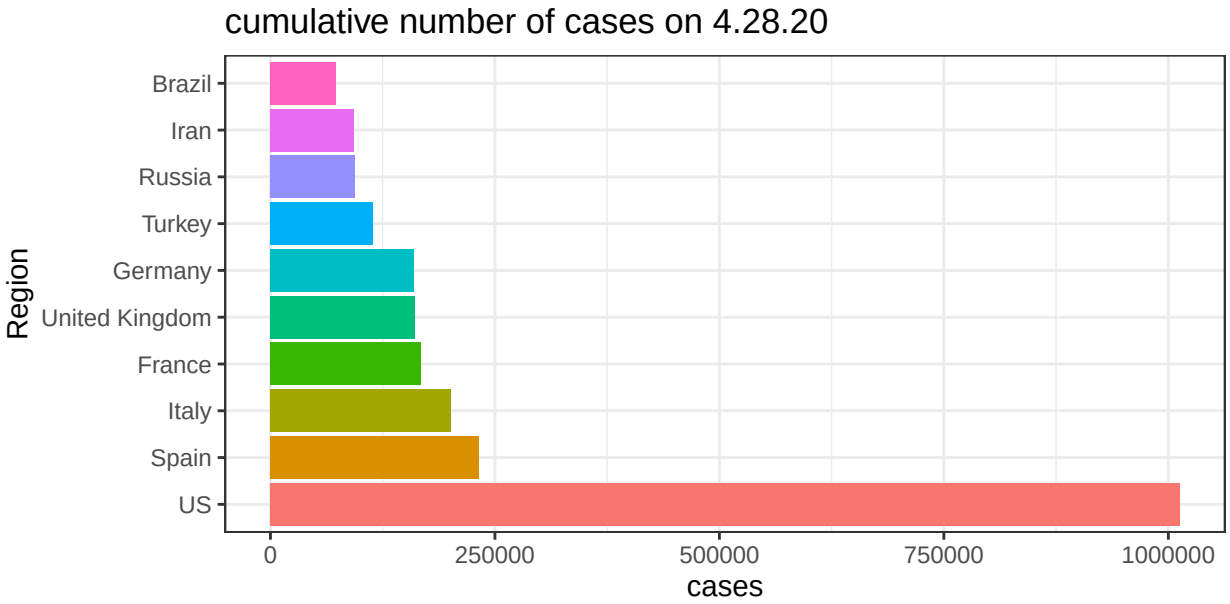
JHU

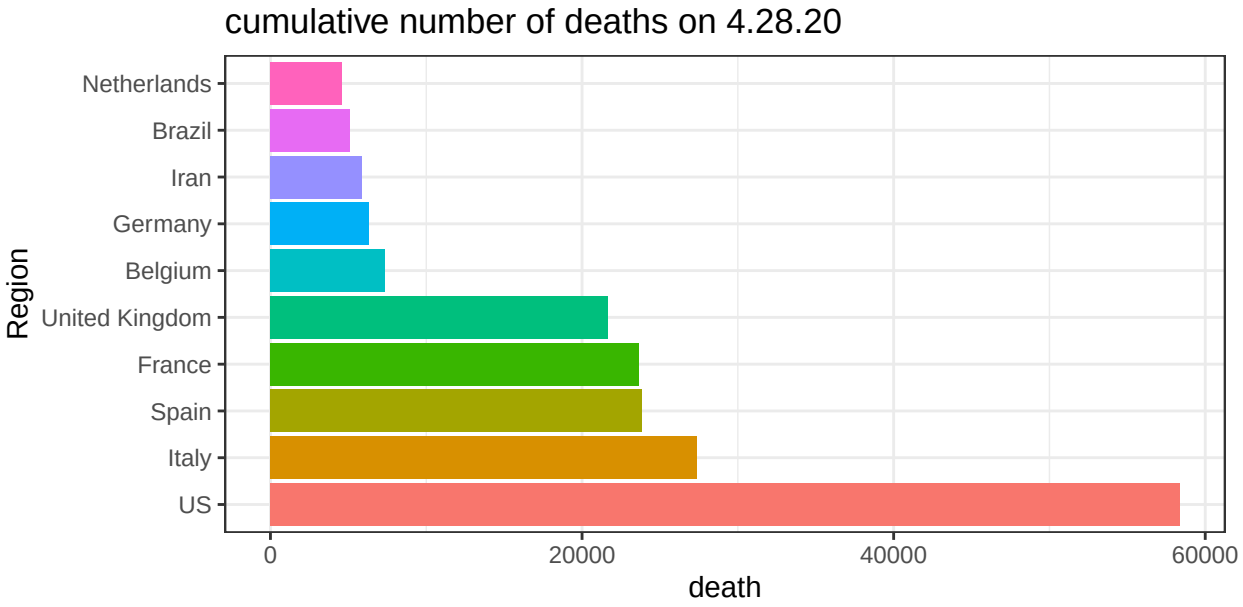
Assume you have cloned the JHU Github repository on your local machine at "../COVID-19".

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.

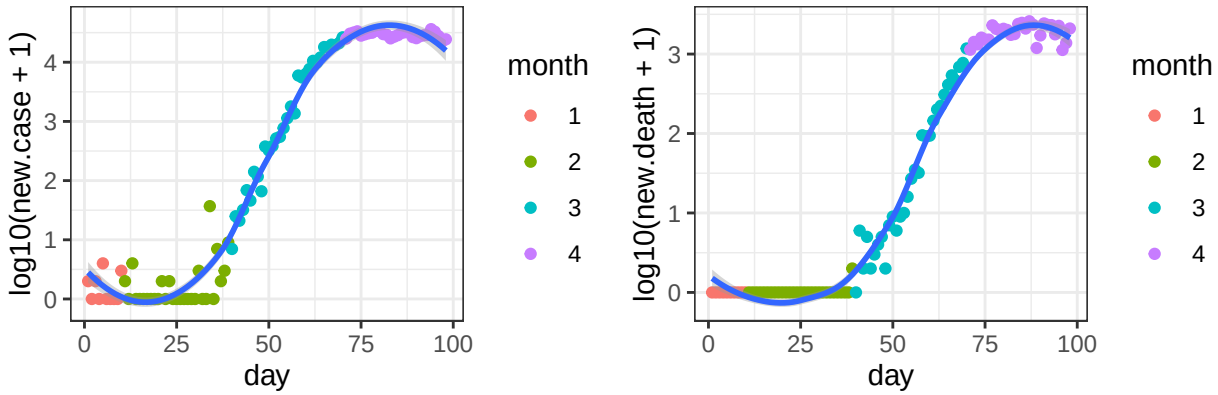
Here is the list of 10 records with the largest number of cases or deaths on the most recent date.





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.

US



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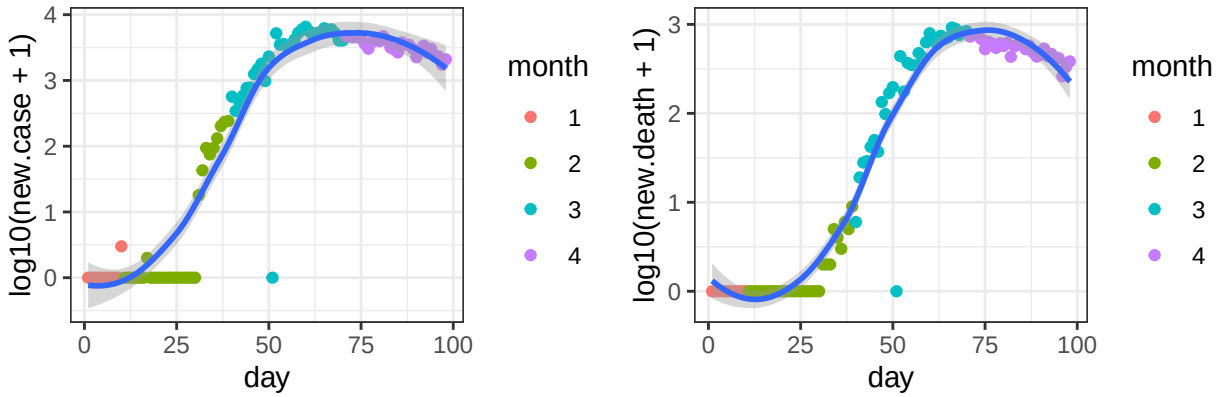
Italy



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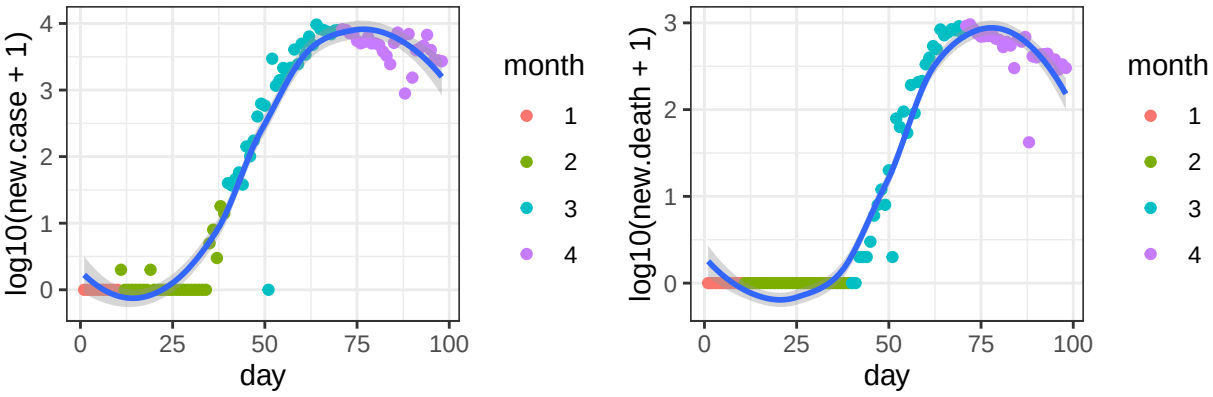

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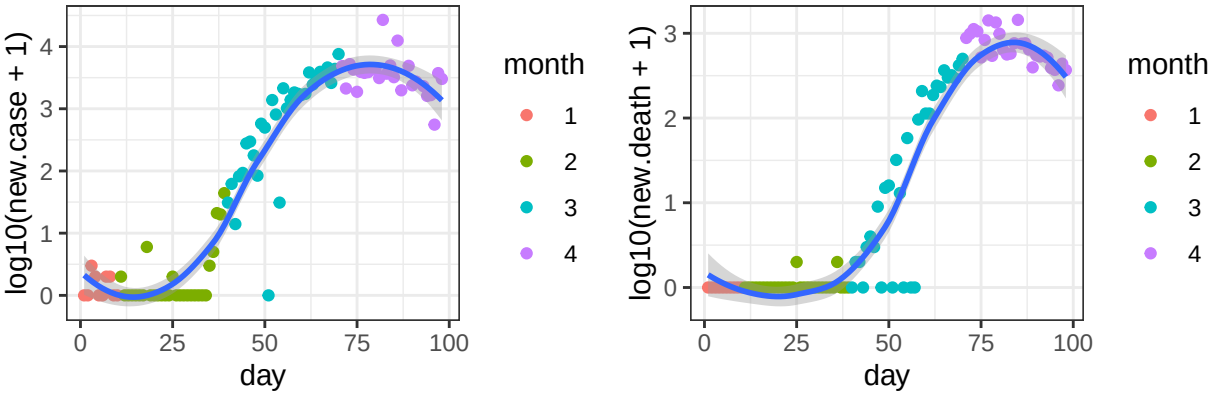

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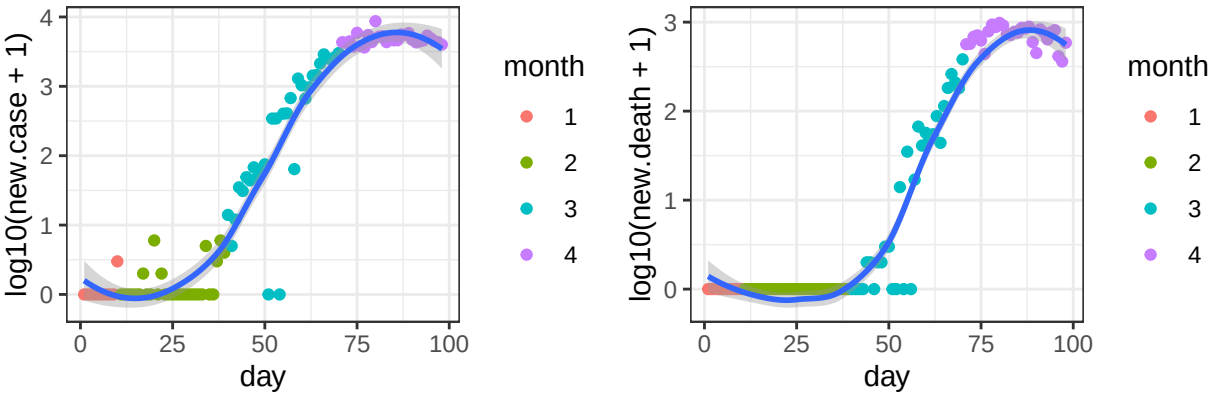

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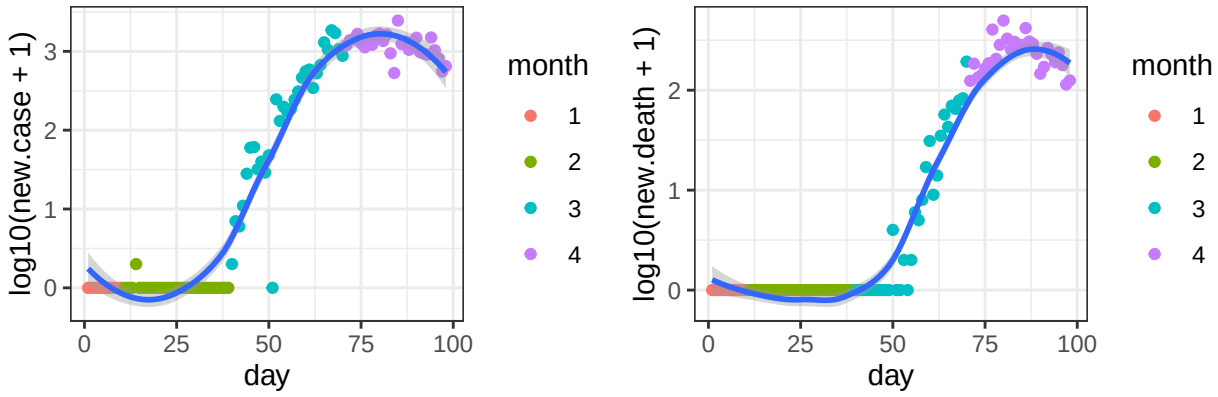

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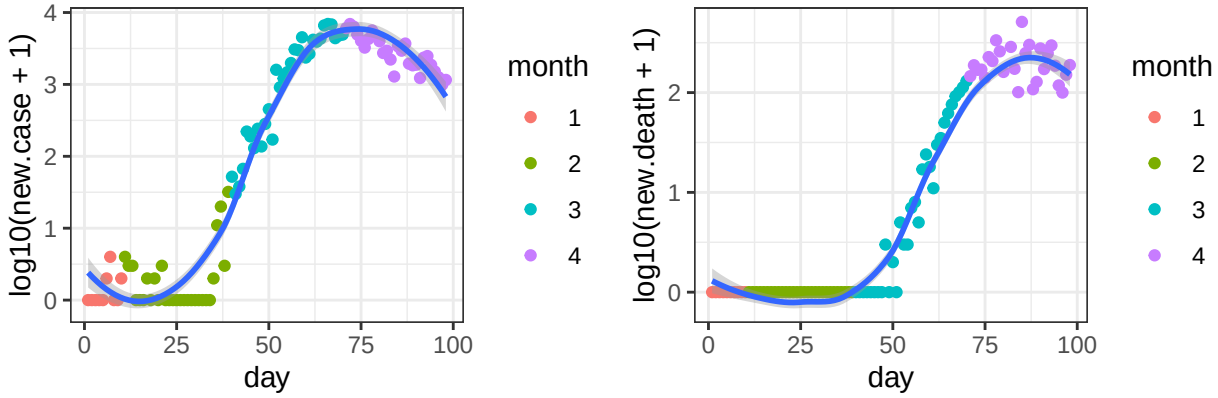

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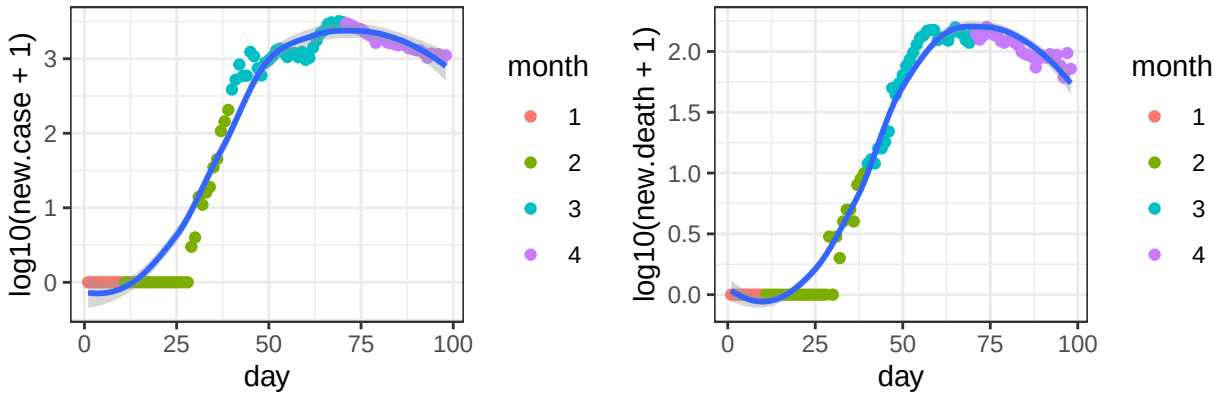
Iran



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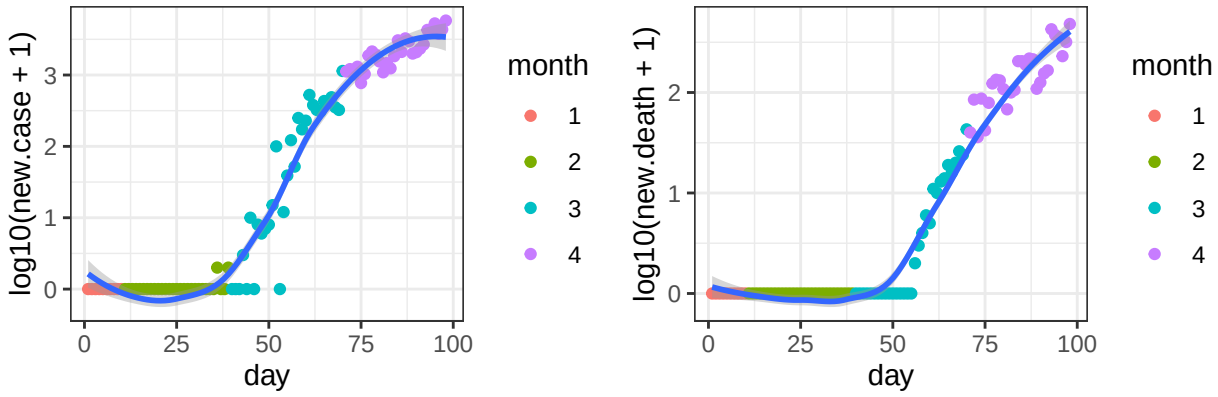

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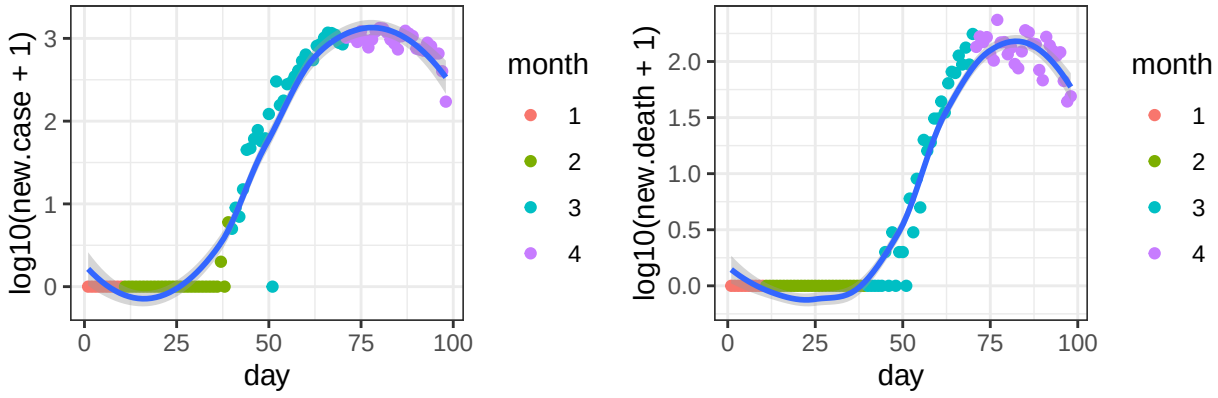

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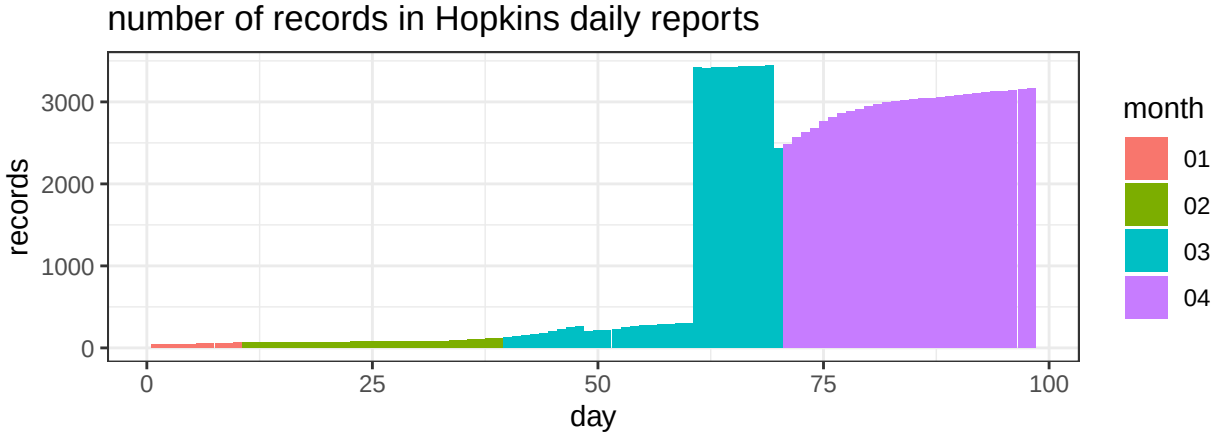
daily reports data

The raw data from Hopkins are in the format of daily reports with one file per day. More recent files (since March 22nd) inlcude 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.



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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 currente date is

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## [1] "2020-04-27"
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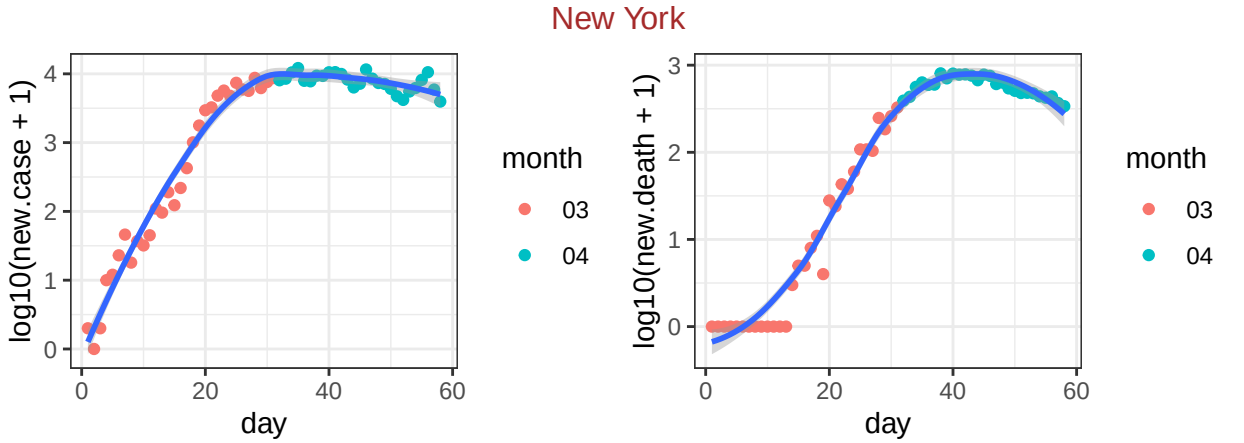
state level data

First check the 20 states with the largest number of deaths.

```
##            date          state fips  cases deaths
## 3073 2020-04-27       New York   36 292027  17303
## 3071 2020-04-27     New Jersey   34 111188   6044
## 3063 2020-04-27       Michigan   26  38190   3406
## 3062 2020-04-27  Massachusetts   25  56462   3003
## 3046 2020-04-27    Connecticut    9  25997   2012
## 3054 2020-04-27       Illinois   17  45883   1992
## 3080 2020-04-27   Pennsylvania   42  43728   1946
## 3044 2020-04-27     California    6  45208   1800
## 3059 2020-04-27      Louisiana   22  27068   1697
## 3049 2020-04-27        Florida   12  32130   1087
## 3050 2020-04-27        Georgia   13  23229    981
## 3061 2020-04-27       Maryland   24  19487    858
## 3055 2020-04-27        Indiana   18  15961    844
## 3091 2020-04-27     Washington   53  13864    771
## 3077 2020-04-27           Ohio   39  16325    753
## 3045 2020-04-27       Colorado    8  13804    705
## 3086 2020-04-27          Texas   48  25960    699
## 3090 2020-04-27       Virginia   51  13535    458
## 3074 2020-04-27 North Carolina   37   9142    331
## 3066 2020-04-27       Missouri   29   7171    296
```

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.



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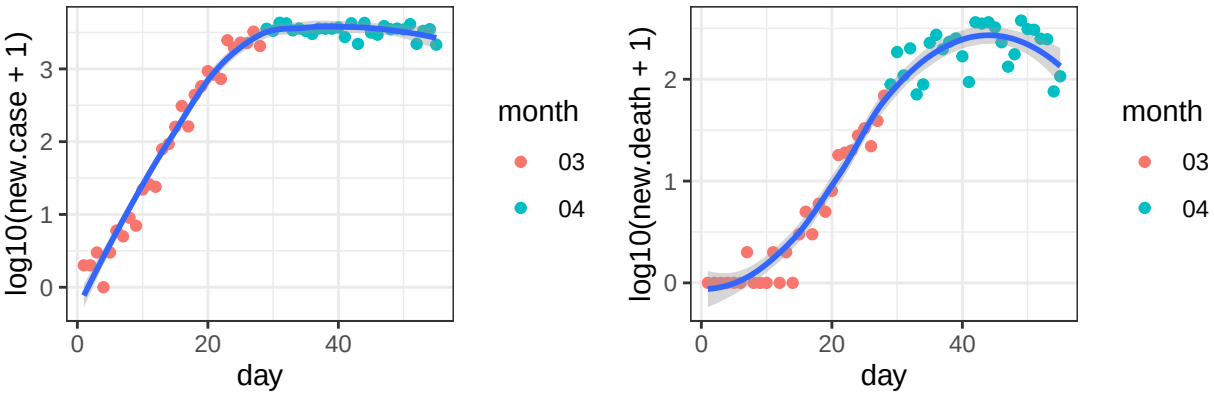
New Jersey



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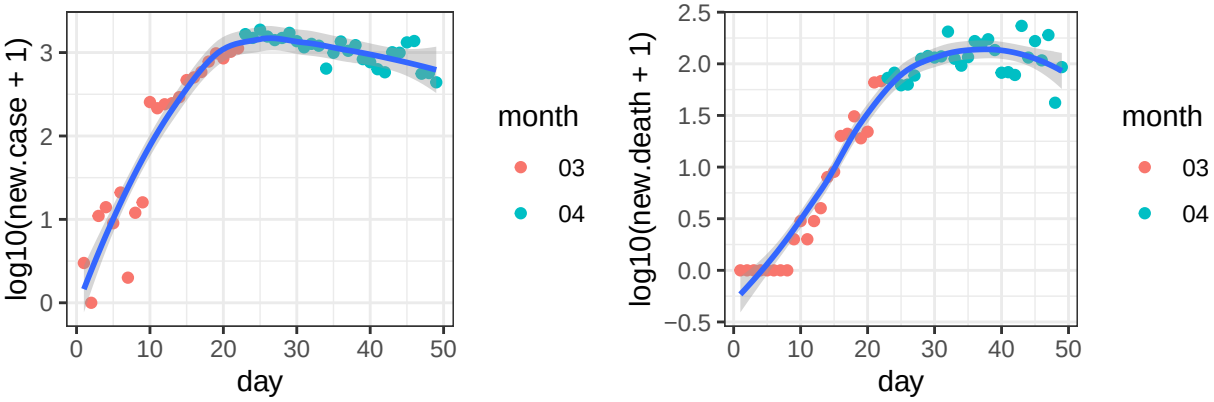

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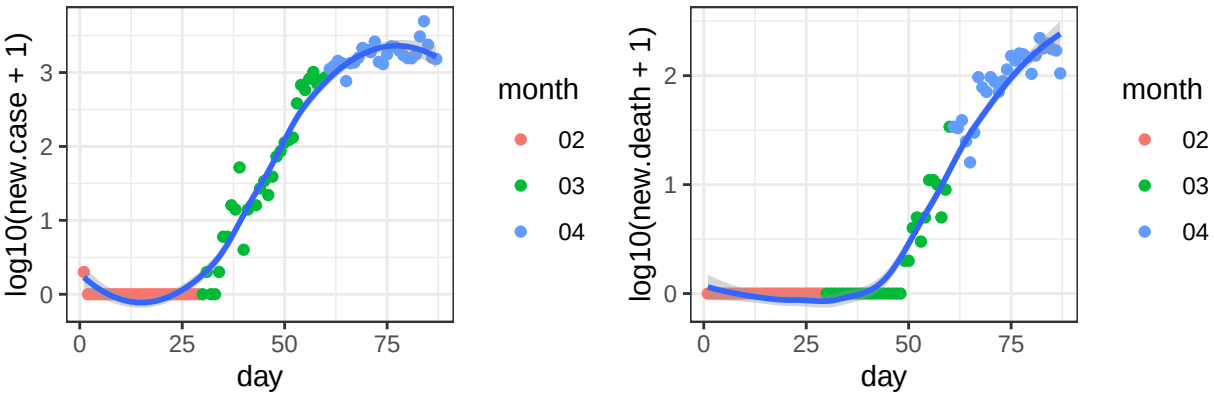
Massachusetts



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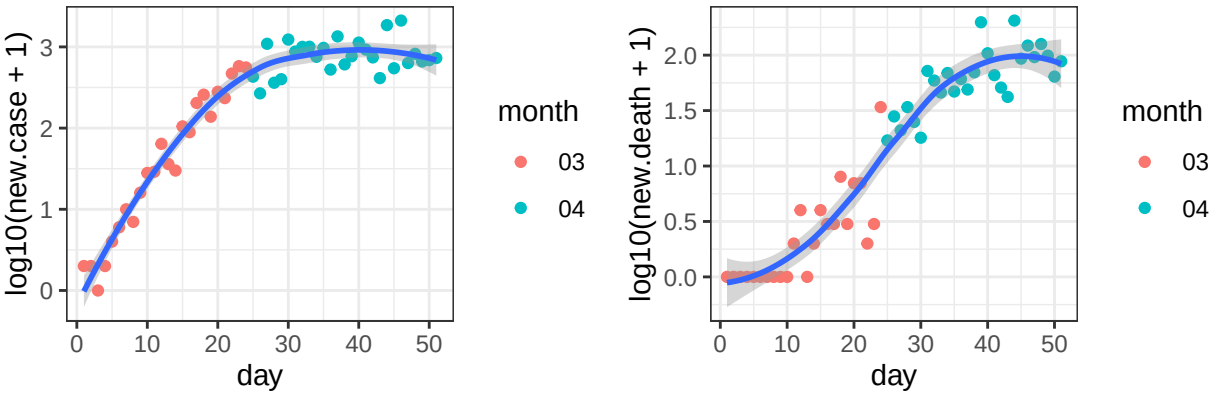
Connecticut



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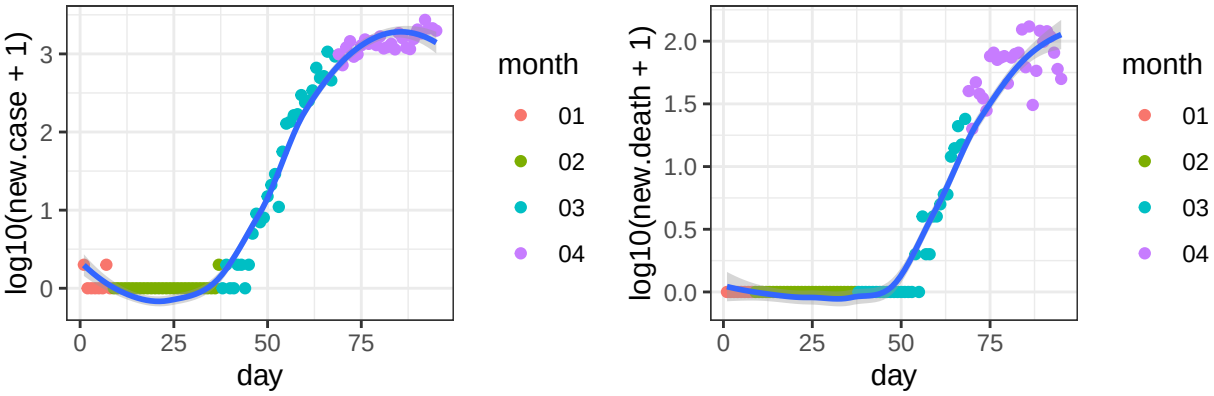

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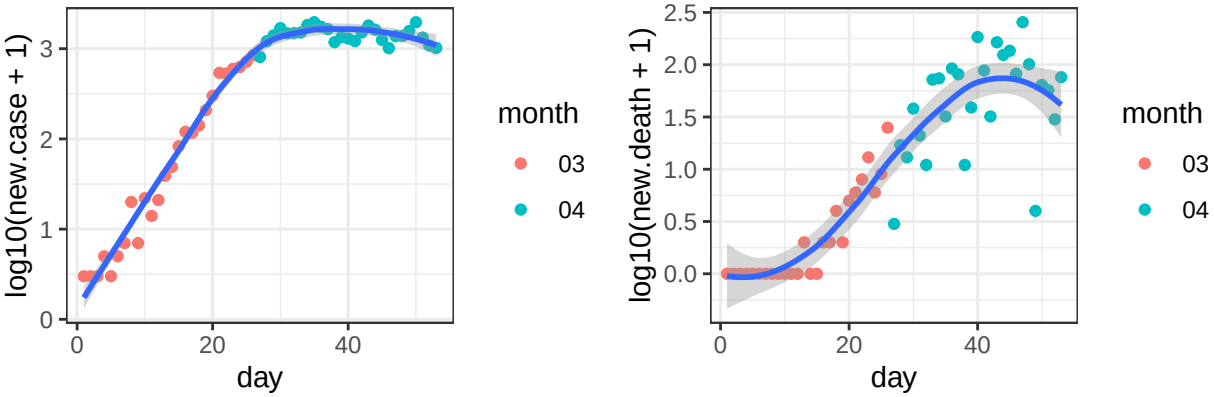

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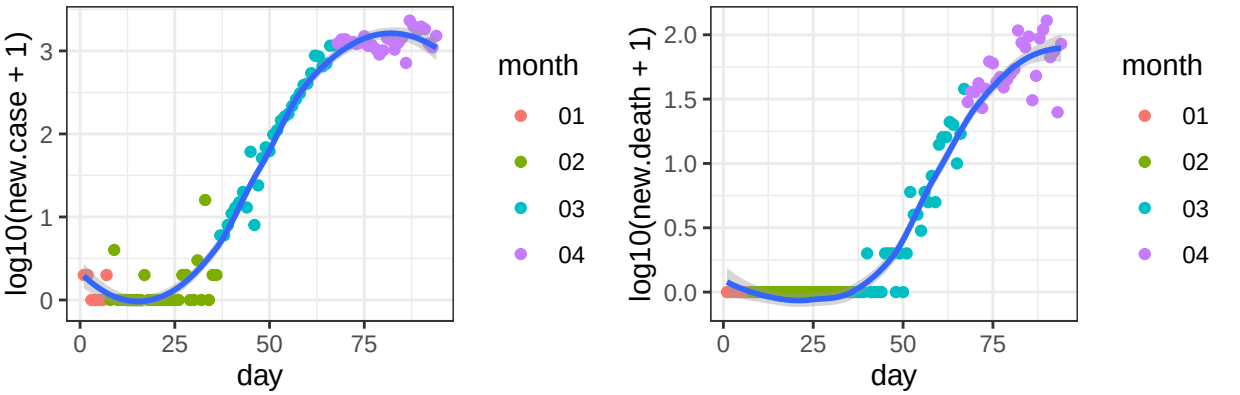

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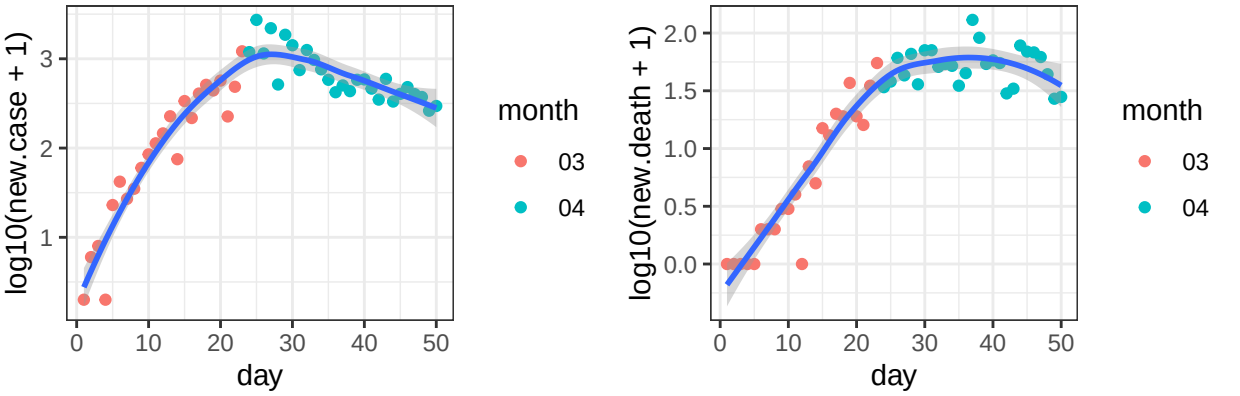

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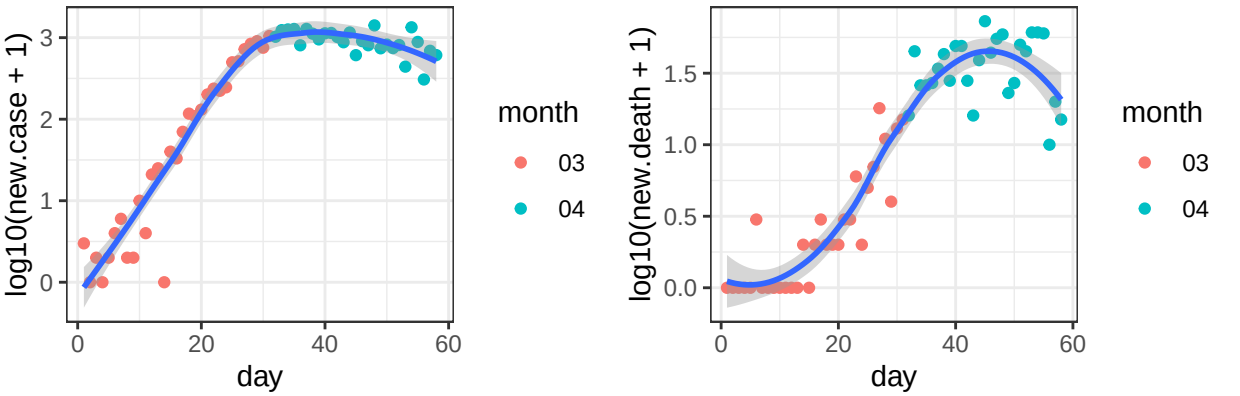

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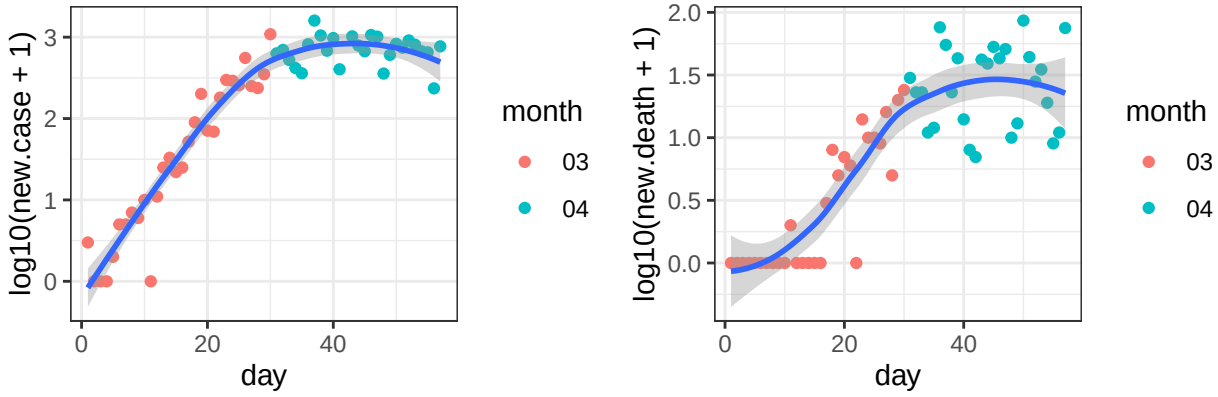
Georgia



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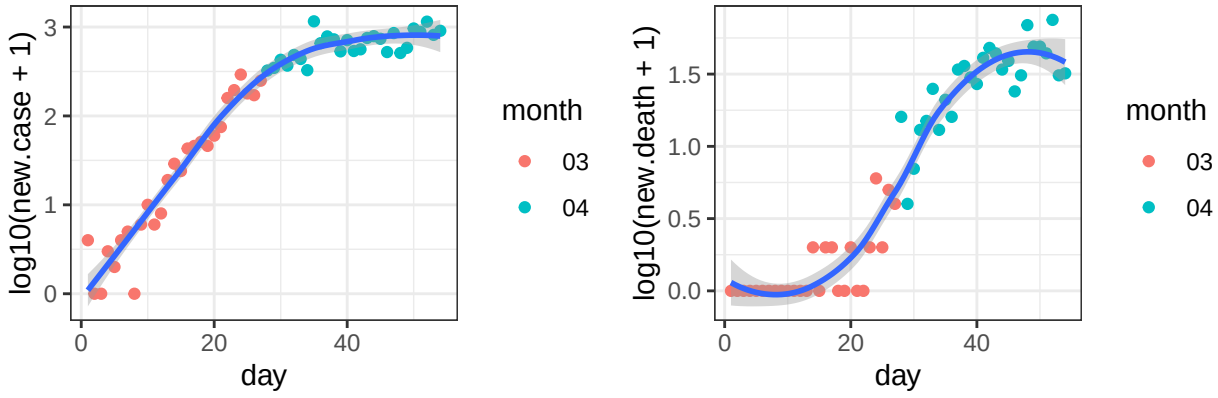
Maryland



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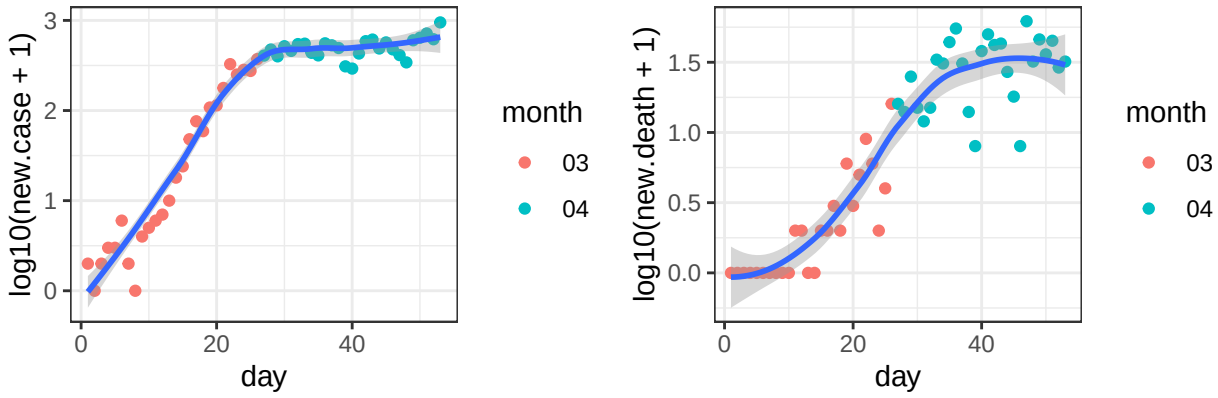

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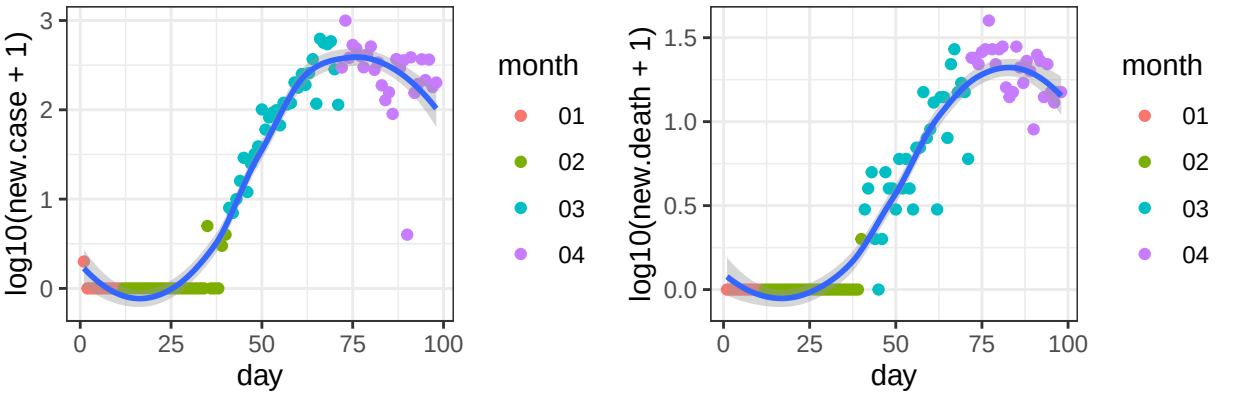
Washington



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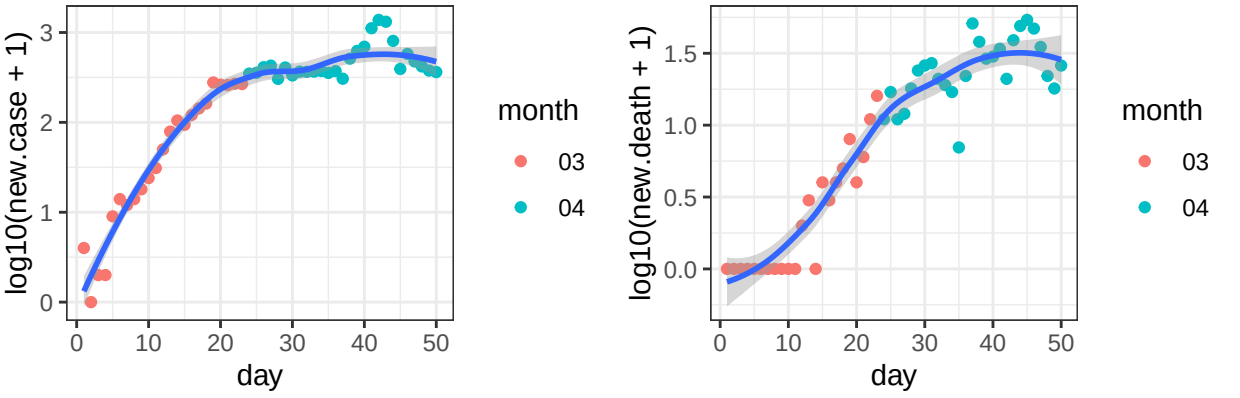
Ohio



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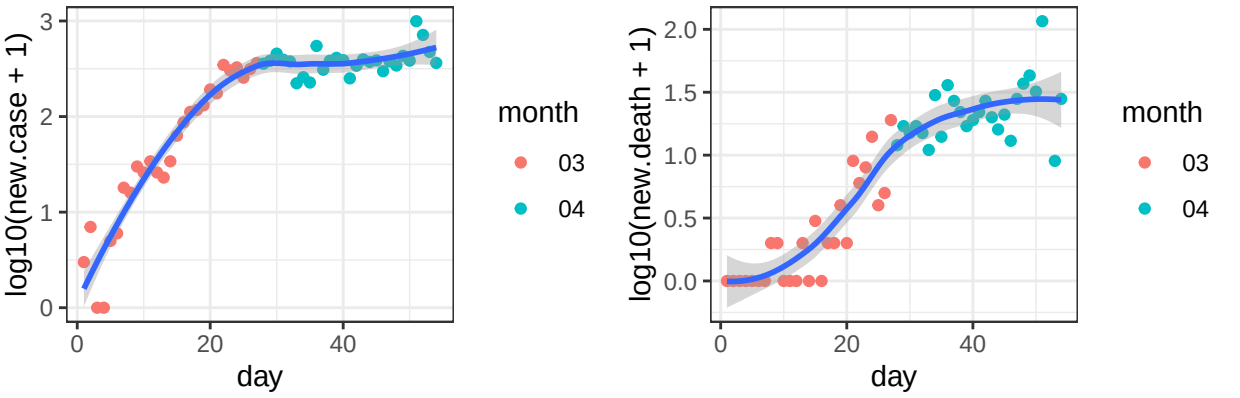

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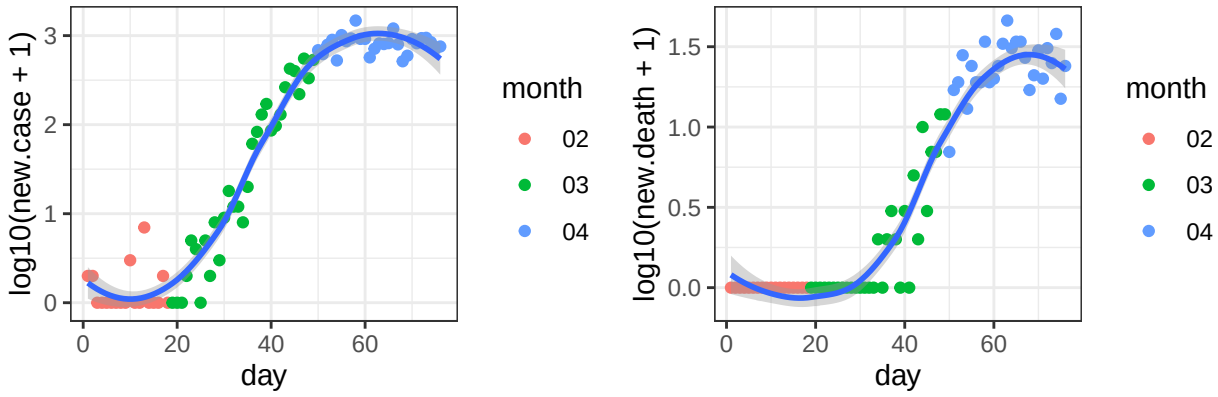

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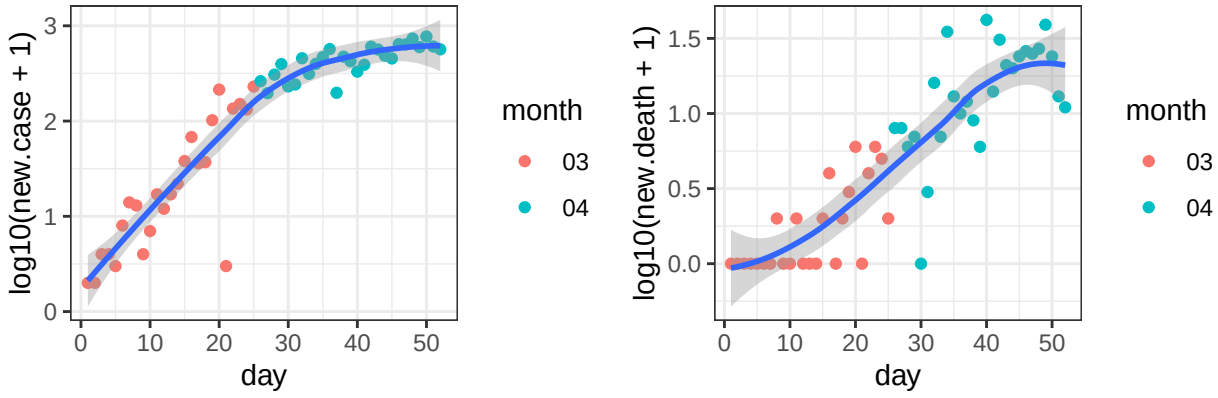
Virginia



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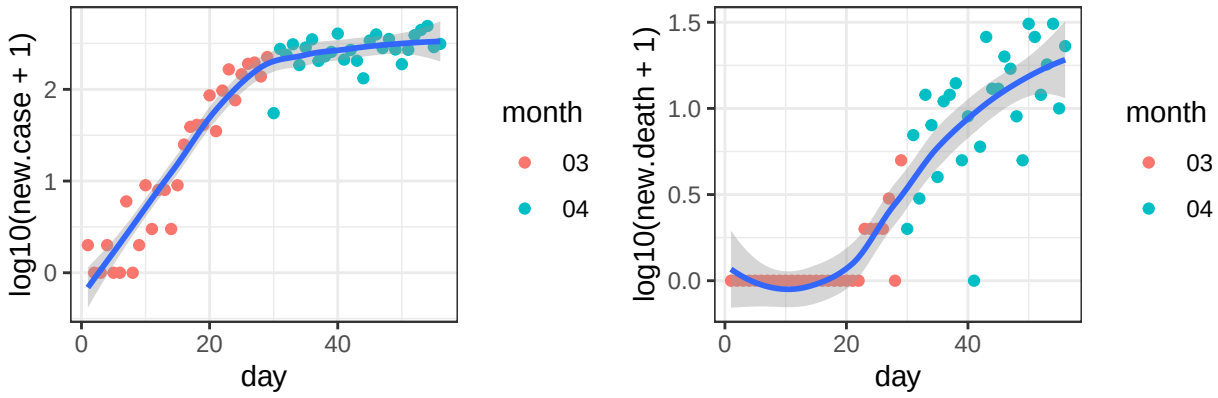

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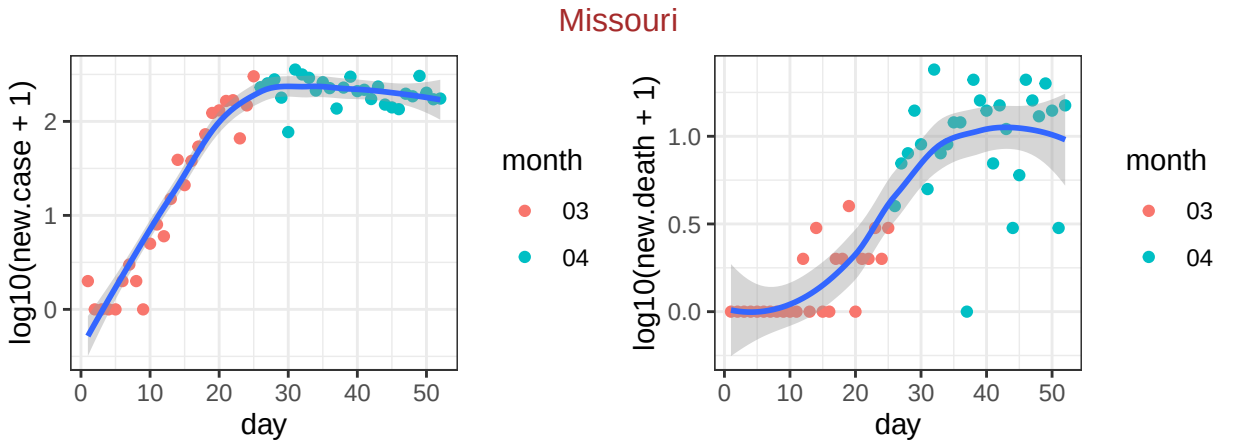

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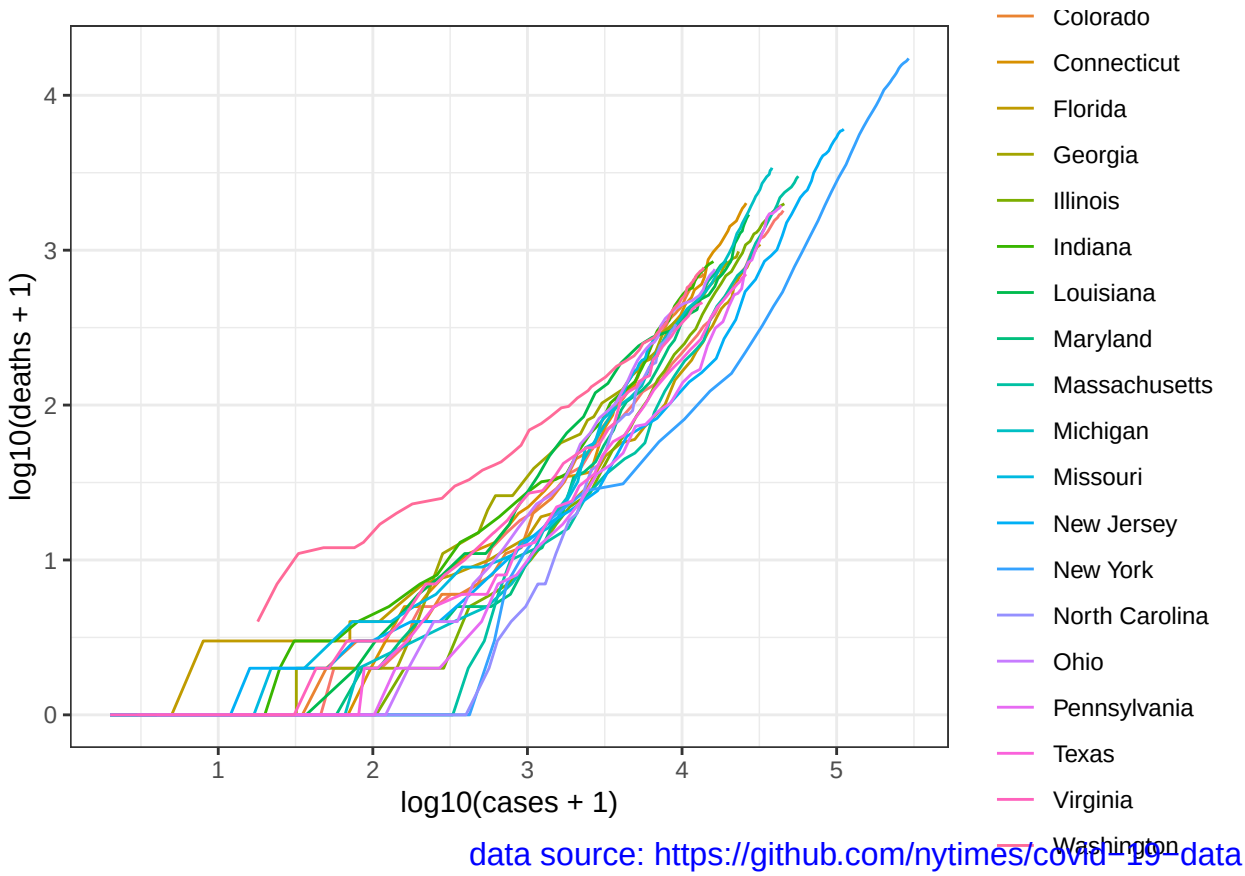
Next I check the relation between the **cumulative** number of cases and deaths for these 10 states, starting on March



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county level data

First check the 20 counties with the largest number of deaths.

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## 94265 2020-04-27 New York City    New York    NA 160499  11857
## 94264 2020-04-27        Nassau    New York 36059  34865   2003
## 93812 2020-04-27         Wayne    Michigan 26163  15872   1622
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## 93163 2020-04-27          Cook      Illinois 17031  31953   1347
## 94284 2020-04-27       Suffolk      New York 36103  32470   1147
## 94292 2020-04-27   Westchester      New York 36119  28007   1077
## 94191 2020-04-27         Essex    New Jersey 34013  13047   1028
## 94186 2020-04-27        Bergen    New Jersey 34003  15104    960
## 92777 2020-04-27   Los Angeles    California  6037  20417    942
## 92871 2020-04-27     Fairfield   Connecticut  9001  10763    727
## 93727 2020-04-27     Middlesex Massachusetts 25017  12953    700
## 94193 2020-04-27        Hudson    New Jersey 34017  13925    673
## 93793 2020-04-27       Oakland      Michigan 26125   6913    631
## 92872 2020-04-27      Hartford   Connecticut  9003   5157    612
## 94204 2020-04-27         Union    New Jersey 34039  12011    583
## 93780 2020-04-27        Macomb      Michigan 26099   5245    527
## 94664 2020-04-27  Philadelphia  Pennsylvania 42101  12868    484
## 92875 2020-04-27     New Haven   Connecticut  9009   6993    456
## 94196 2020-04-27     Middlesex    New Jersey 34023  10767    455
## 93731 2020-04-27       Suffolk Massachusetts 25025  11883    448
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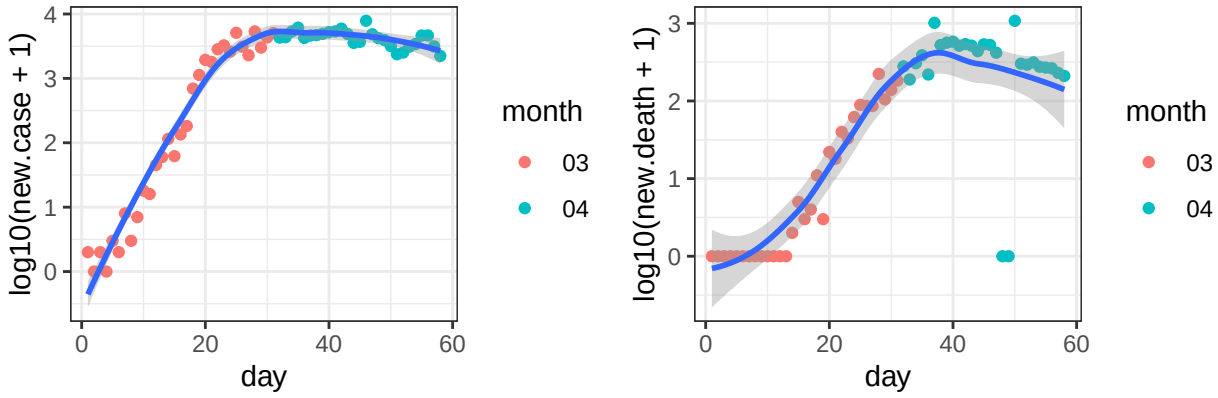
For these 20 counties, I check the number of new cases and the number of new deaths.

New York City_New York



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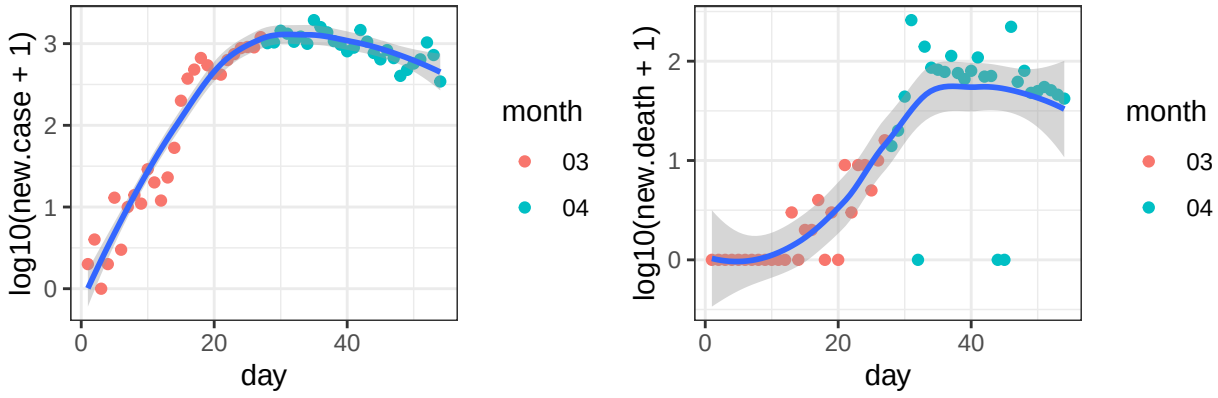
Nassau_New York



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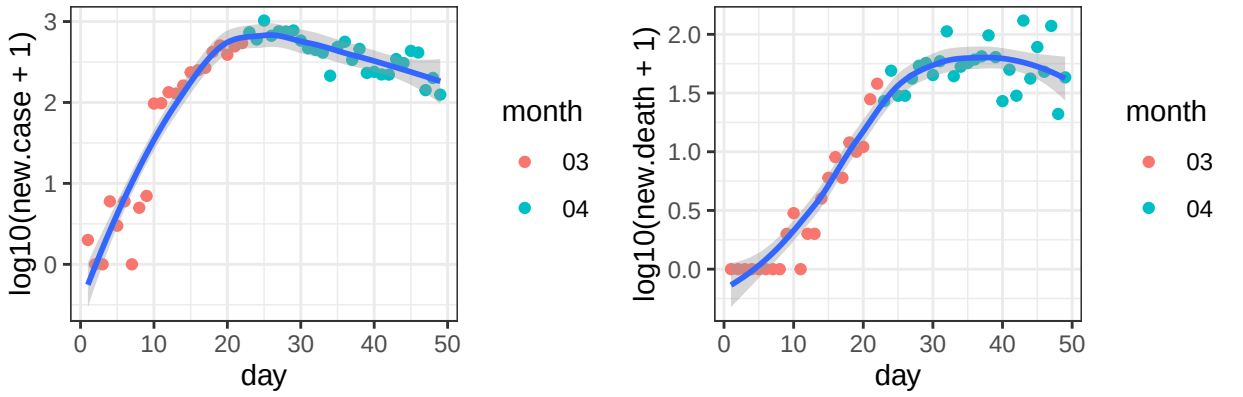
Wayne_Michigan



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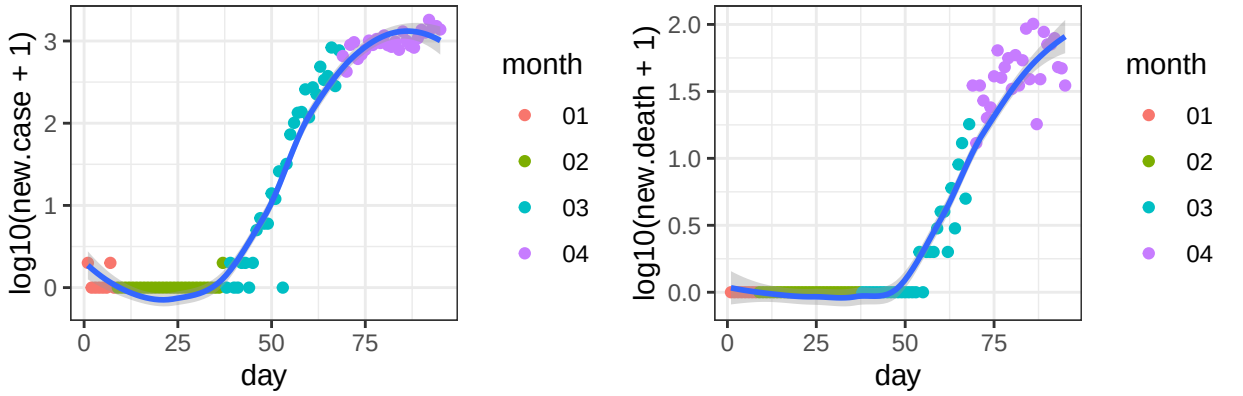
Cook_Illinois



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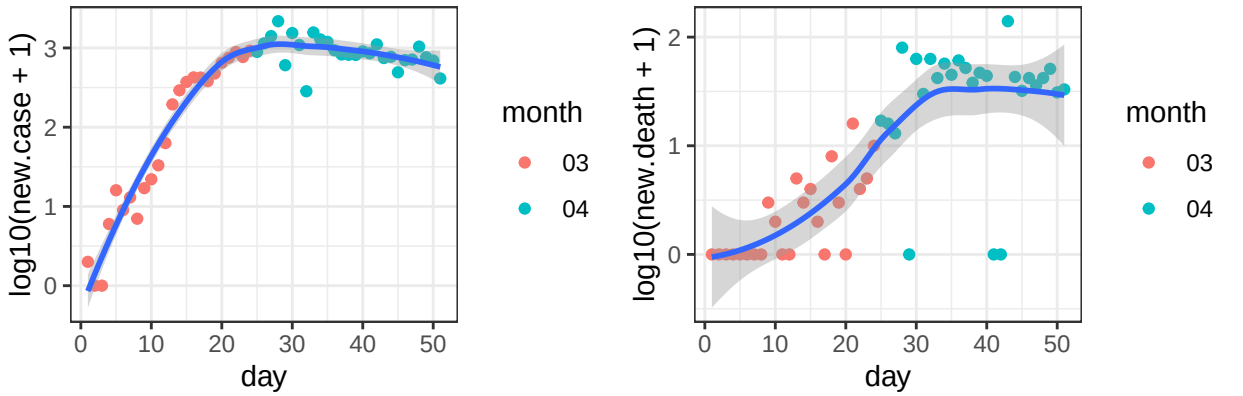
Suffolk_New York



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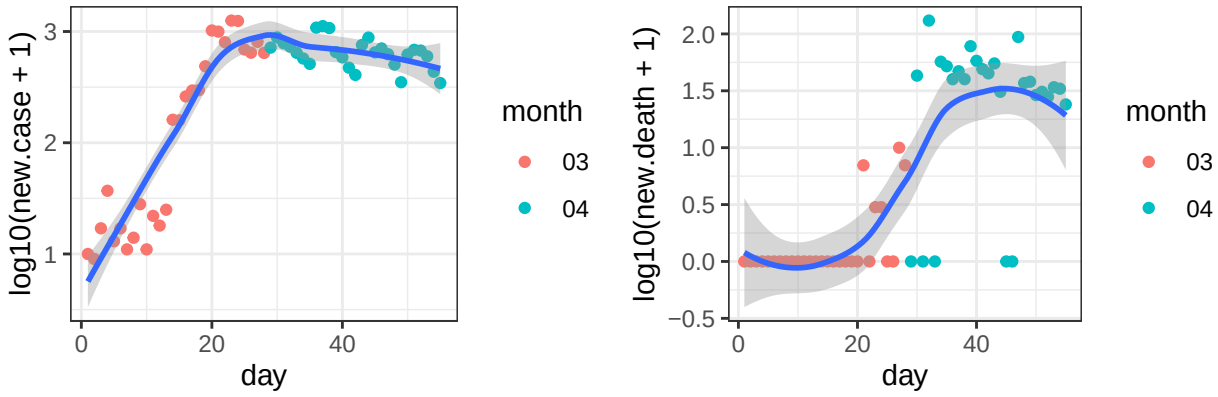
Westchester_New York



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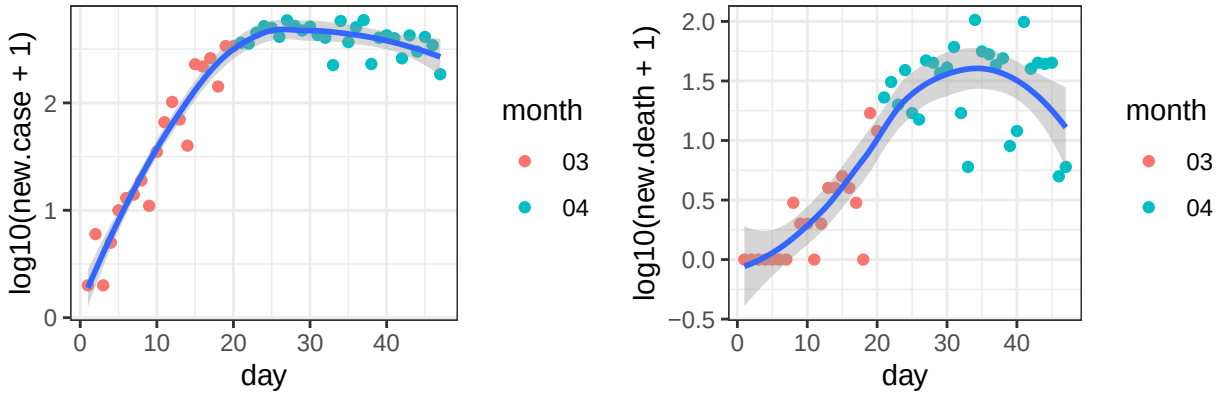

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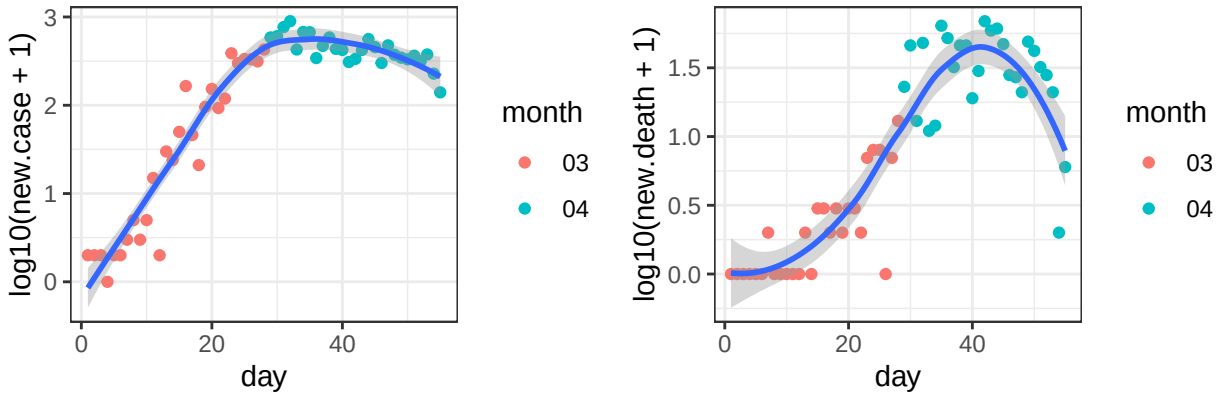

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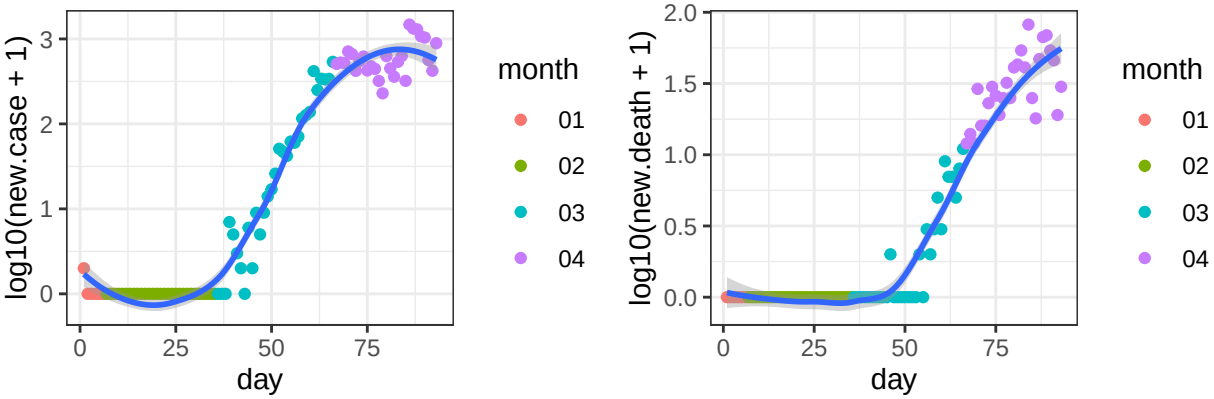

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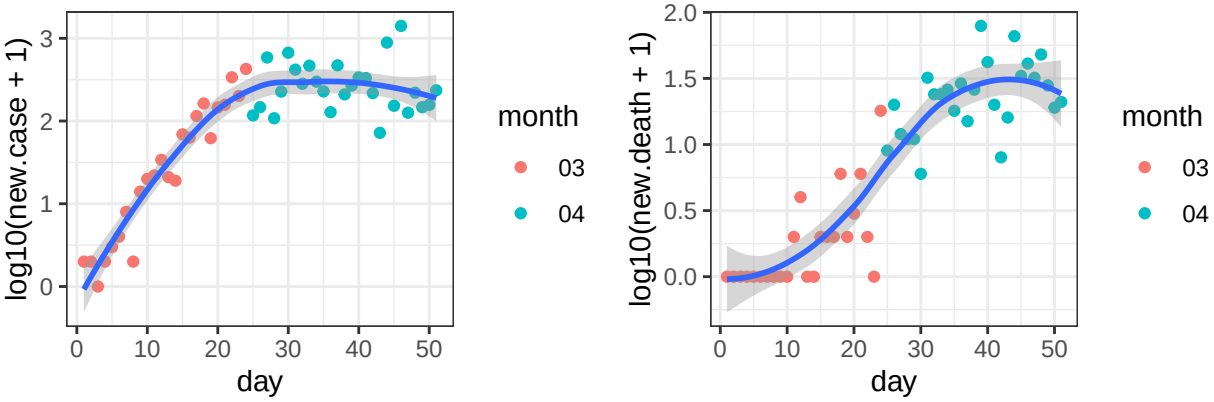

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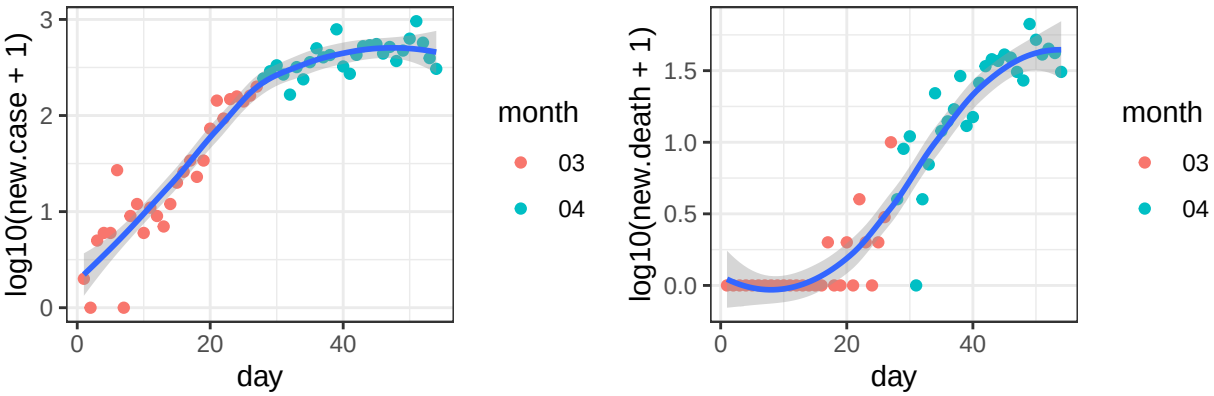

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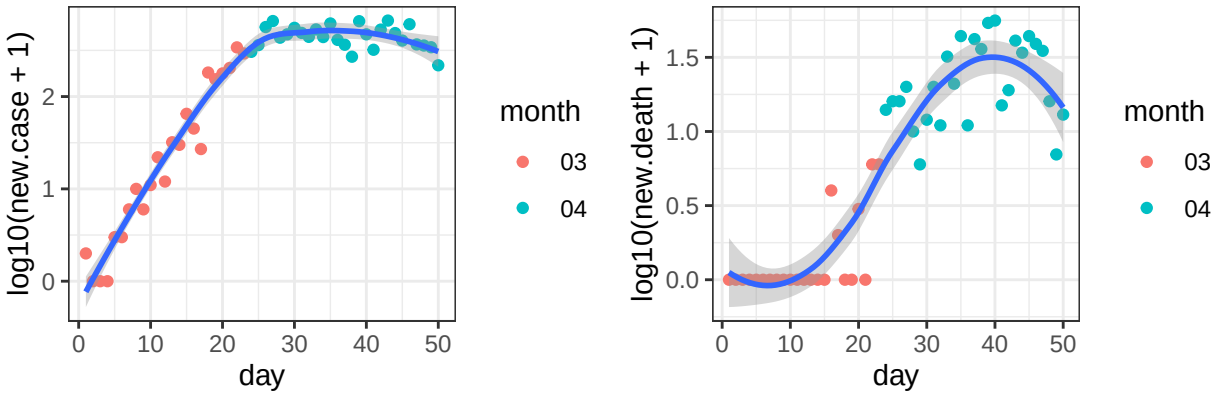

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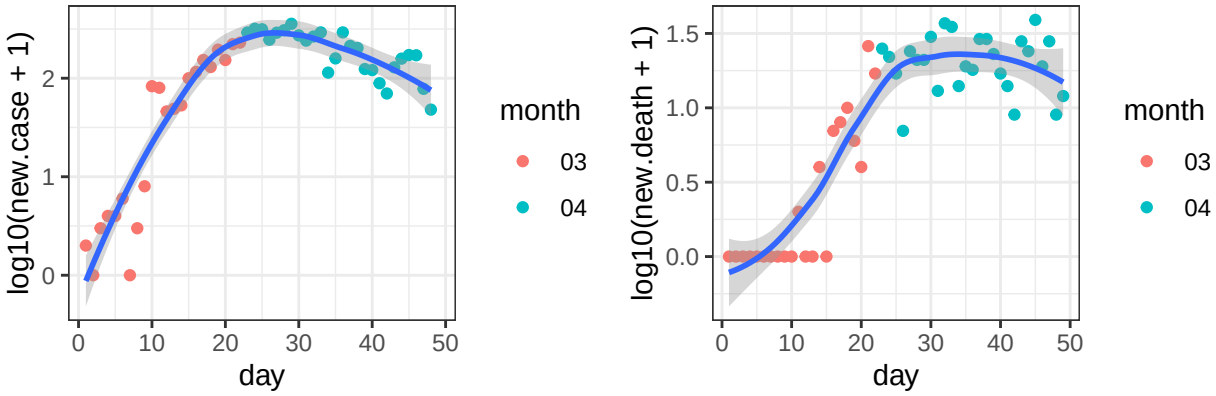

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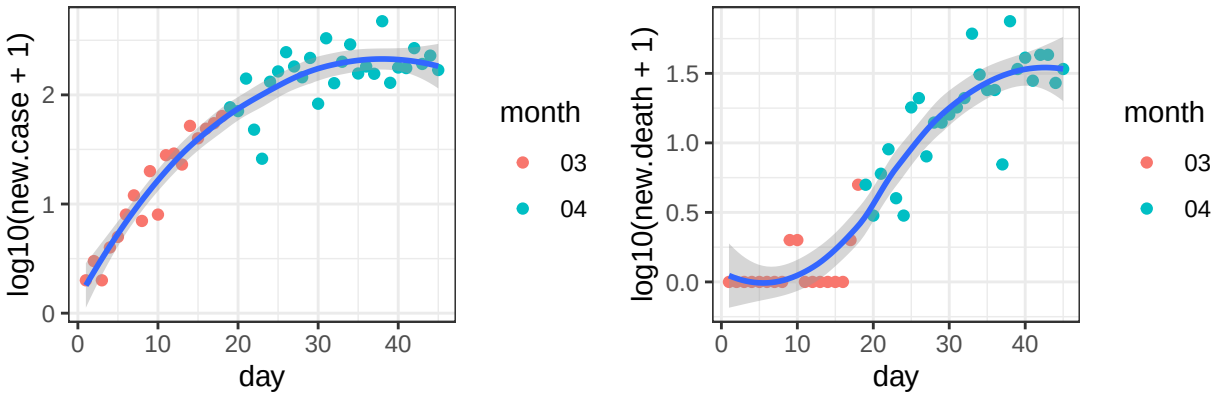

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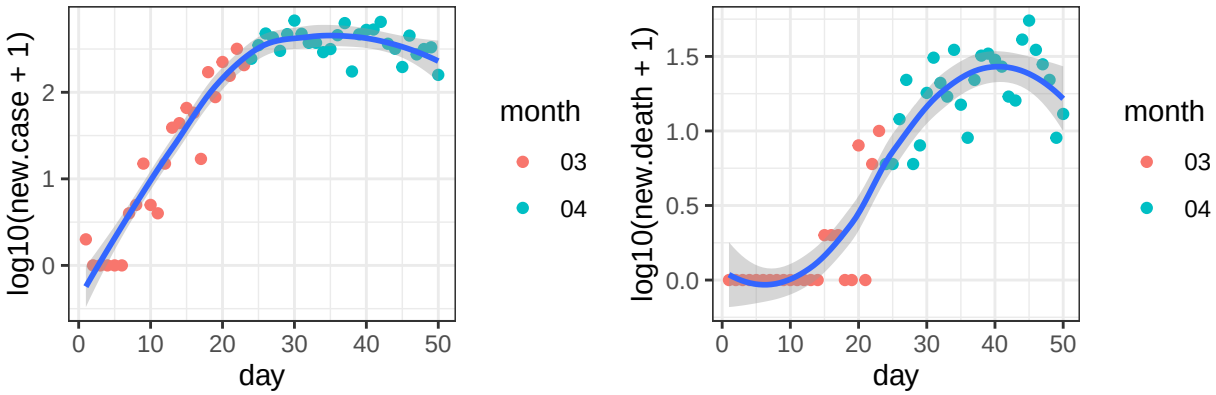

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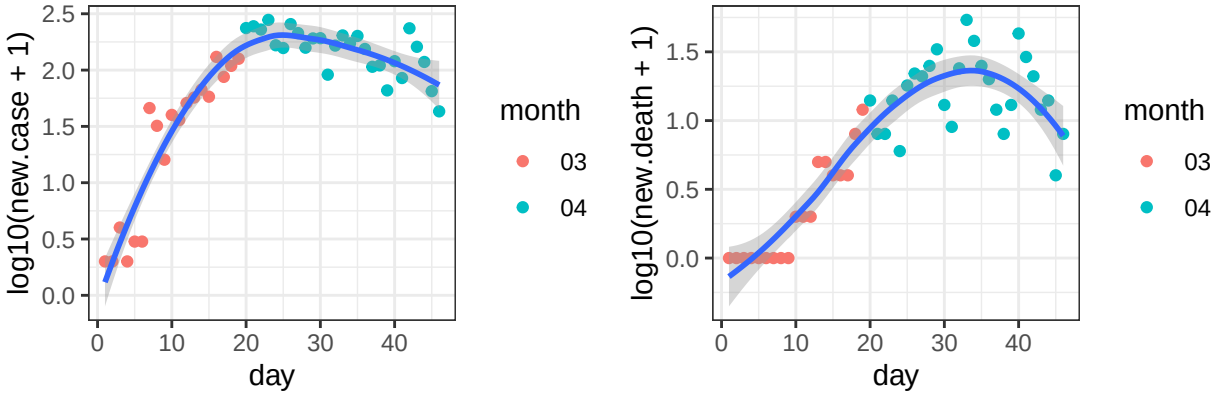

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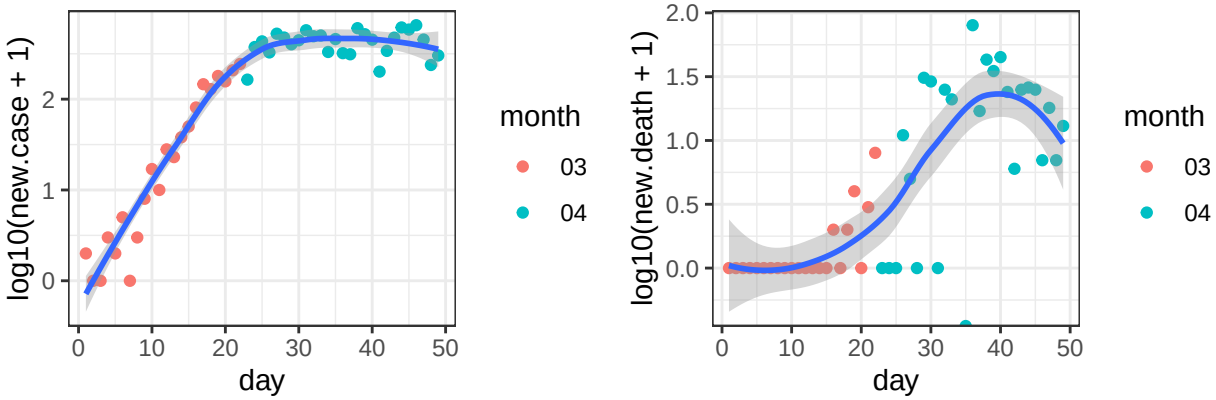

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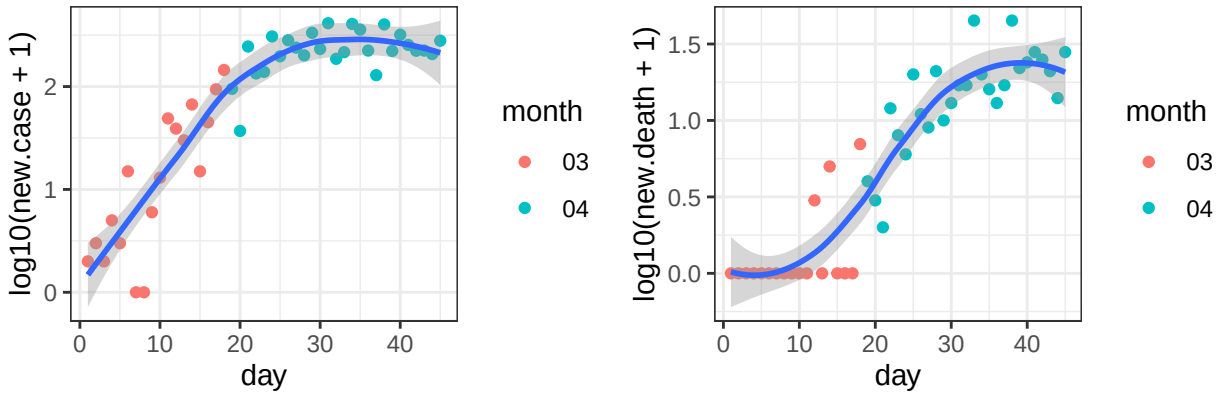

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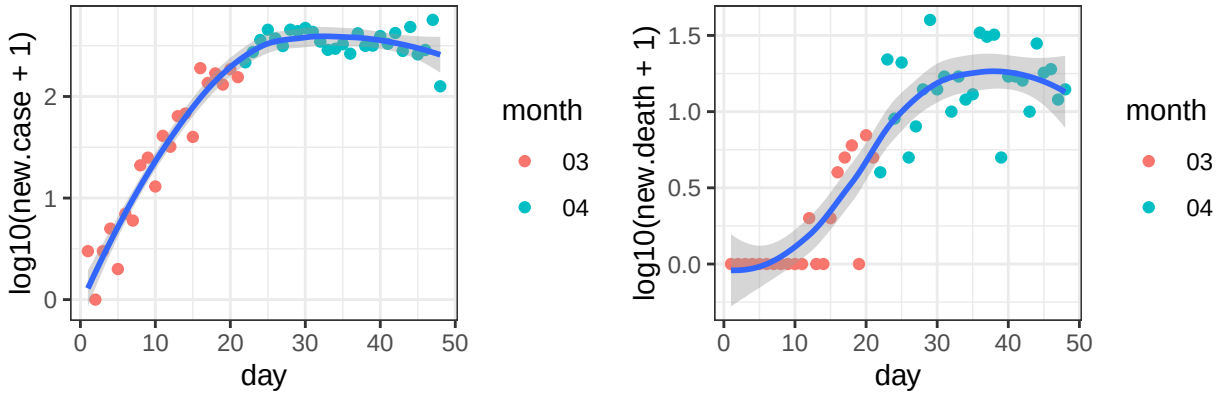

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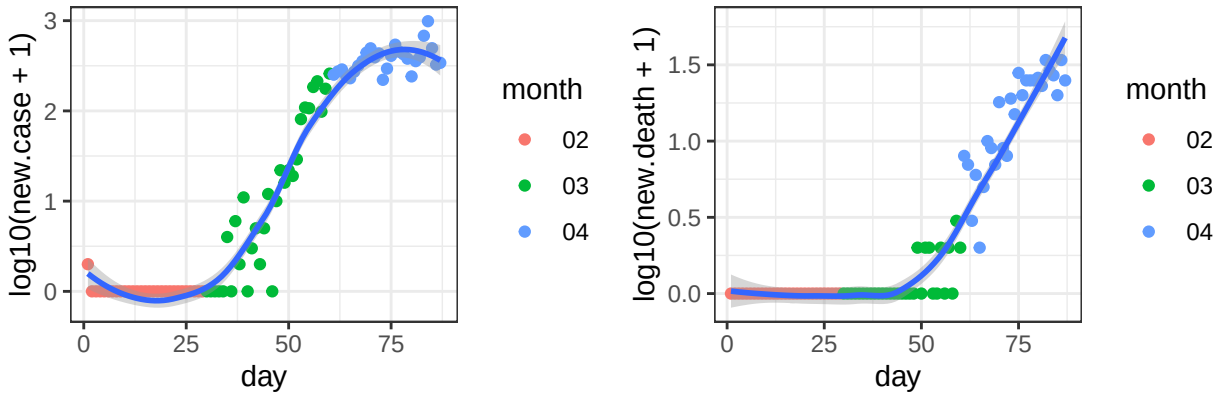

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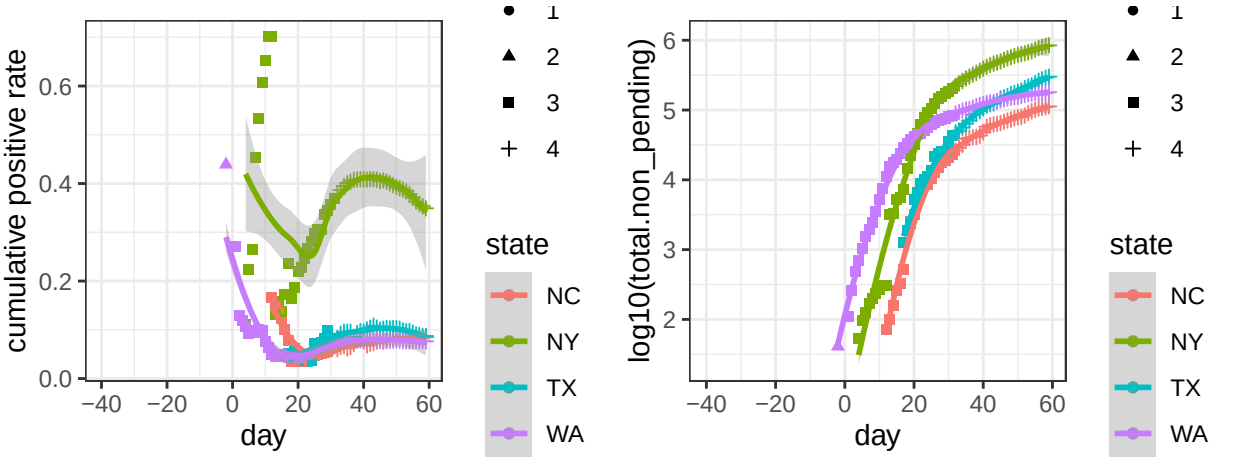
COVID Trackng

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 resutls are often not reported and the tests are almost surely taken on a non-representative random sample of the population. The COVID traking project proides 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 availalbe for both counties and states, here I only look at state level data.

Since the daily postive rate can fluctuate a lot, here I only illustrae the cumulative positave 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 0428: 0.08(WA) 0.09(TX) 0.35(NY) 0.08(NC)

Session information

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sessionInfo()
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