

FPP3 Chapter 2 Graphics Exercise

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1 Explore four time series

Series explored:

- **Bricks** from aus_production
- **Lynx** from pelt
- **Close** from gafa_stock
- **Demand** from vic_elec

1.1 Dataset help pages

```
?aus_production
?pelt
?gafa_stock
?vic_elec
```

1.2 Time interval of each series

Below, I compute the interval from each tsibble index.

```
bricks_ts <- aus_production |> select(Quarter, Bricks)
lynx_ts <- pelt_long(pelt) |> filter(Animal == "Lynx")
close_ts <- gafa_stock |> select(Symbol, Date, Close)
demand_ts <- vic_elec |> select(Time, Demand)

bricks_interval <- bricks_ts |> tsibble::interval()
lynx_interval <- lynx_ts |> tsibble::interval()
close_interval <- close_ts |> tsibble::interval()
demand_interval <- demand_ts |> tsibble::interval()

bricks_interval
```

```
## <interval[1]>
## [1] 1Q
```

```
lynx_interval
```

```
## <interval[1]>
## [1] 1Y
```

```
close_interval
```

```
## <interval[1]>
## [1] !
```

```
demand_interval
```

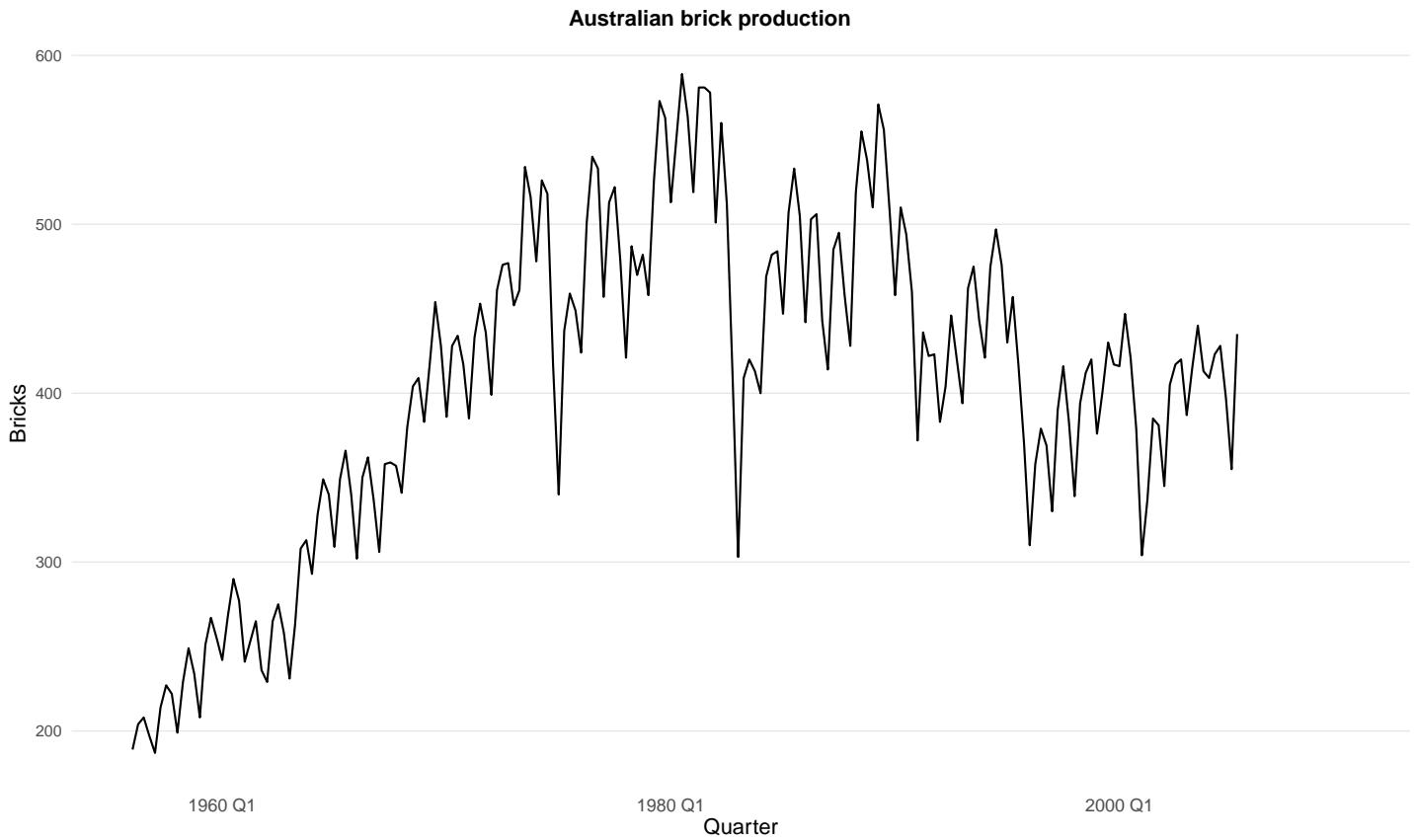
```
## <interval[1]>
## [1] 30m
```

Answer (interpretation):

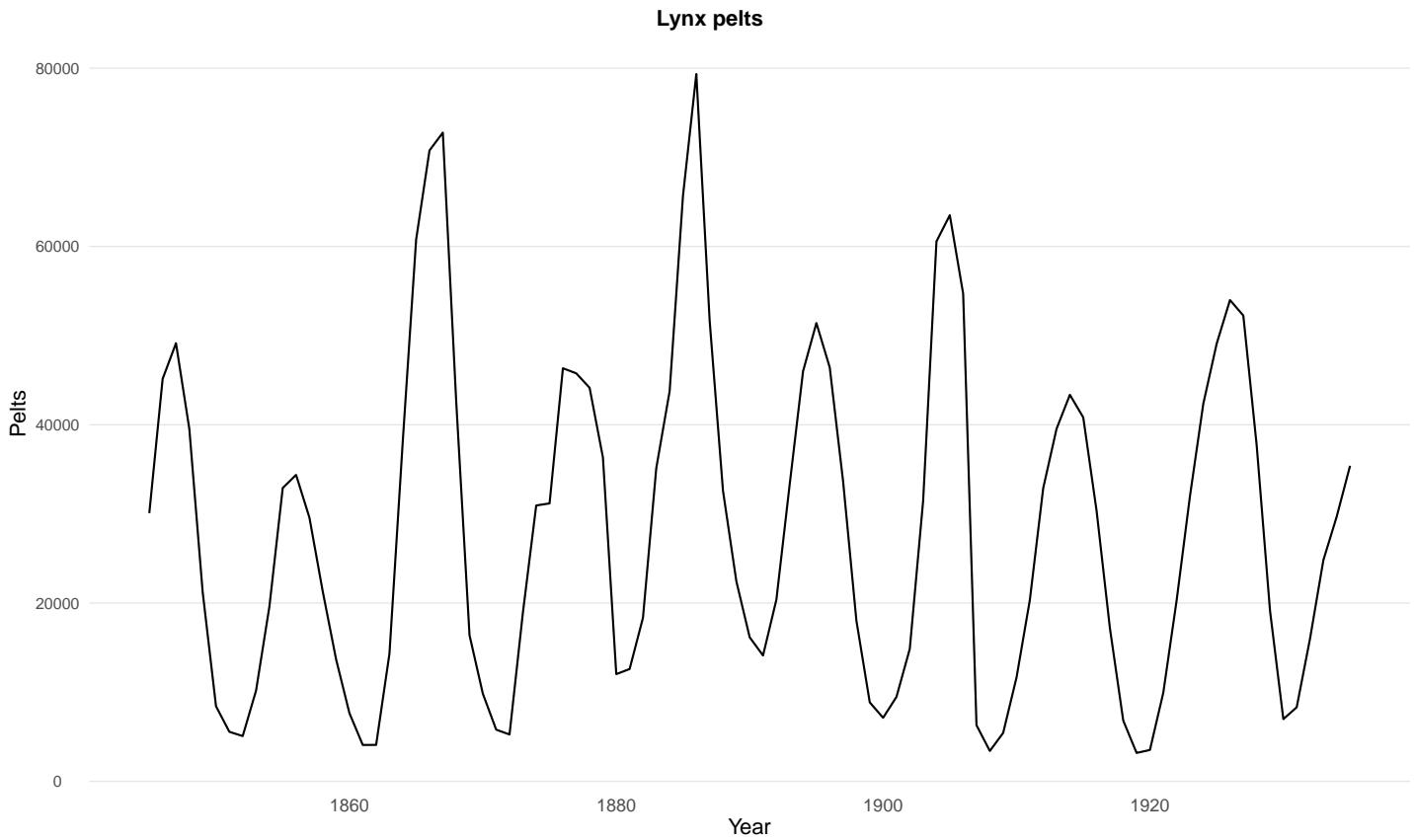
- aus_production (**Bricks**) is **quarterly** (index is yearquarter).
- pelt (**Lynx**) is **annual** (index is year).
- gafa_stock (**Close**) is **daily trading days** (dates exist only on trading days, so the calendar is not strictly regular daily).
- vic_elec (**Demand**) is **half-hourly** (sub-daily regular interval).

1.3 Time plots (autoplot)

```
# Bricks
bricks_ts |>
  autoplot(Bricks) +
  labs(title = "Australian brick production", x = "Quarter", y = "Bricks")
```

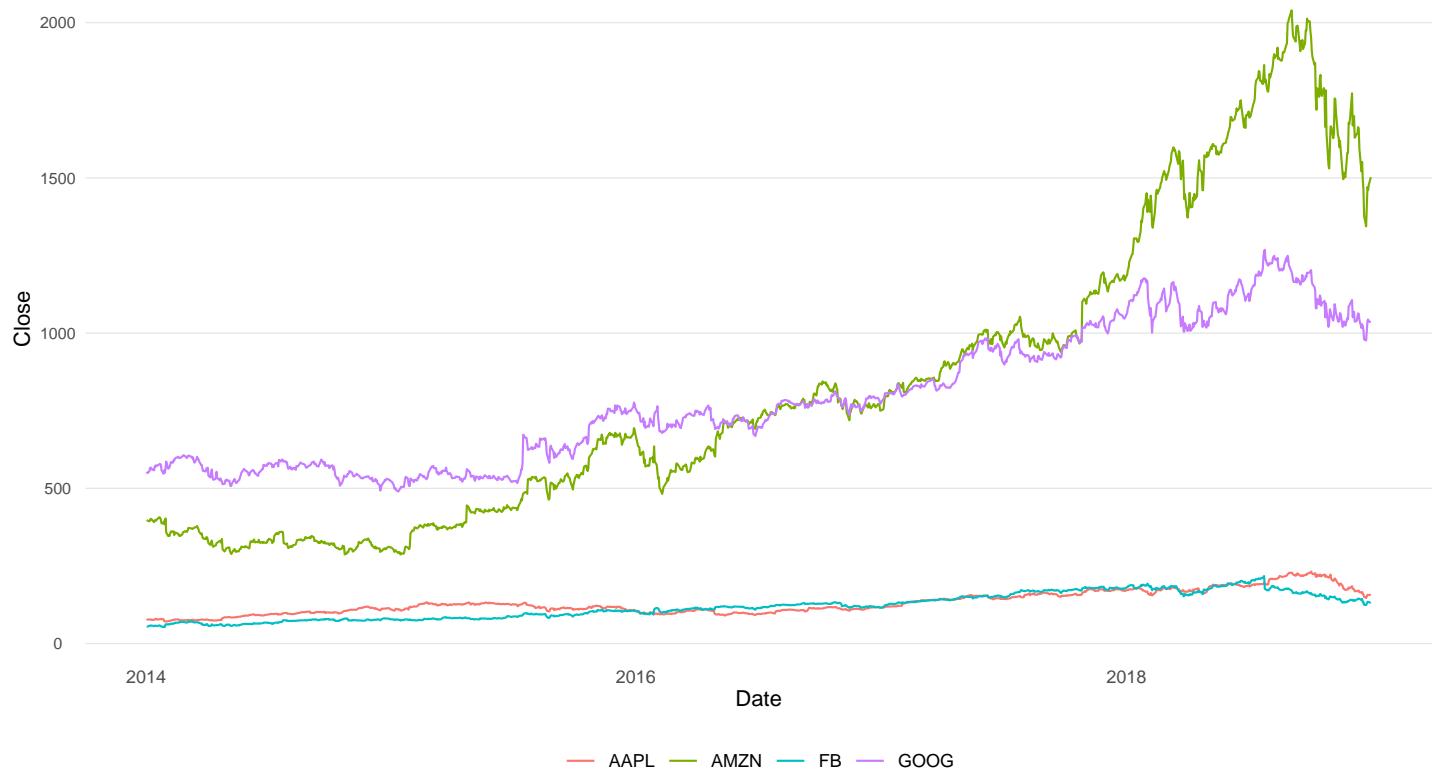


```
# Lynx
lynx_ts |>
  autoplot(value) +
  labs(title = "Lynx pelts", x = "Year", y = "Pelts")
```



```
# Close (all four stocks)
gafa_stock |>
  autoplot(Close) +
  labs(title = "Daily closing prices: GAFA", x = "Date", y = "Close")
```

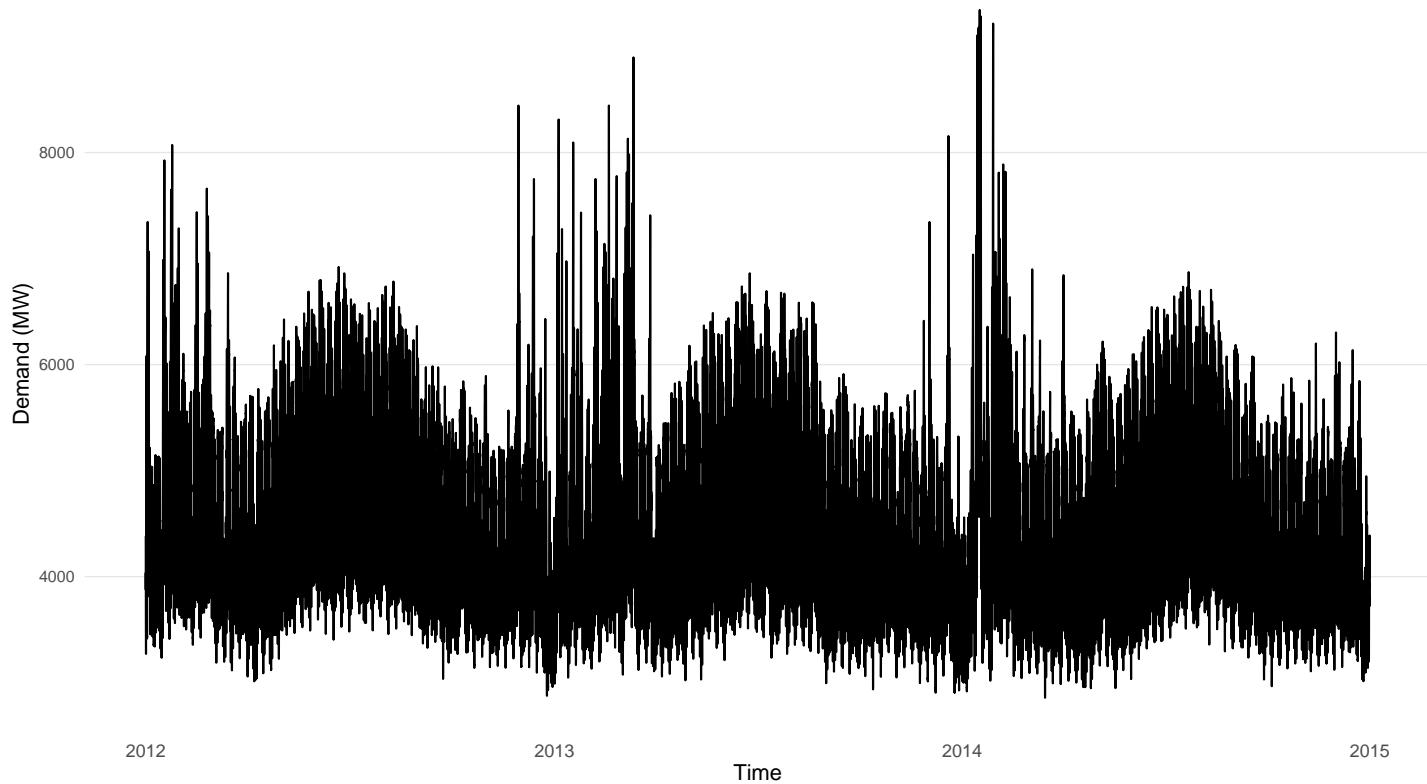
Daily closing prices: GAFA



1.4 Demand plot with modified axis labels and title

```
demand_ts |>
  autoplot(Demand) +
  labs(
    title = "Victoria electricity demand (half-hourly)",
    x = "Time",
    y = "Demand (MW)"
  )
```

Victoria electricity demand (half-hourly)



2 Peak closing price day(s) for each GAFA stock

Find the trading day(s) (ties possible) corresponding to the maximum closing price for each of the four stocks.

```
gafa_peaks <- gafa_stock |>
  group_by(Symbol) |>
  filter(Close == max(Close, na.rm = TRUE)) |>
  arrange(Symbol, Date) |>
  select(Symbol, Date, Close)
```

```
gafa_peaks
```

```
## # A tsibble: 4 x 3 [!]
## # Key:     Symbol [4]
## # Groups:  Symbol [4]
##   Symbol Date     Close
##   <chr>  <date>    <dbl>
## 1 AAPL   2018-10-03 232.
## 2 AMZN   2018-09-04 2040.
## 3 FB     2018-07-25 218.
## 4 GOOG   2018-07-26 1268.
```

Answer: The table above lists the peak closing date(s) and peak Close for each symbol.

3 tute1.csv: import, tsibble conversion, plots, and faceting

tute1.csv contains quarterly series **Sales**, **AdBudget**, and **GDP** (inflation-adjusted).

3.1 Download and read the data

```
tute1_url <- "https://otexts.com/fpp3/extrafiles/tute1.csv"  
tute1 <- readr::read_csv(tute1_url)  
  
dplyr::glimpse(tute1)
```

```
## Rows: 100  
## Columns: 4  
## $ Quarter <date> 1981-03-01, 1981-06-01, 1981-09-01, 1981-12-01, 1982-03-01, ~  
## $ Sales <dbl> 1020.2, 889.2, 795.0, 1003.9, 1057.7, 944.4, 778.5, 932.5, 99~  
## $ AdBudget <dbl> 659.2, 589.0, 512.5, 614.1, 647.2, 602.0, 530.7, 608.4, 637.9~  
## $ GDP <dbl> 251.8, 290.9, 290.8, 292.4, 279.1, 254.0, 295.6, 271.7, 259.6~
```

3.2 Convert to a quarterly tsibble

```
mytimeseries <- tute1 |>  
  mutate(Quarter = yearquarter(Quarter)) |>  
  as_tsibble(index = Quarter)
```

```
mytimeseries
```

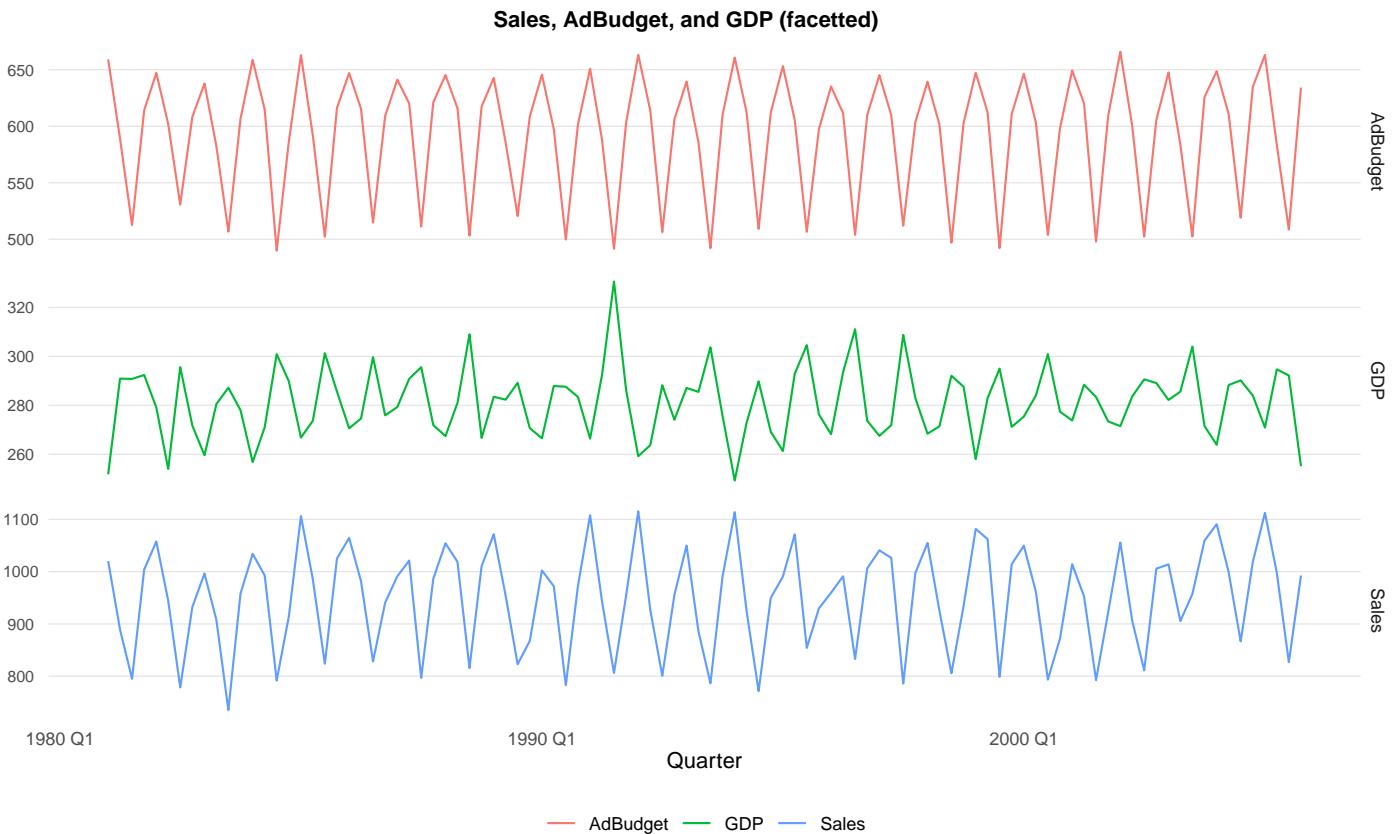
```
## # A tsibble: 100 x 4 [1Q]  
##   Quarter Sales AdBudget GDP  
##   <qtr> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl>  
## 1 1981 Q1 1020.   659.   252.  
## 2 1981 Q2 889.   589.   291.  
## 3 1981 Q3 795.   512.   291.  
## 4 1981 Q4 1004.   614.   292.  
## 5 1982 Q1 1058.   647.   279.  
## 6 1982 Q2 944.   602.   254  
## 7 1982 Q3 778.   531.   296.  
## 8 1982 Q4 932.   608.   272.  
## 9 1983 Q1 996.   638.   260.  
## 10 1983 Q2 908.   582.   280.  
## # i 90 more rows
```

3.3 Plot all three series with facets

```

mytimeseries |>
pivot_longer(-Quarter) |>
ggplot(aes(x = Quarter, y = value, colour = name)) +
geom_line() +
facet_grid(name ~ ., scales = "free_y") +
labs(title = "Sales, AdBudget, and GDP (facetted)", x = "Quarter", y = "")

```

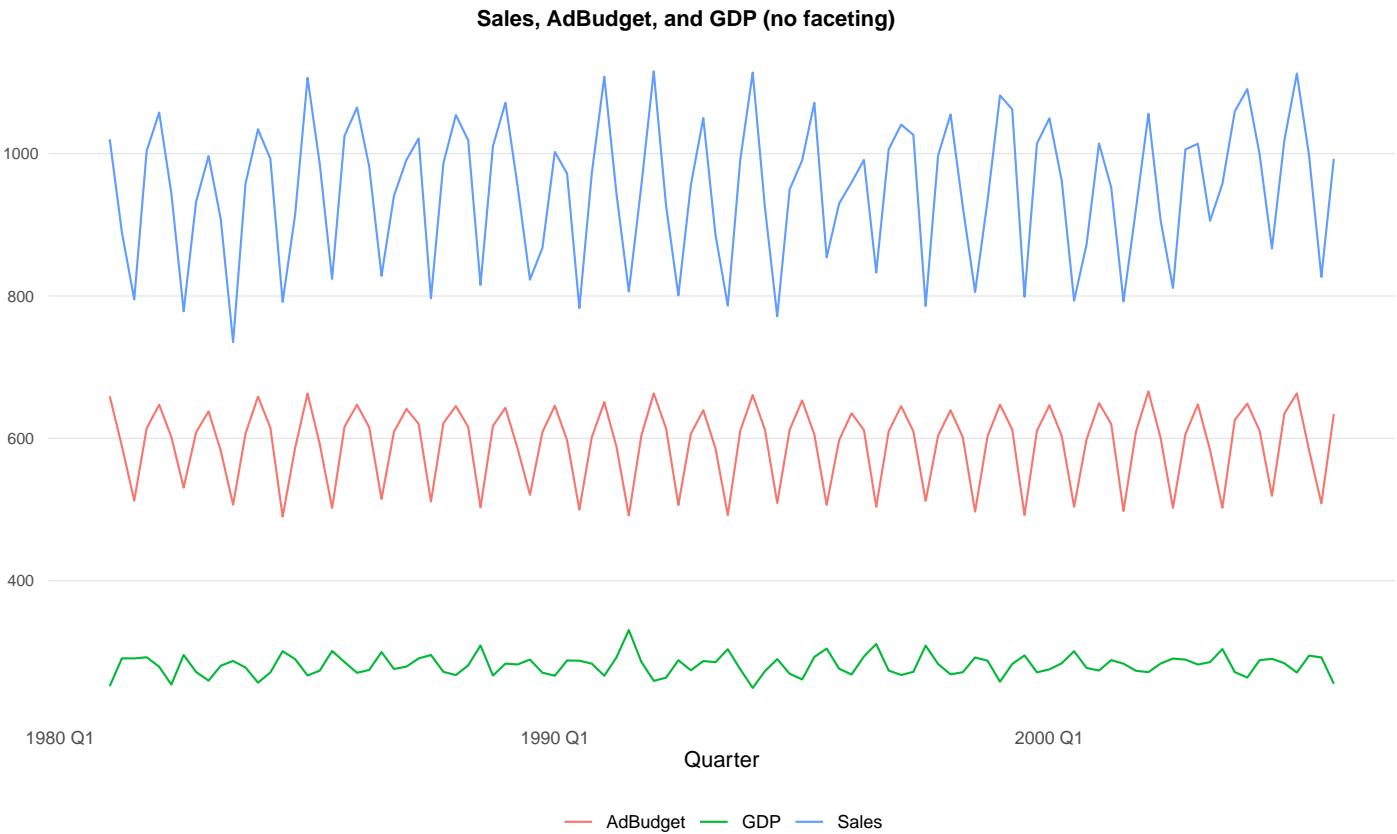


3.4 Plot without facet_grid()

```

mytimeseries |>
pivot_longer(-Quarter) |>
ggplot(aes(x = Quarter, y = value, colour = name)) +
geom_line() +
labs(title = "Sales, AdBudget, and GDP (no facetting)", x = "Quarter", y = "")

```



Answer: Without faceting (and a shared y-axis), the largest-scale series visually dominates and the smaller-scale series become difficult to compare.

4 USgas: annual natural gas consumption by state (New England)

4.1 Create a tsibble from us_total (year index, state key)

```
data("us_total", package = "USgas")

gas_ts <- us_total |>
  as_tsibble(index = year, key = state)

gas_ts
```

```
## # A tsibble: 1,266 x 3 [1Y]
## # Key:     state [53]
##   year state      y
##   <int> <chr>    <int>
## 1 1997 Alabama 324158
## 2 1998 Alabama 329134
## 3 1999 Alabama 337270
## 4 2000 Alabama 353614
## 5 2001 Alabama 332693
## 6 2002 Alabama 379343
```

```

## 7 2003 Alabama 350345
## 8 2004 Alabama 382367
## 9 2005 Alabama 353156
## 10 2006 Alabama 391093
## # i 1,256 more rows

```

4.2 Plot New England states

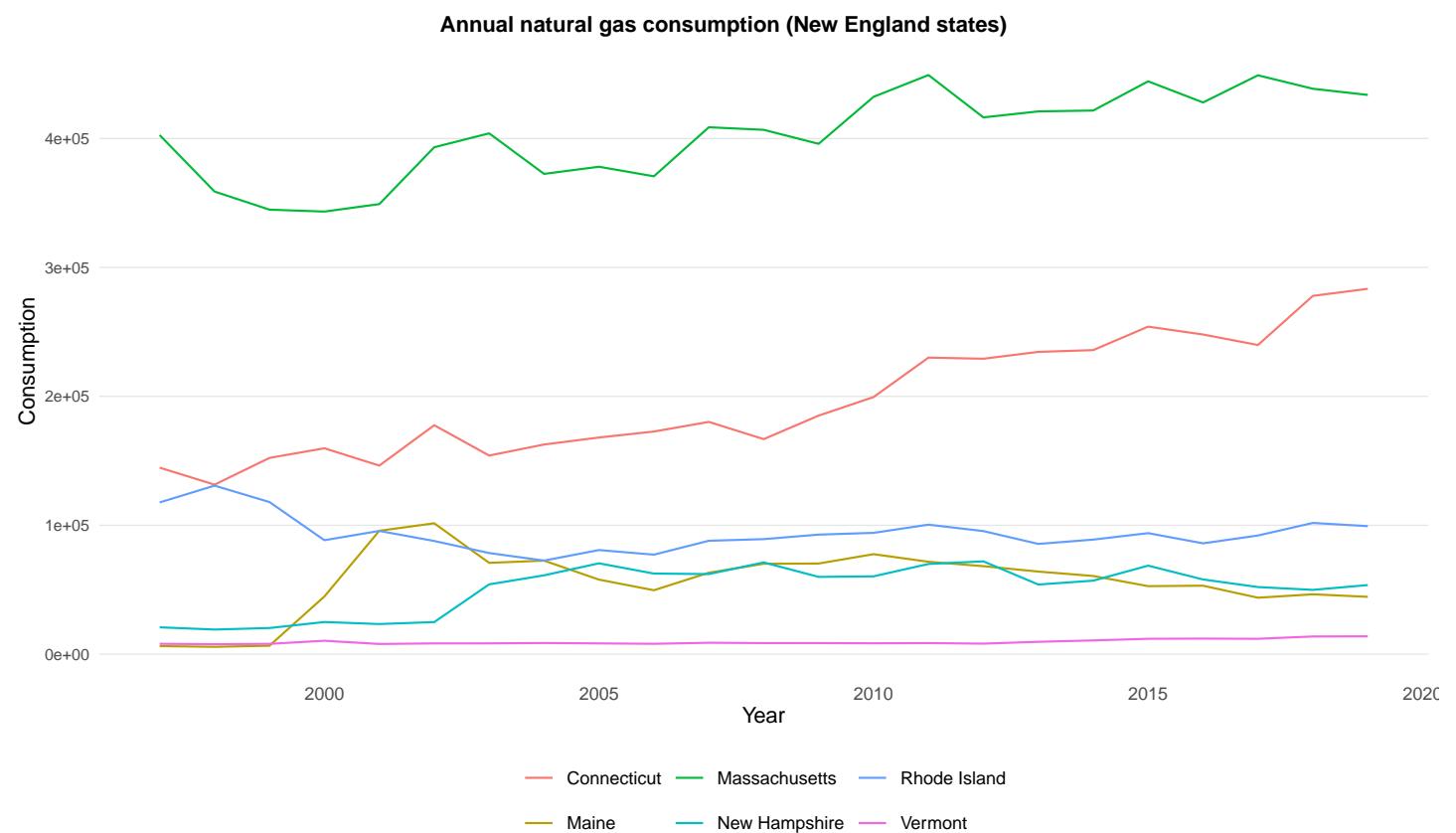
New England = Maine, Vermont, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Rhode Island.

```

new_england <- c("Maine", "Vermont", "New Hampshire",
                 "Massachusetts", "Connecticut", "Rhode Island")

gas_ts |>
  filter(state %in% new_england) |>
  autoplot(y) +
  labs(
    title = "Annual natural gas consumption (New England states)",
    x = "Year",
    y = "Consumption"
  )

```



5 tourism.xlsx: recreate tourism tsibble and summaries

5.1 Download and read tourism.xlsx

```
tourism_url <- "https://otexts.com/fpp3/extrafiles/tourism.xlsx"
tourism_file <- tempfile(fileext = ".xlsx")

download.file(tourism_url, tourism_file, mode = "wb")

tourism_raw <- readxl::read_excel(tourism_file)

dplyr::glimpse(tourism_raw)

## Rows: 24,320
## Columns: 5
## $ Quarter <chr> "1998-01-01", "1998-04-01", "1998-07-01", "1998-10-01", "1999-~
## $ Region  <chr> "Adelaide", "Adelaide", "Adelaide", "Adelaide", "Adelaide", "A~
## $ State   <chr> "South Australia", "South Australia", "South Australia", "Sout~
## $ Purpose <chr> "Business", "Business", "Business", "Business", "Business", "B~
## $ Trips   <dbl> 135.0777, 109.9873, 166.0347, 127.1605, 137.4485, 199.9126, 16~
```

5.2 Create a tsibble identical in structure to tsibble::tourism

```
tourism_ts <- tourism_raw |>
  mutate(Quarter = yearquarter(Quarter)) |>
  as_tsibble(
    index = Quarter,
    key = c(State, Region, Purpose)
  )
```

```
tourism_ts
```

```
## # A tsibble: 24,320 x 5 [1Q]
## # Key:      State, Region, Purpose [304]
##   Quarter Region  State Purpose  Trips
##       <qtr> <chr>   <chr> <chr>   <dbl>
## 1 1998 Q1 Canberra ACT Business 150.
## 2 1998 Q2 Canberra ACT Business  99.9
## 3 1998 Q3 Canberra ACT Business 130.
## 4 1998 Q4 Canberra ACT Business 102.
## 5 1999 Q1 Canberra ACT Business 95.5
## 6 1999 Q2 Canberra ACT Business 229.
## 7 1999 Q3 Canberra ACT Business 109.
## 8 1999 Q4 Canberra ACT Business 159.
## 9 2000 Q1 Canberra ACT Business 105.
## 10 2000 Q2 Canberra ACT Business 202.
## # i 24,310 more rows
```

5.3 Ensure temporal ordering for each Region/Purpose

```
tourism_ts <- tourism_ts |>
  arrange(Region, Purpose, Quarter)
```

5.4 Region–Purpose combination with maximum average overnight trips

```
max_region_purpose <- tourism_ts |>
  group_by(Region, Purpose) |>
  summarise(avg_trips = mean(Trips, na.rm = TRUE), .groups = "drop") |>
  arrange(desc(avg_trips)) |>
  slice(1)

max_region_purpose
```

```
## # A tsibble: 1 x 4 [1Q]
## # Key:      Region, Purpose [1]
##   Region    Purpose Quarter avg_trips
##   <chr>     <chr>    <qtr>     <dbl>
## 1 Melbourne Visiting 2017 Q4     985.
```

Answer: The row above identifies the (Region, Purpose) combination with the greatest mean Trips.

5.5 Total trips by State (combining Region and Purpose)

```
tourism_state_total <- tourism_ts |>
  index_by(Quarter) |>
  group_by(State) |>
  summarise(Trips = sum(Trips, na.rm = TRUE)) |>
  as_tsibble(index = Quarter, key = State)

tourism_state_total
```

```
## # A tsibble: 640 x 3 [1Q]
## # Key:      State [8]
##   State Quarter Trips
##   <chr>    <qtr> <dbl>
## 1 ACT     Q1     551.
## 2 ACT     Q2     416.
## 3 ACT     Q3     436.
## 4 ACT     Q4     450.
## 5 ACT     Q1     379.
## 6 ACT     Q2     558.
## 7 ACT     Q3     449.
```

```

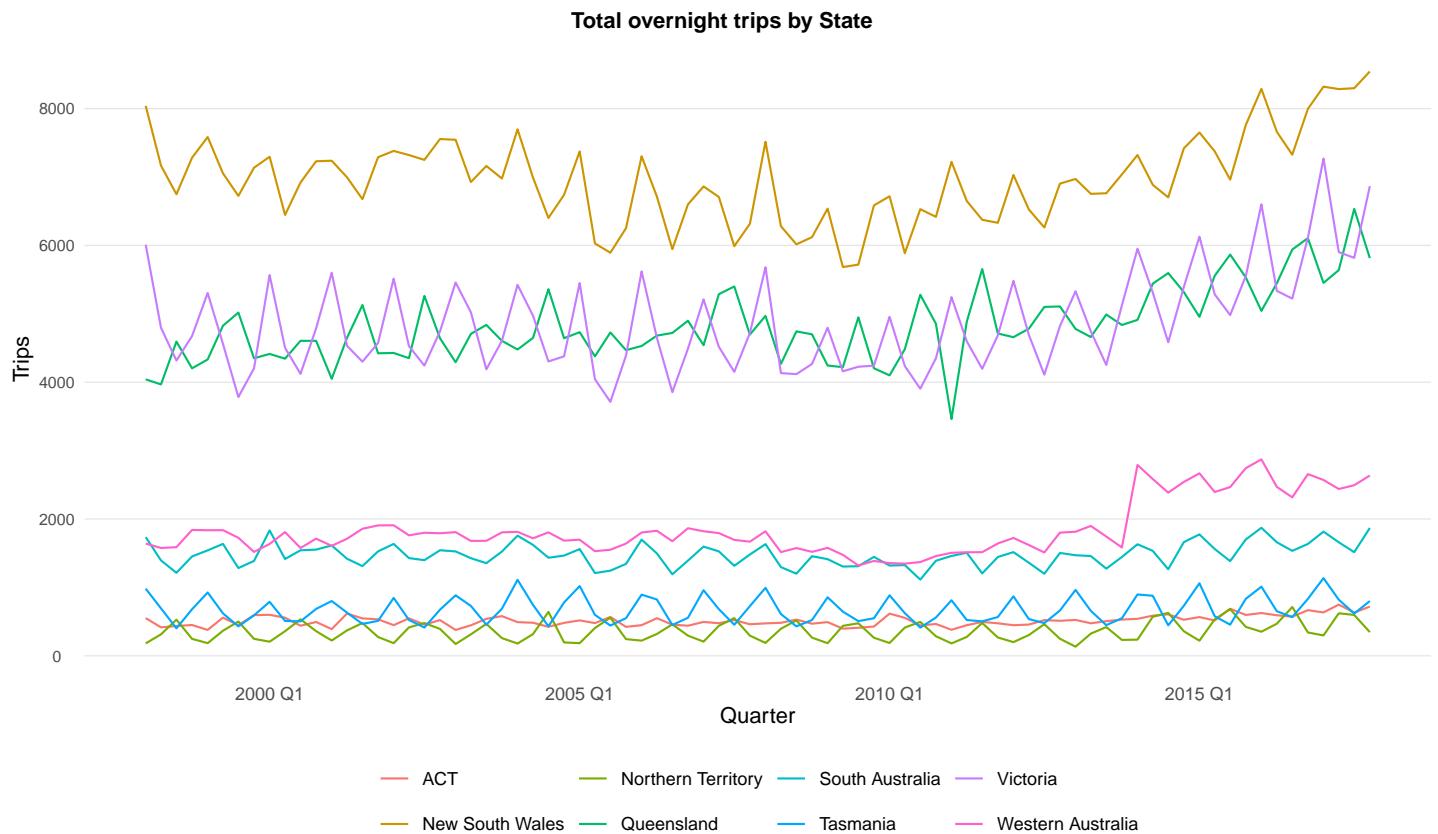
## 8 ACT 1999 Q4 595.
## 9 ACT 2000 Q1 600.
## 10 ACT 2000 Q2 557.
## # i 630 more rows

```

```

tourism_state_total |>
  autoplot(Trips) +
  labs(title = "Total overnight trips by State", x = "Quarter", y = "Trips")

```



6 aus_arrivals: compare arrivals from Japan, NZ, UK, US

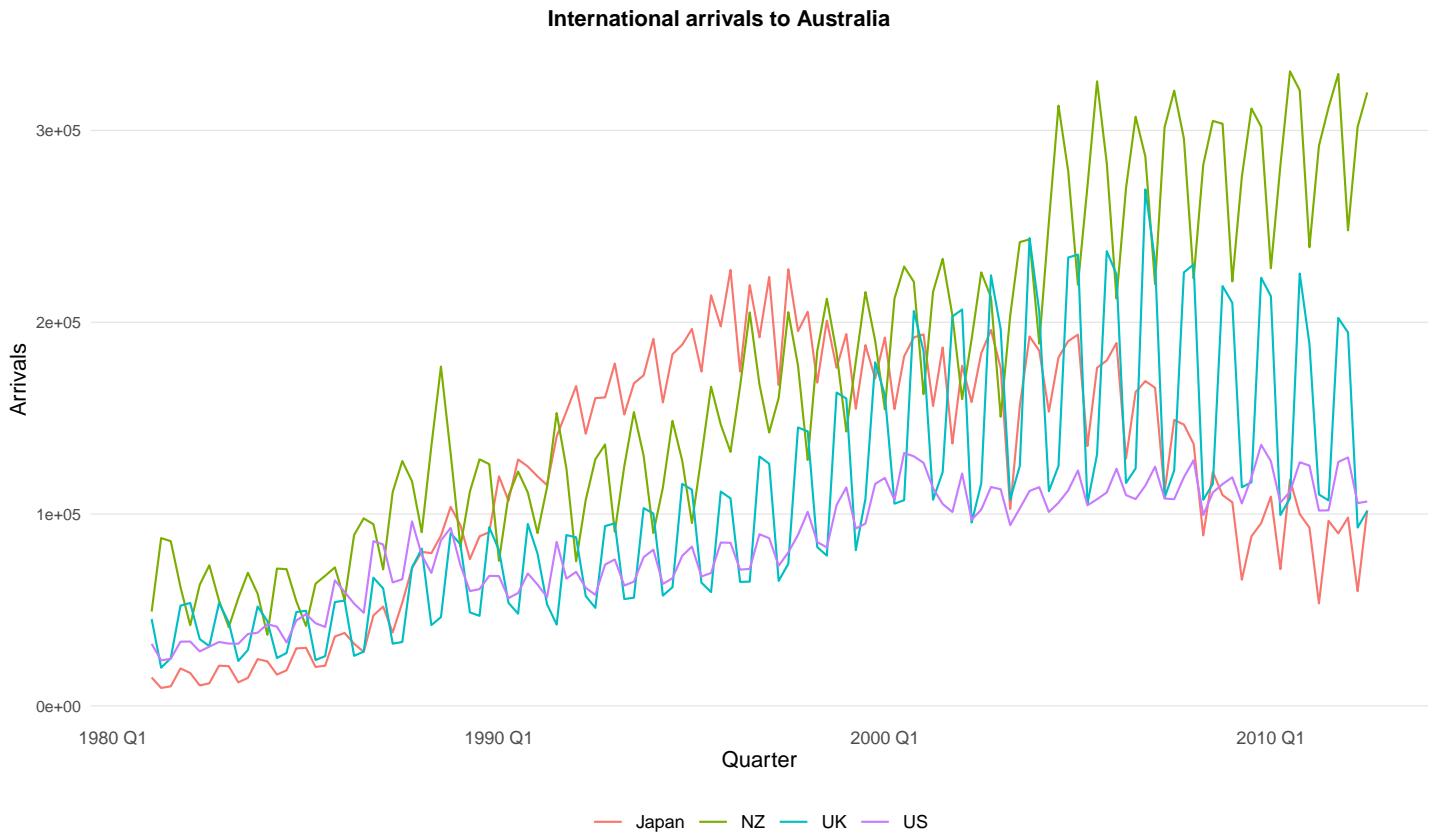
(JUST FOR FUN)

Use `autoplot()`, `gg_season()`, and `gg_subseries()`.

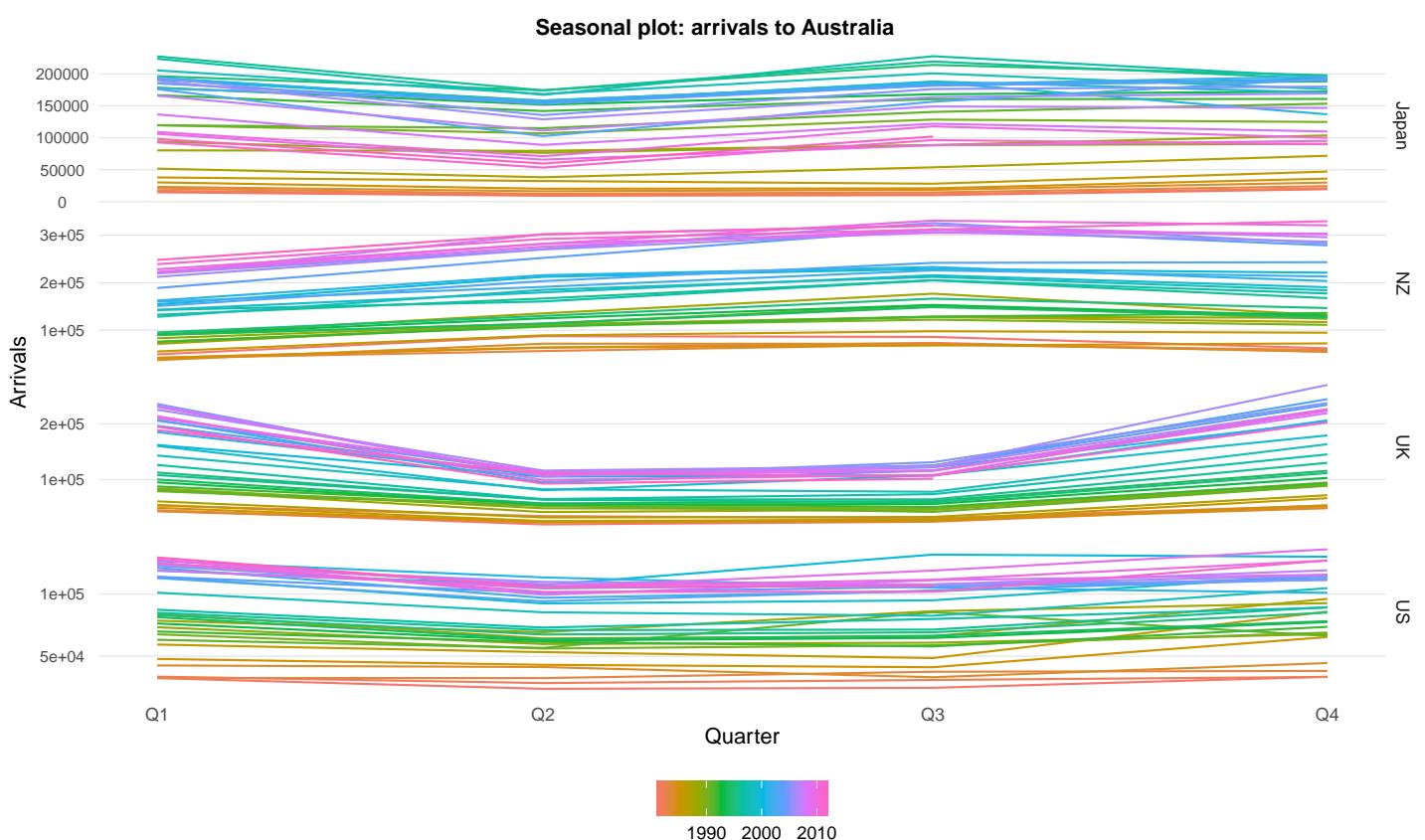
```

aus_arrivals |>
  autoplot(Arrivals) +
  labs(title = "International arrivals to Australia", x = "Quarter", y = "Arrivals")

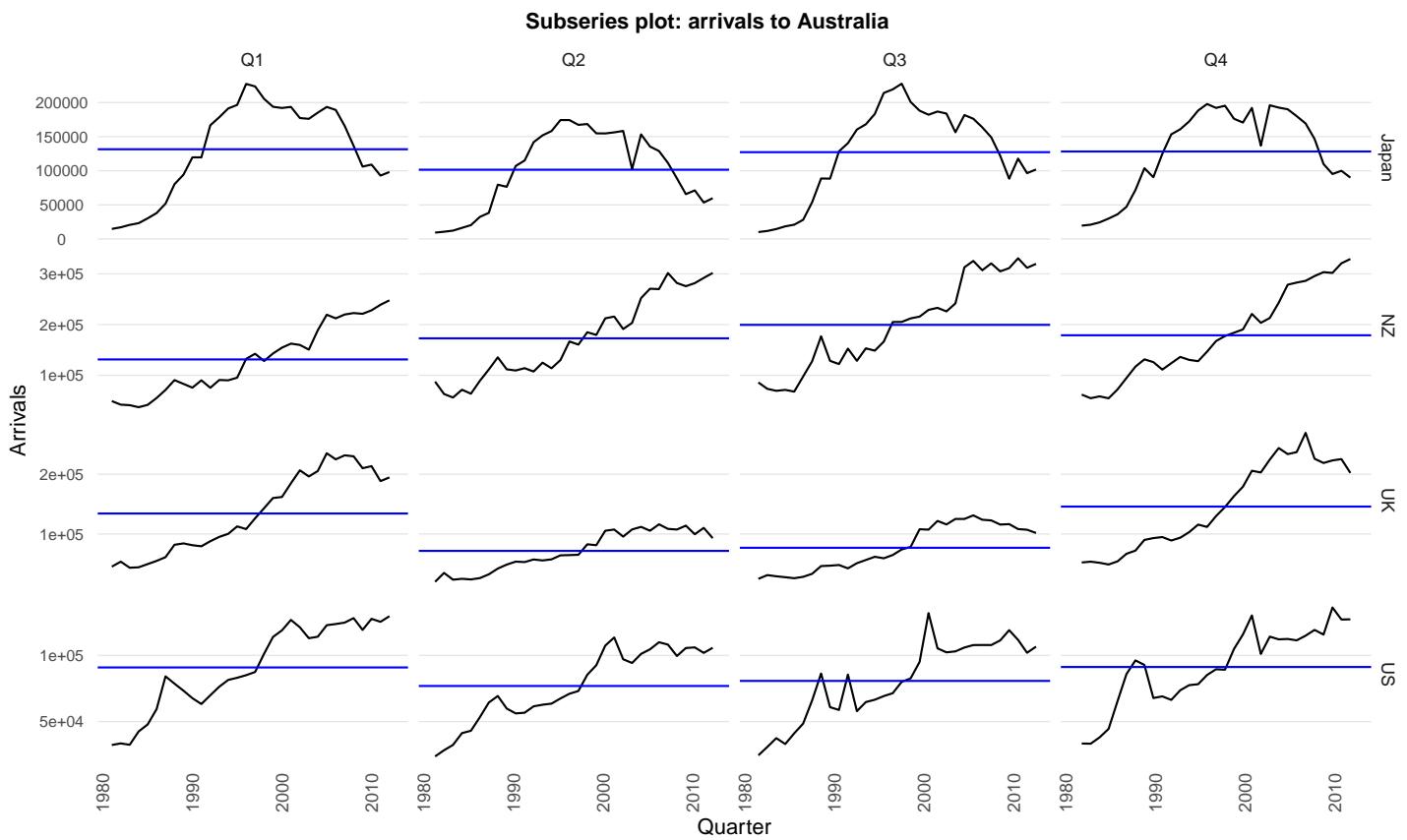
```



```
aus_arrivals |>
  gg_season(Arrivals) +
  labs(title = "Seasonal plot: arrivals to Australia", y = "Arrivals")
```



```
aus_arrivals |>
  gg_subseries(Arrivals) +
  labs(title = "Subseries plot: arrivals to Australia", y = "Arrivals")
```



Answer (unusual observations):

The subseries plot highlights deviations from the typical seasonal pattern by showing each quarter separately over time. Japan exhibits unusually low arrivals in Q2 and Q3 during later years, deviating sharply from its normally strong seasonal structure. The United States shows occasional Q3 spikes that exceed the typical seasonal range, indicating one-off surges rather than regular seasonality. The UK also displays increased variability in Q3 and Q4, with some years standing out as unusually high. In contrast, New Zealand arrivals remain relatively stable across all quarters, with no clear unusual observations.

7 aus_retail: sample a series and explore

(JUST FOR FUN)

```
set.seed(67)
myseries <- aus_retail |>
  filter(`Series ID` == sample(aus_retail$`Series ID`, 1))

myseries |> dplyr::glimpse()
```

```
## Rows: 441
## Columns: 5
```

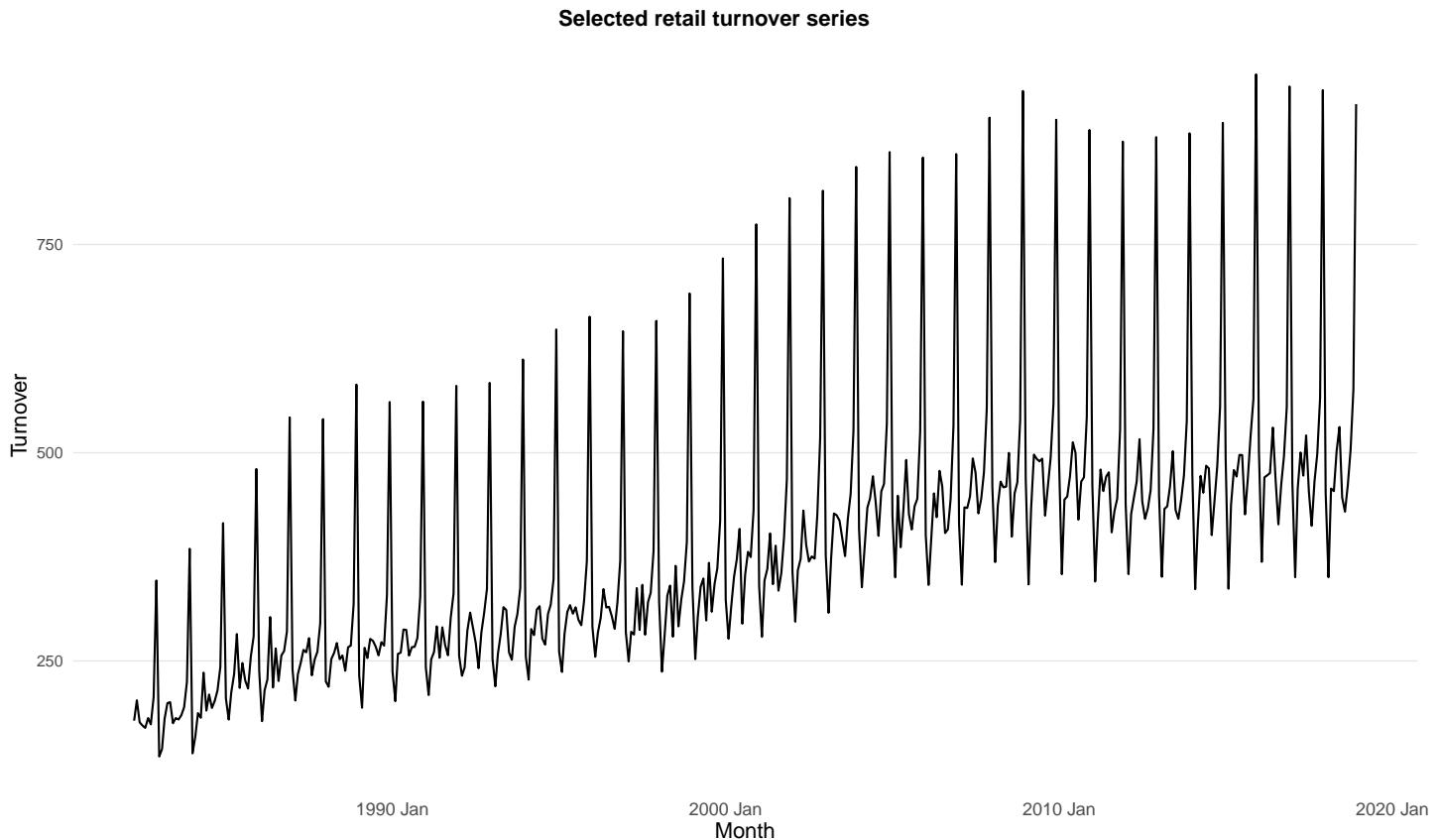
```

## Key: State, Industry [1]
## $ State      <chr> "New South Wales", "New South Wales", "New South Wales", "~"
## $ Industry    <chr> "Department stores", "Department stores", "Department stor~"
## $ `Series ID` <chr> "A3349790V", "A3349790V", "A3349790V", "A3349~"
## $ Month       <mth> 1982 Apr, 1982 May, 1982 Jun, 1982 Jul, 1982 Aug, 1982 Sep~
## $ Turnover    <dbl> 178.3, 202.8, 176.3, 172.6, 169.6, 181.4, 173.9, 206.6, 34~
```

7.1 Graphics exploration

```

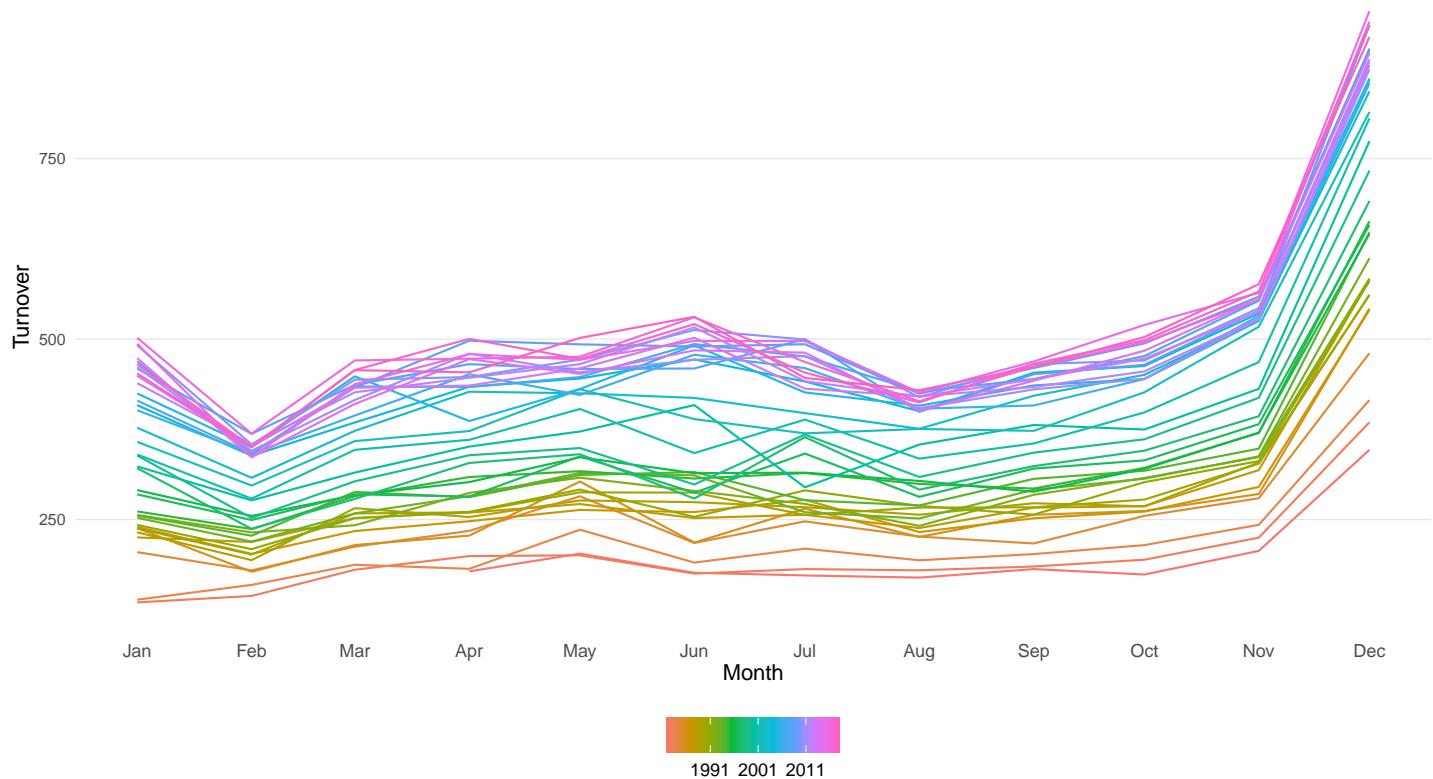
myseries |>
  autoplot(Turnover) +
  labs(title = "Selected retail turnover series", x = "Month", y = "Turnover")
```



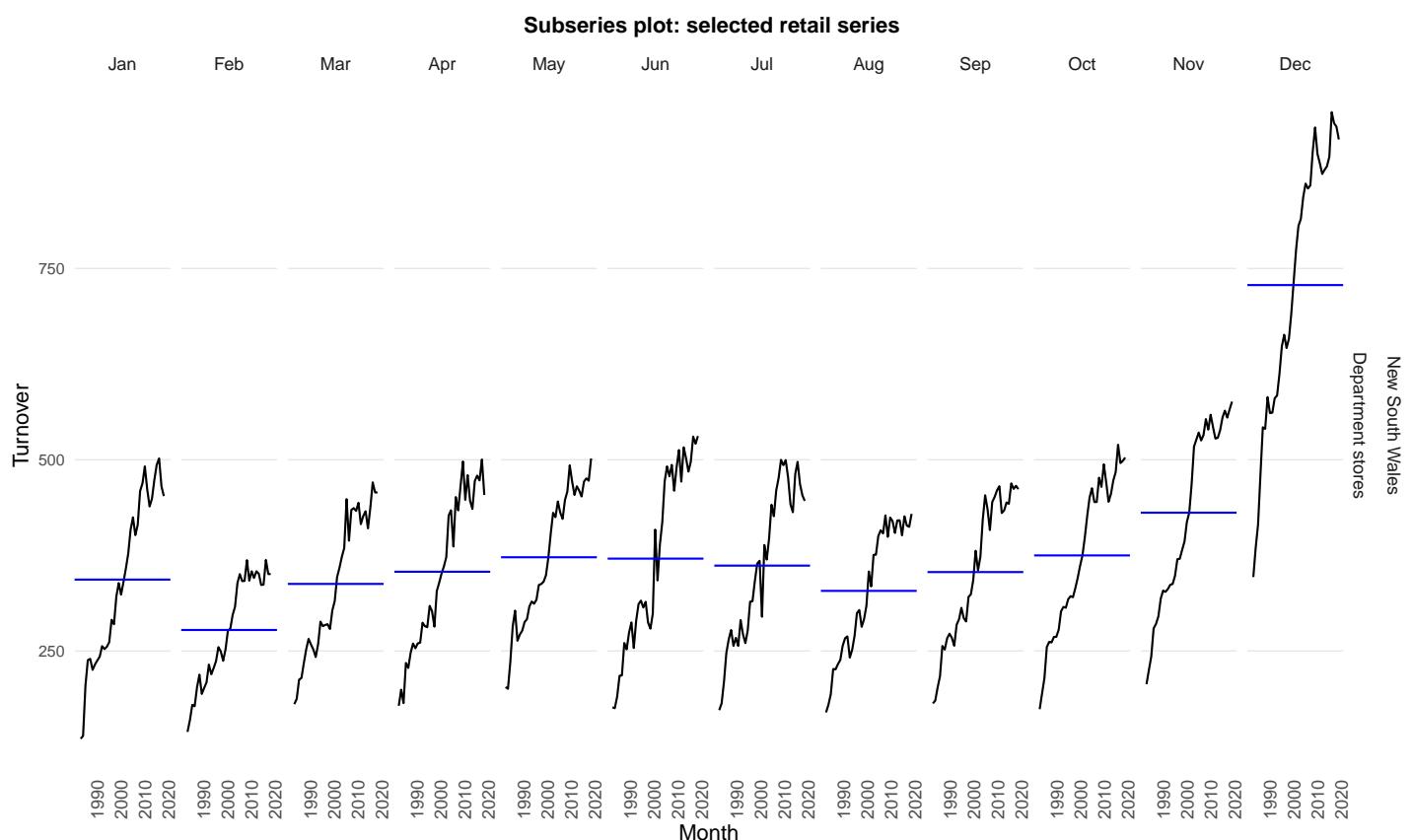
```

myseries |>
  gg_season(Turnover) +
  labs(title = "Seasonal plot: selected retail series", y = "Turnover")
```

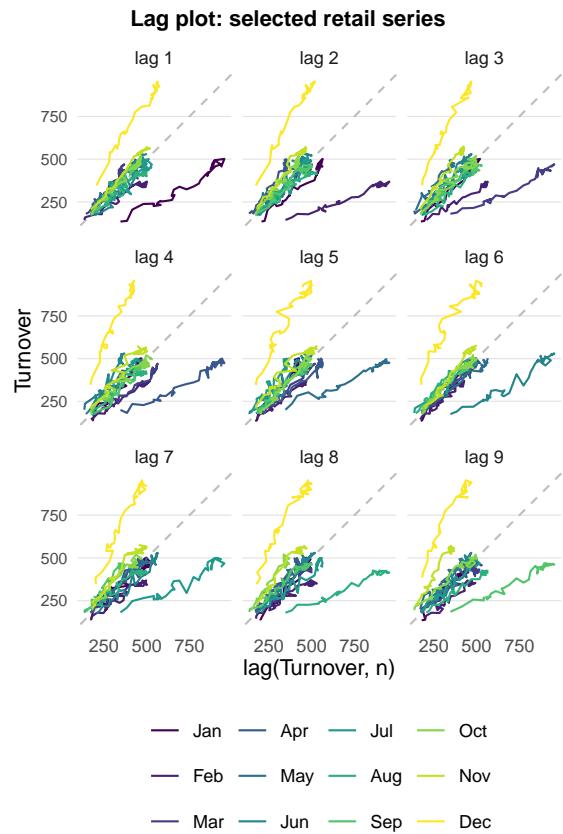
Seasonal plot: selected retail series



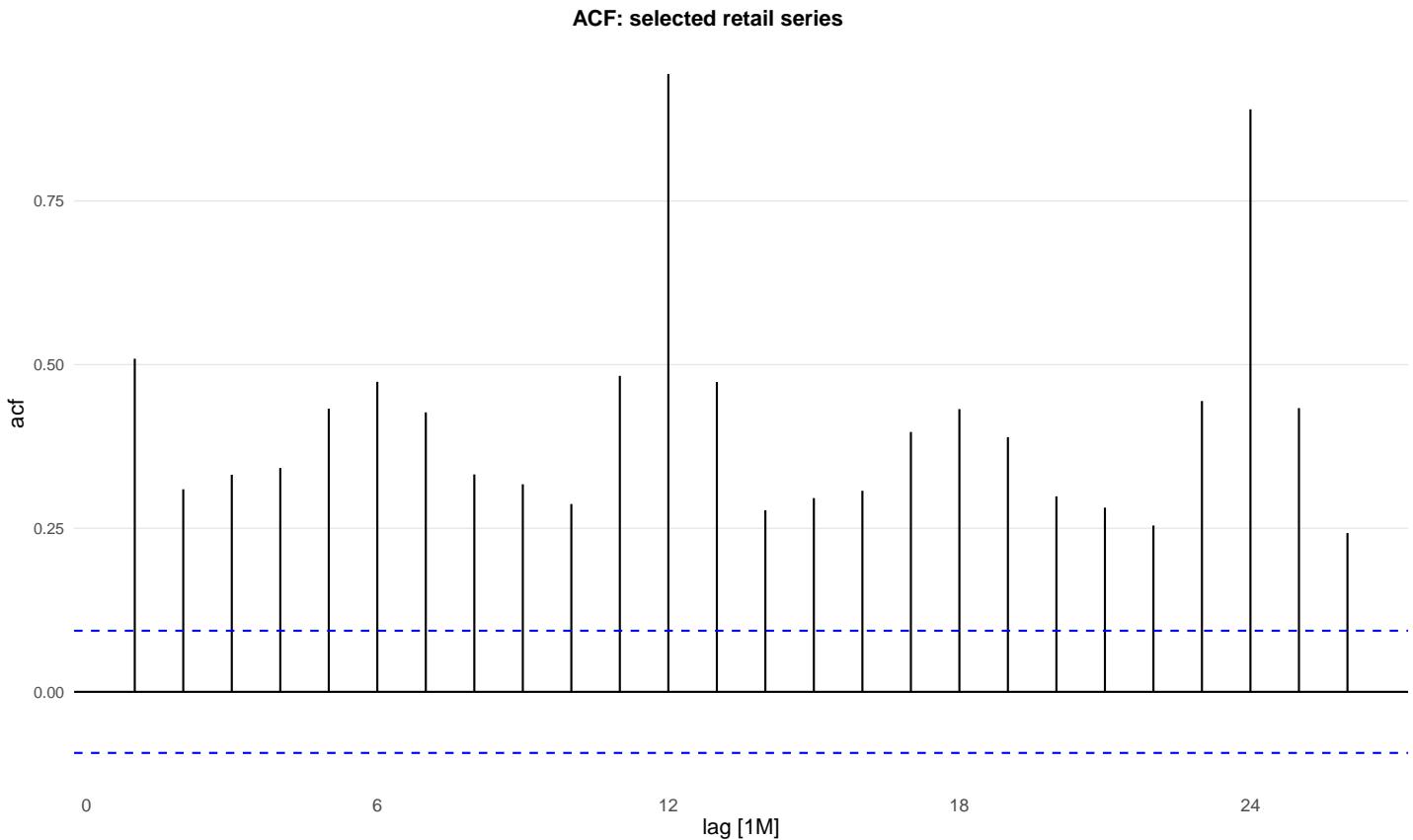
```
mysteries |>
  gg_subseries(Turnover) +
  labs(title = "Subseries plot: selected retail series", y = "Turnover")
```



```
myseries |>  
  gg_lag(Turnover) +  
  labs(title = "Lag plot: selected retail series", y = "Turnover")
```



```
myseries |>  
  ACF(Turnover) |>  
  autoplot() +  
  labs(title = "ACF: selected retail series")
```



Answer (seasonality/cyclicity/trend):

- **Seasonality** is indicated by repeating within-year patterns and ACF spikes at seasonal lags (e.g., 12 for monthly data).
 - **Trend** appears as persistent long-run increase/decrease and often as slow ACF decay.
 - **Cyclicity** shows as multi-year rises/falls not tied to a fixed seasonal frequency.
- Use the plots above to describe what is present in *this specific sampled series*.

8 Explore five additional series with common graphics + ACF

Series: - “Total Private” Employed from us_employment - Bricks from aus_production - Hare from pelt - “H02” Cost from PBS - Barrels from us_gasoline

```
emp_private <- us_employment |>
  filter>Title == "Total Private") |>
  select(Month, Employed)

bricks_ts <- aus_production |> select(Quarter, Bricks)

hare_ts <- pelt_long(pelt) |> filter(Animal == "Hare")

pbs_keys <- key_vars(PBS)

pbs_h02 <- PBS |>
  filter(ATC2 == "H02") |>
  group_by(across(all_of(key_vars(PBS)))) |>
  filter(dplyr::cur_group_id() == 1) |>
```

```

ungroup() |>
  select(Month, Cost)

gas_barrels <- us_gasoline |> select(Week, Barrels)

```

Helper to run the same exploration:

```

explore_series <- function(data, value_col, title_prefix = "") {
  list(
    time = data |> autoplot({{ value_col }}) +
      labs(title = paste0(title_prefix, " - time plot")),
    season = tryCatch(
      data |> gg_season({{ value_col }}) + labs(title = paste0(title_prefix, " - seasonal plot")),
      error = function(e) NULL
    ),
    subseries = tryCatch(
      data |> gg_subseries({{ value_col }}) + labs(title = paste0(title_prefix, " - subseries plot")),
      error = function(e) NULL
    ),
    lag = tryCatch(
      data |> gg_lag({{ value_col }}) + labs(title = paste0(title_prefix, " - lag plot")),
      error = function(e) NULL
    ),
    acf = data |> ACF({{ value_col }}) |> autoplot() +
      labs(title = paste0(title_prefix, " - ACF"))
  )
}

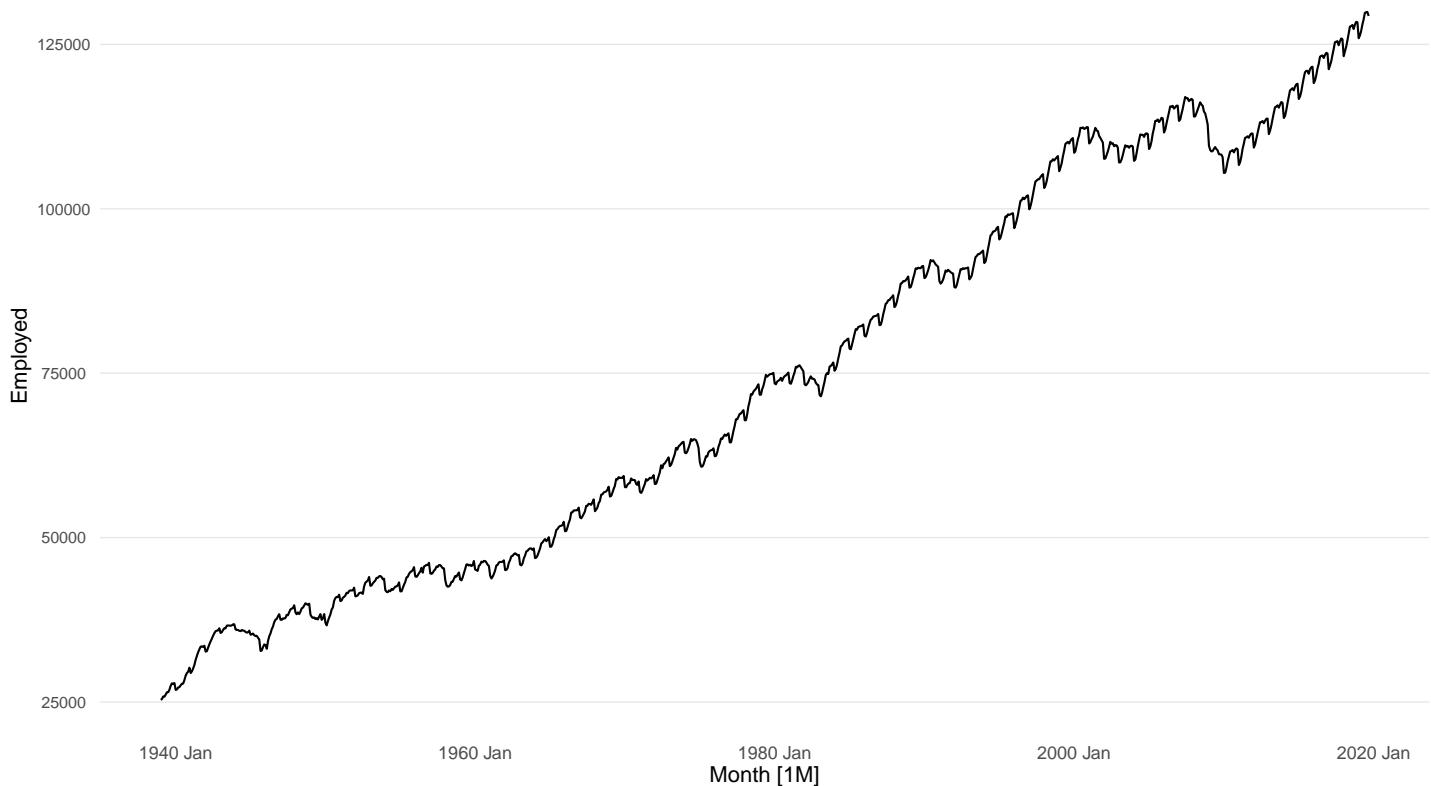
```

```

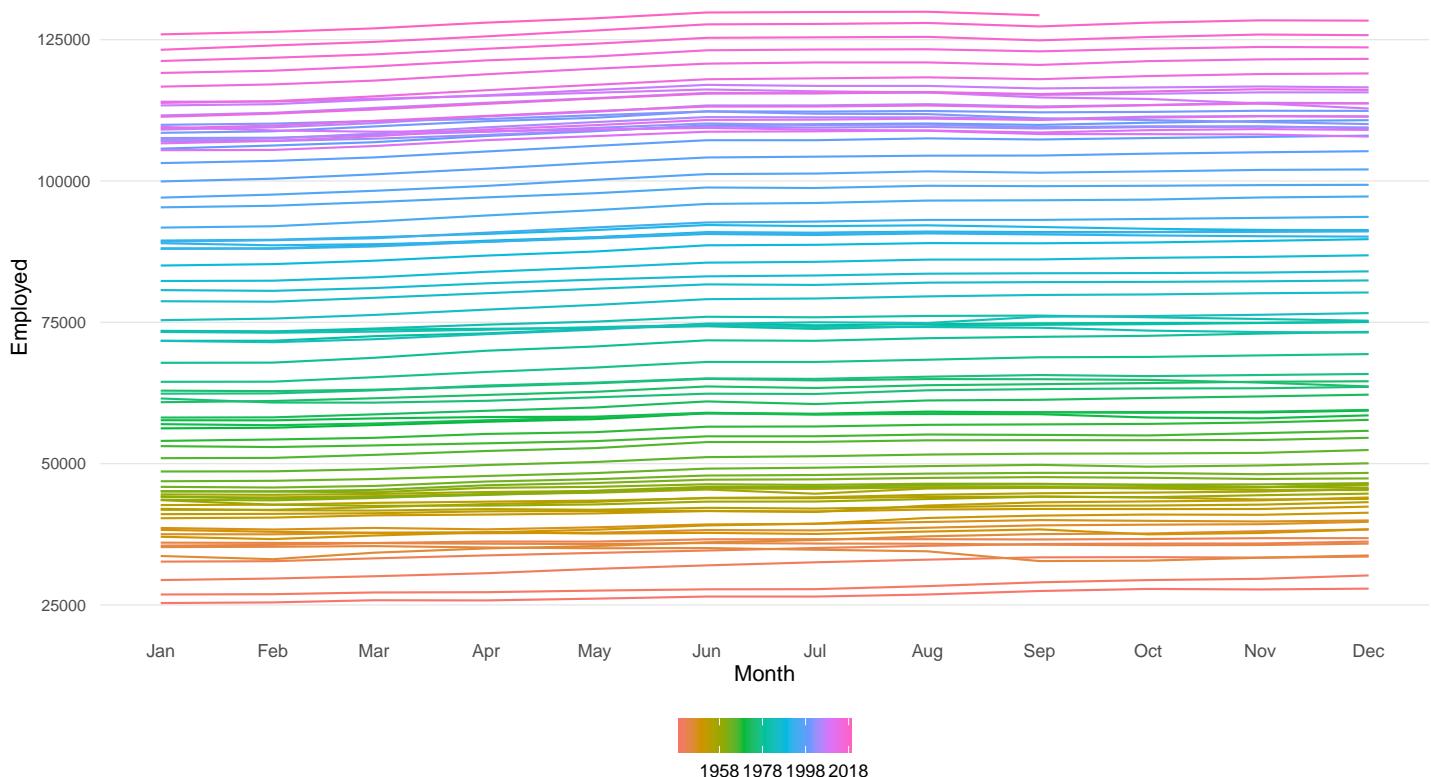
plots_emp <- explore_series(emp_private, Employed, "US Employment (Total Private)")
plots_emp$time; plots_emp$season; plots_emp$subseries; plots_emp$lag; plots_emp$acf

```

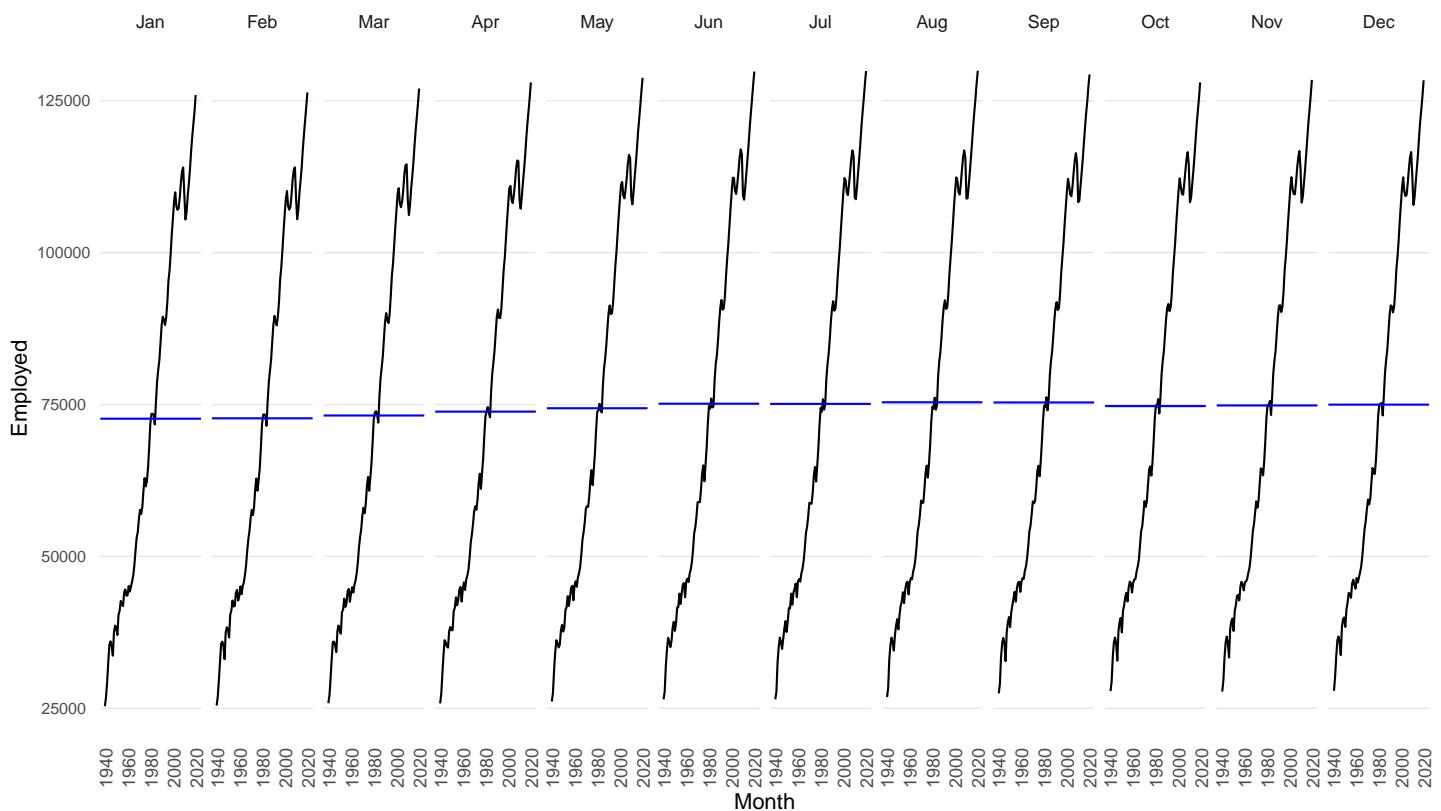
US Employment (Total Private) – time plot



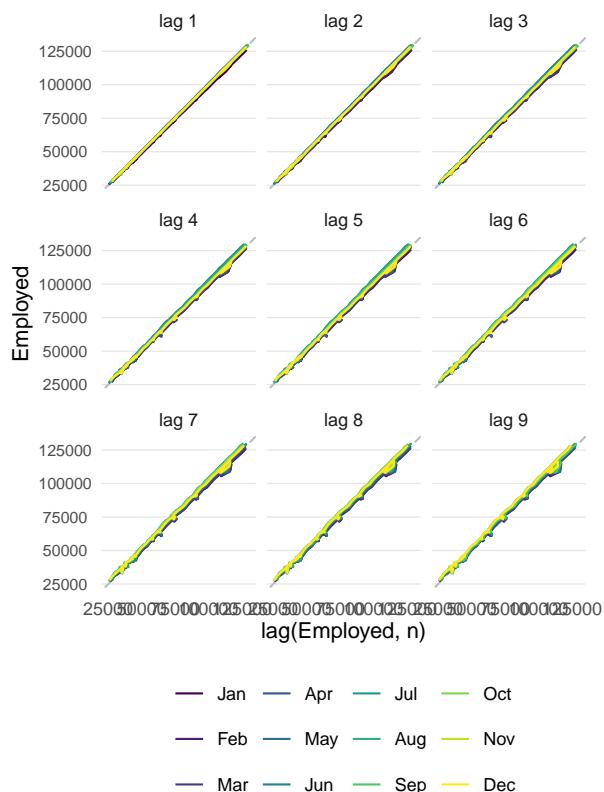
US Employment (Total Private) – seasonal plot



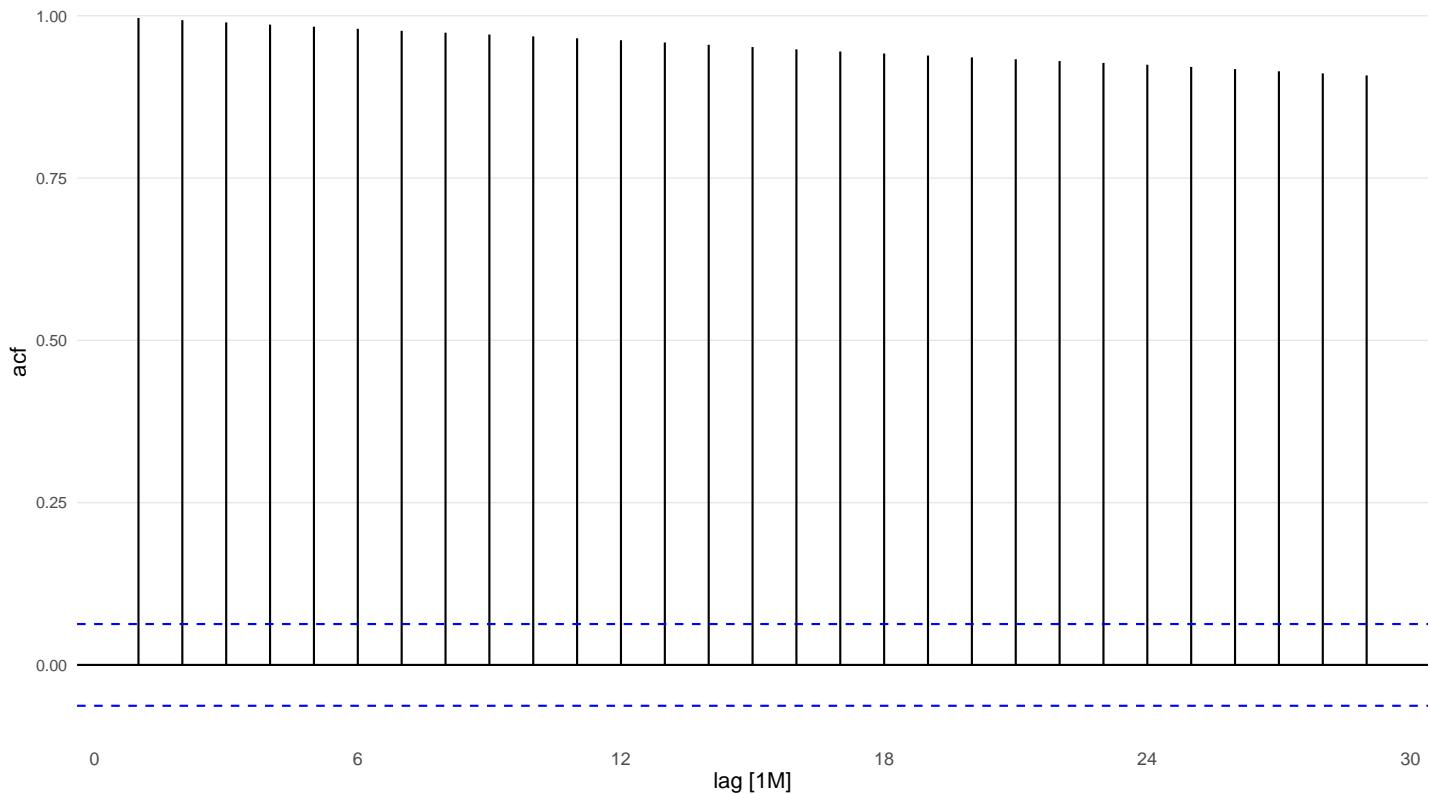
US Employment (Total Private) – subseries plot



US Employment (Total Private) – lag plot

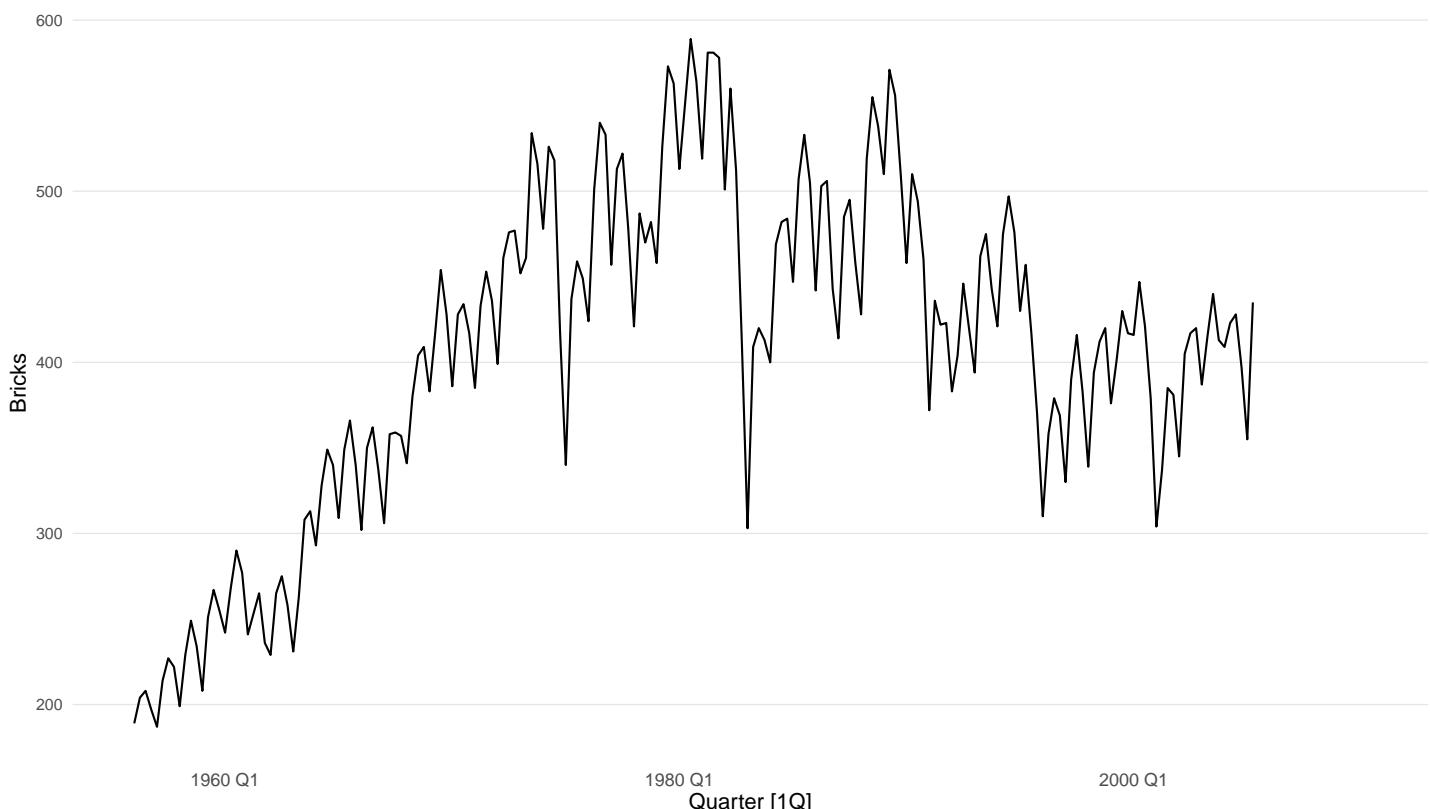


US Employment (Total Private) – ACF

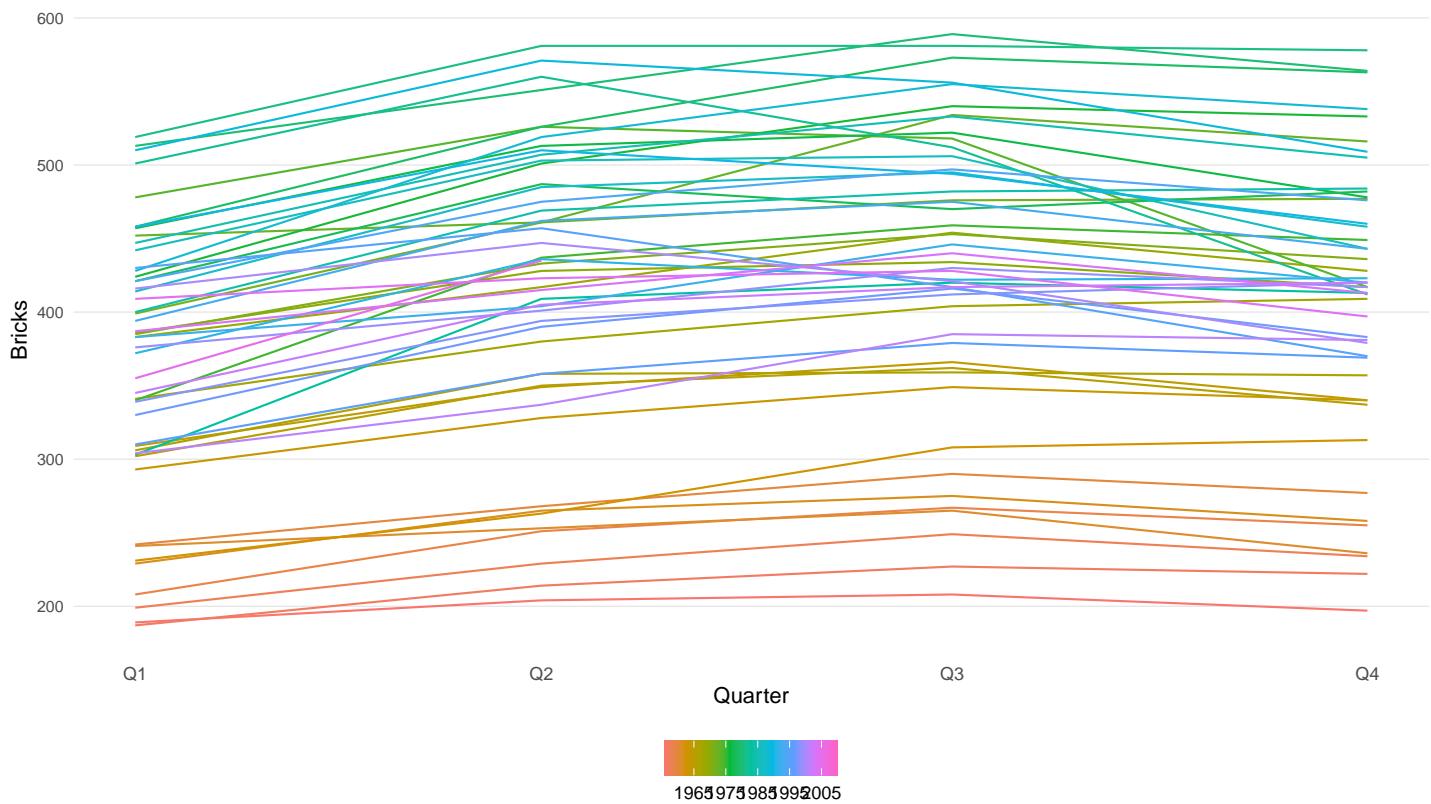


```
plots_bricks <- explore_series(bricks_ts, Bricks, "Australian Bricks Production")
plots_bricks$time; plots_bricks$season; plots_bricks$subseries; plots_bricks$lag;
↪ plots_bricks$acf
```

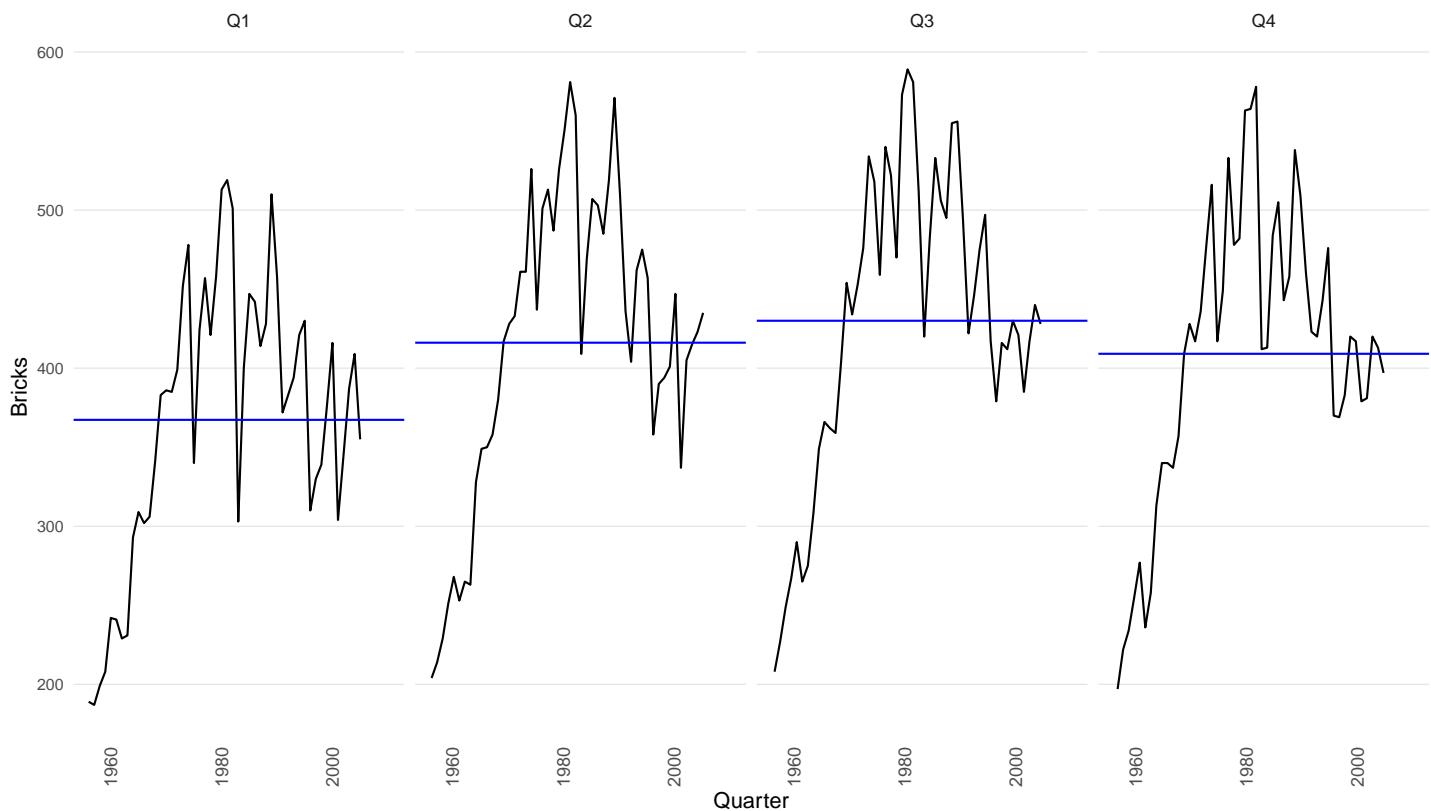
Australian Bricks Production – time plot



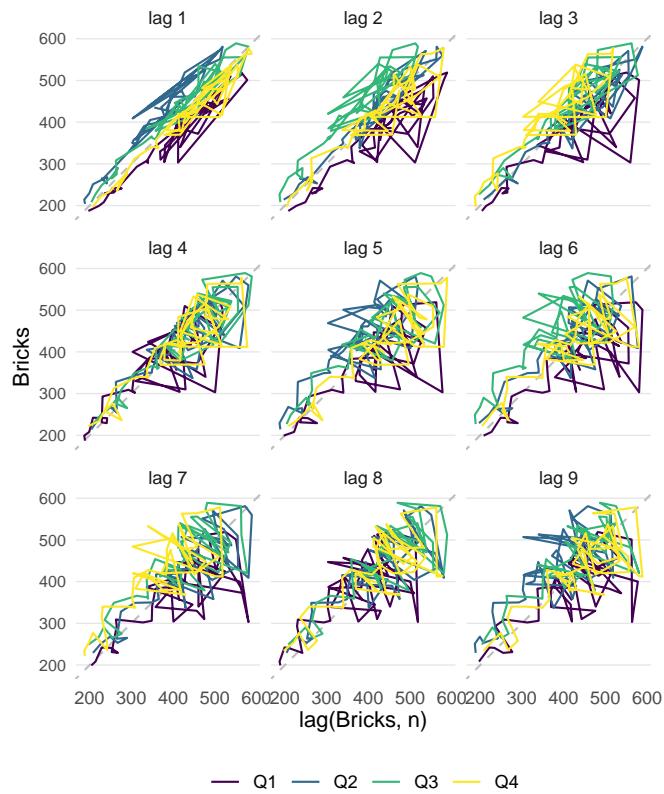
Australian Bricks Production – seasonal plot



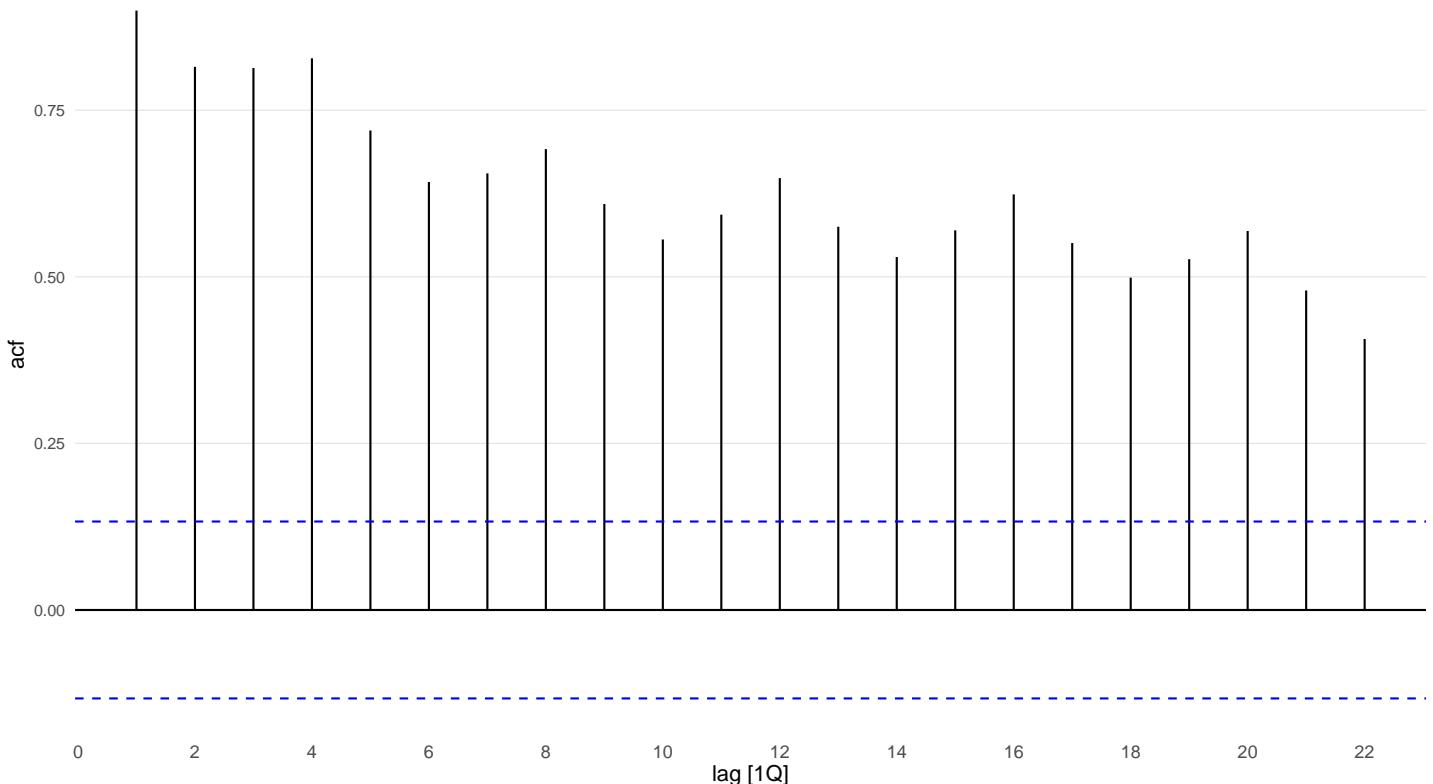
Australian Bricks Production – subseries plot



Australian Bricks Production – lag plot



Australian Bricks Production – ACF



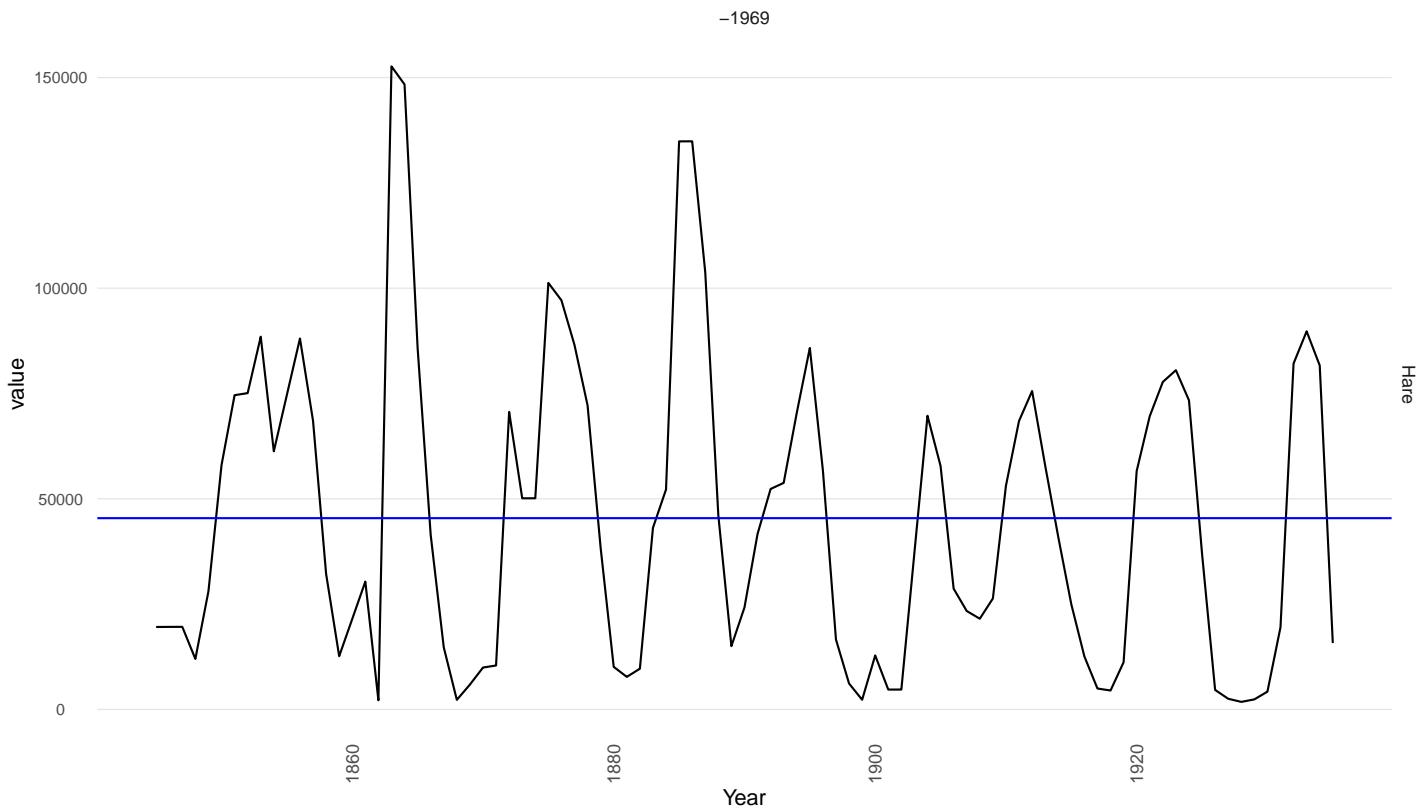
```
plots_hare <- explore_series(hare_ts, value, "Hare Pelts")
plots_hare$time; plots_hare$season; plots_hare$subseries; plots_hare$lag;
↪ plots_hare$acf
```

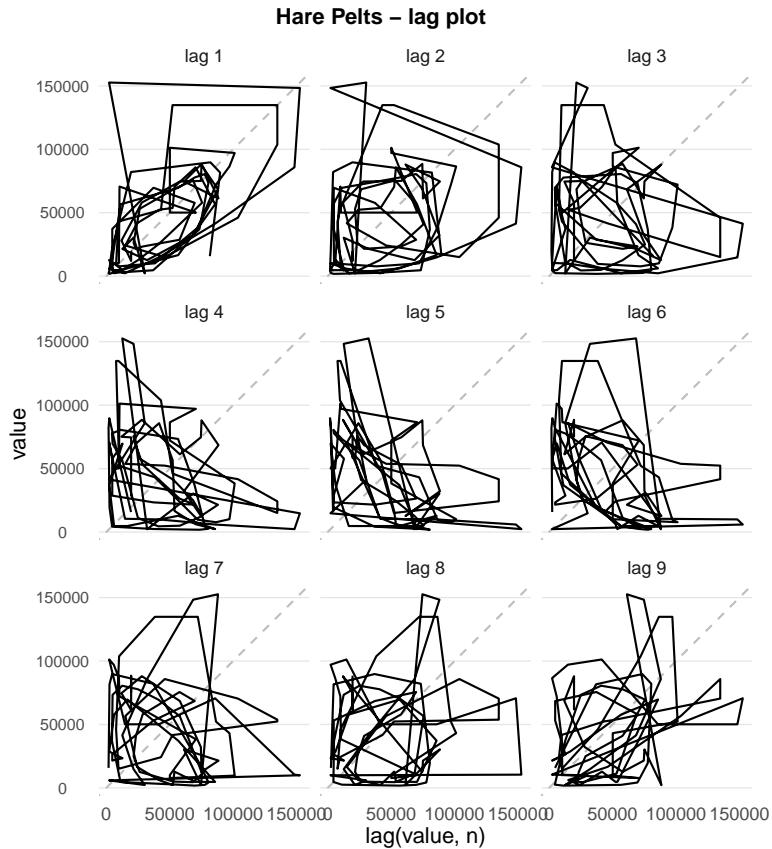
Hare Pelts – time plot



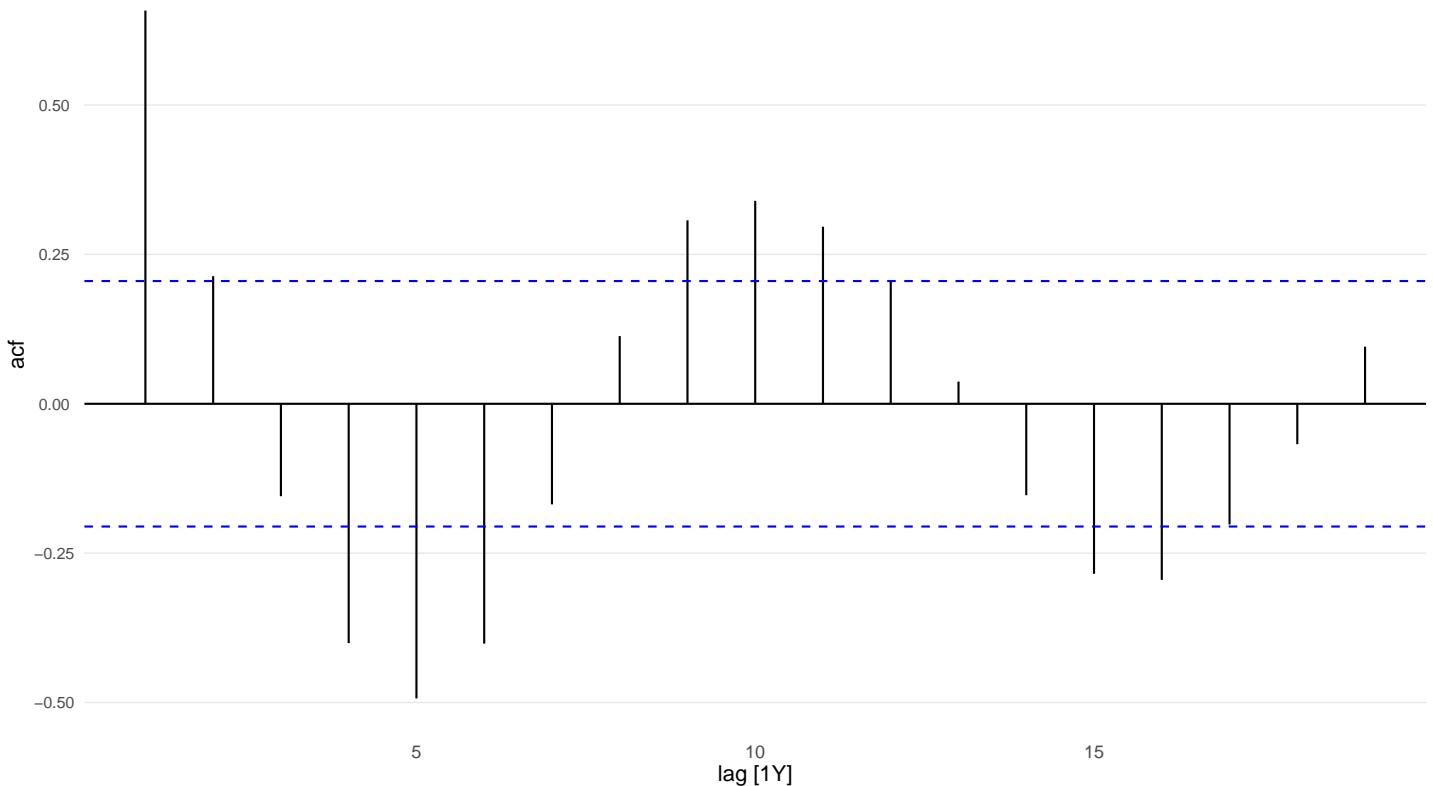
NULL

Hare Pelts – subseries plot



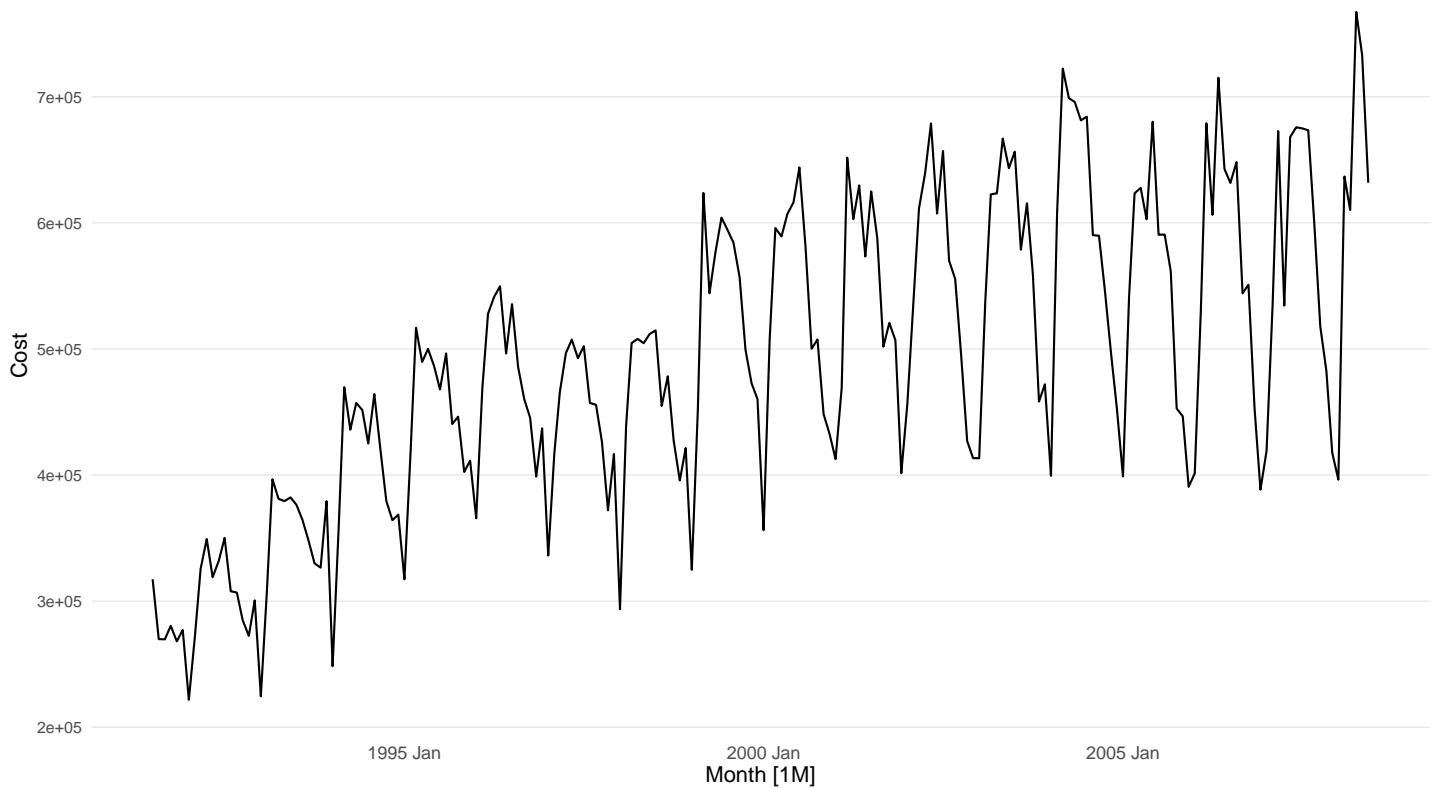


Hare Pelts – ACF

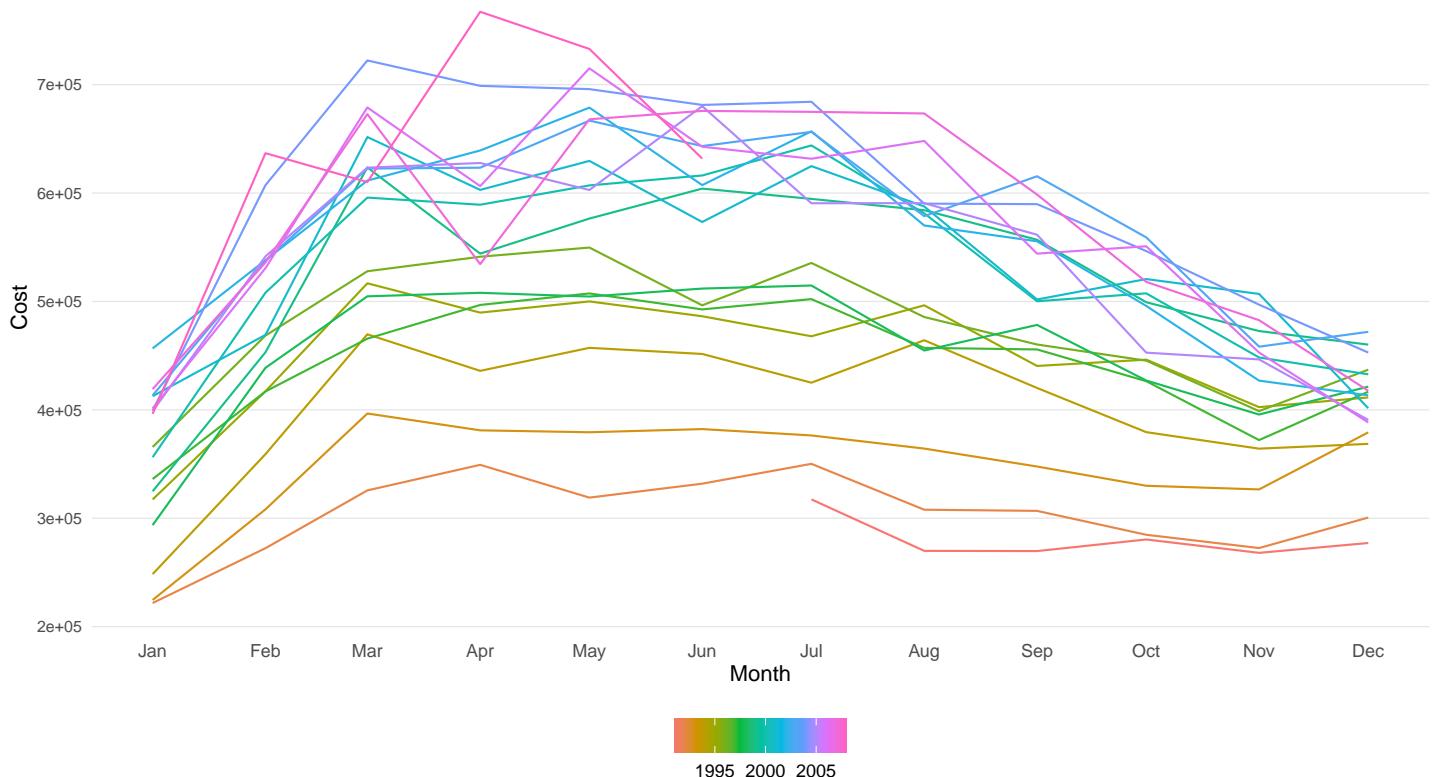


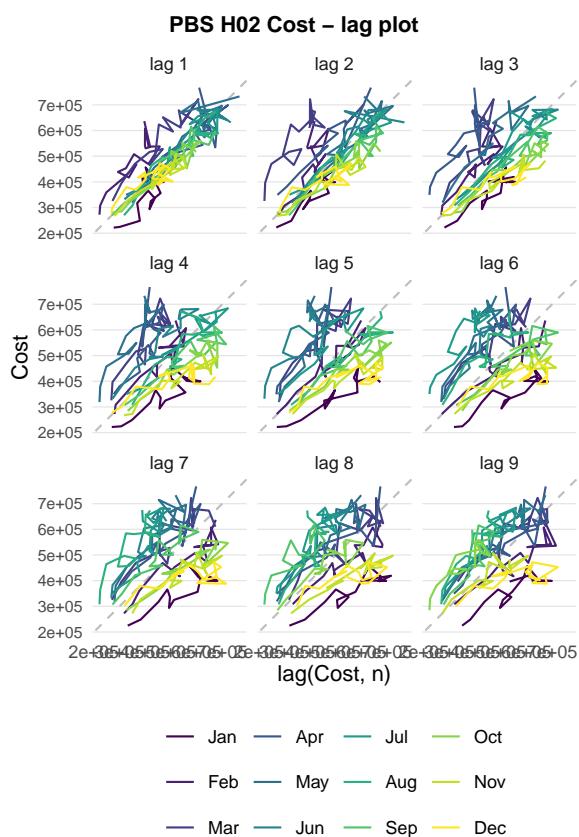
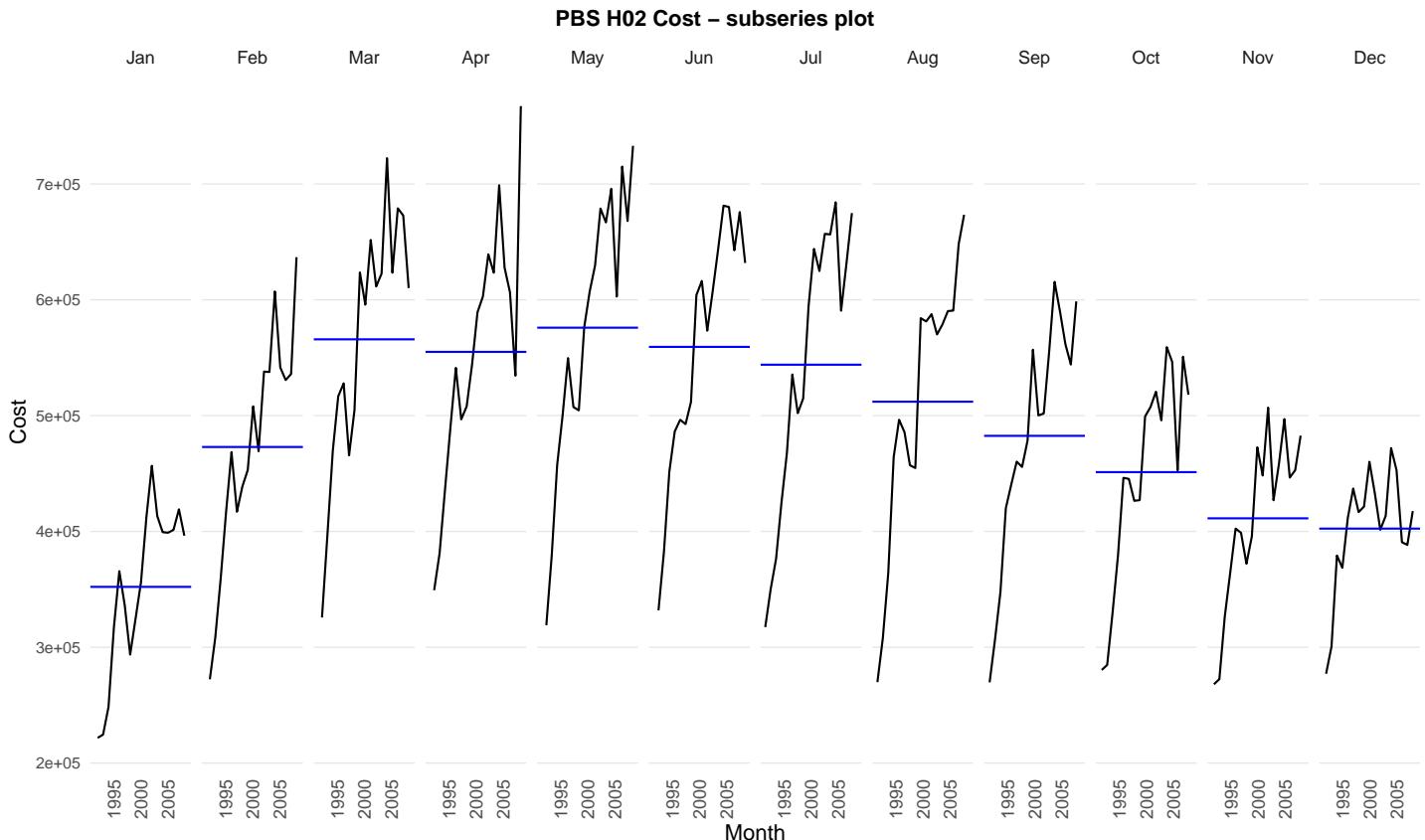
```
plots_pbs <- explore_series(pbs_h02, Cost, "PBS H02 Cost")
plots_pbs$time; plots_pbs$season; plots_pbs$subseries; plots_pbs$lag; plots_pbs$acf
```

PBS H02 Cost – time plot

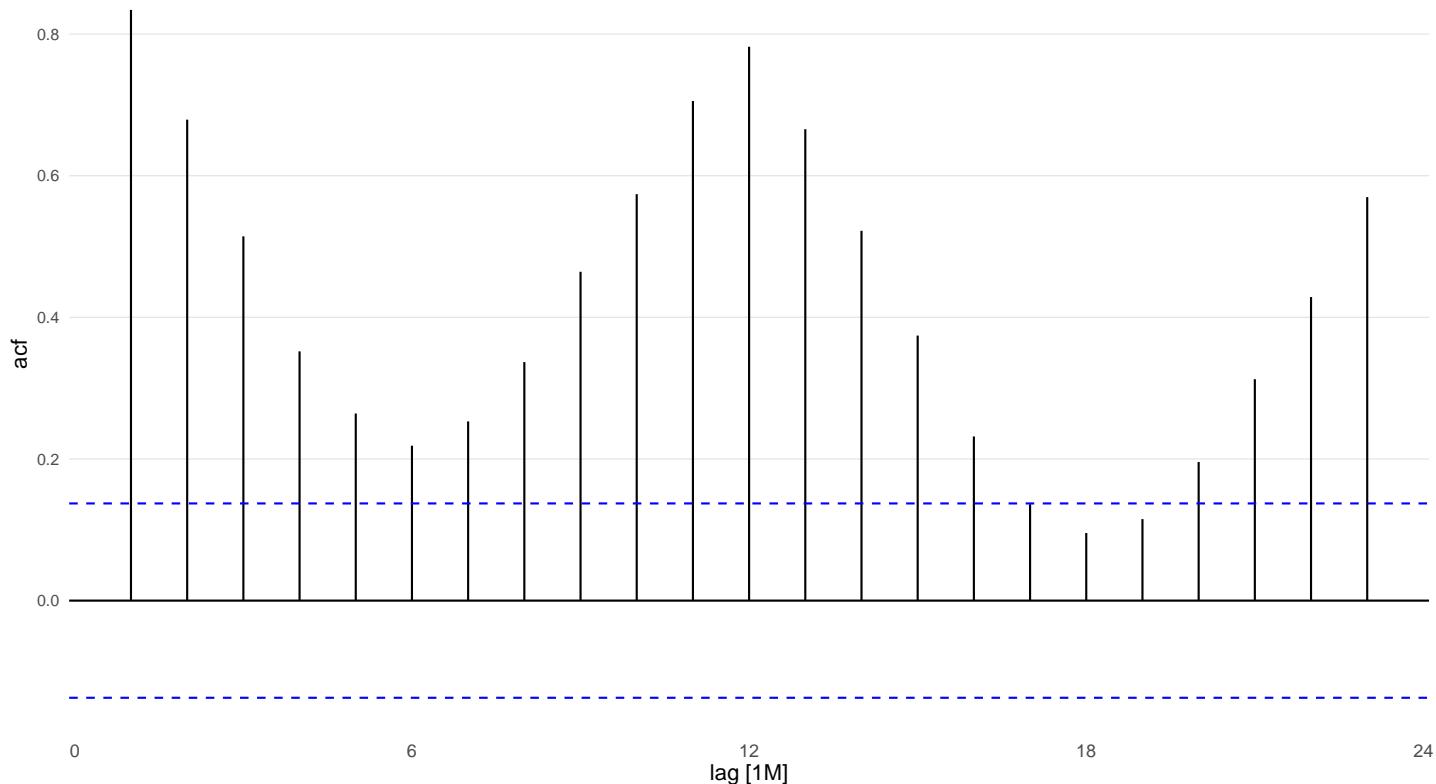


PBS H02 Cost – seasonal plot



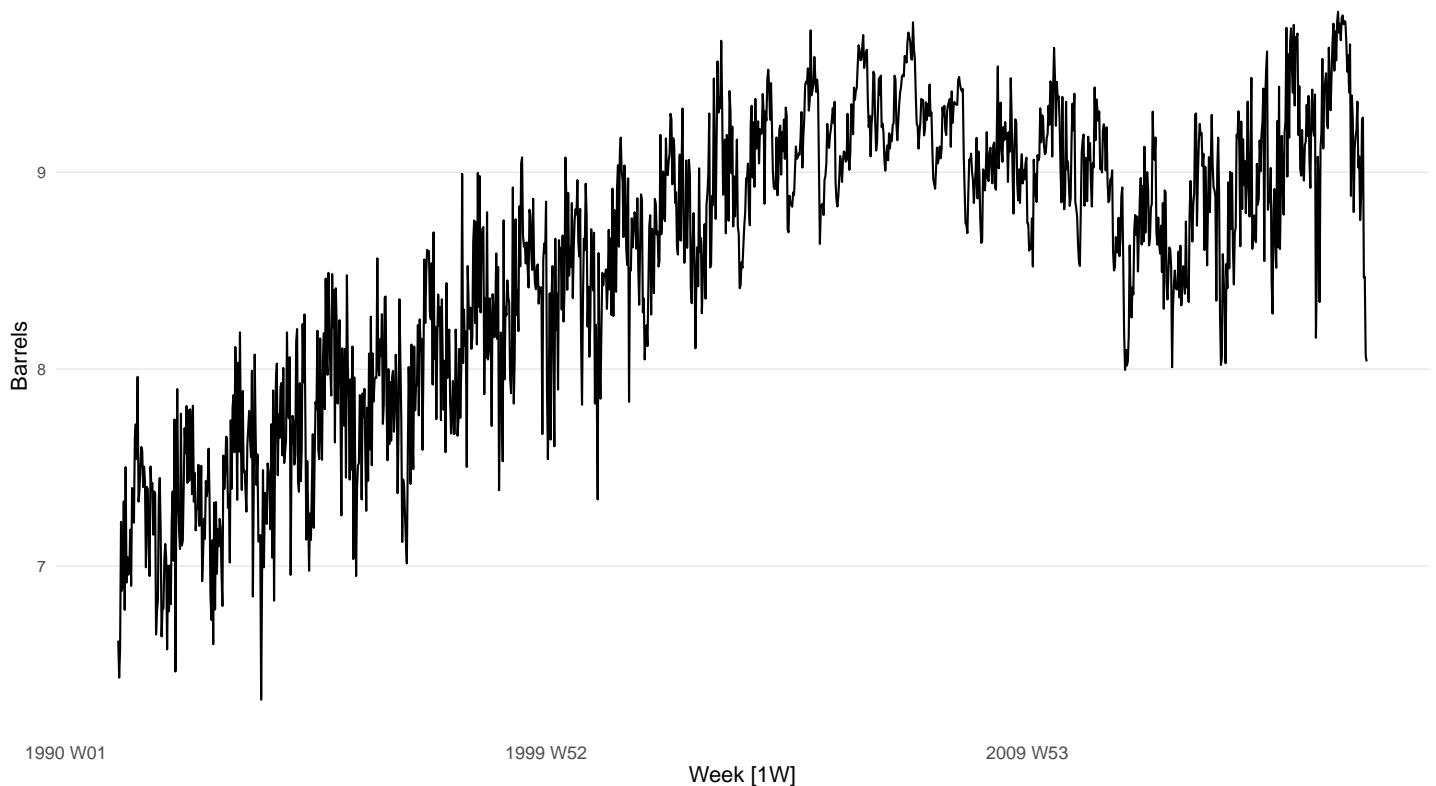


PBS H02 Cost – ACF

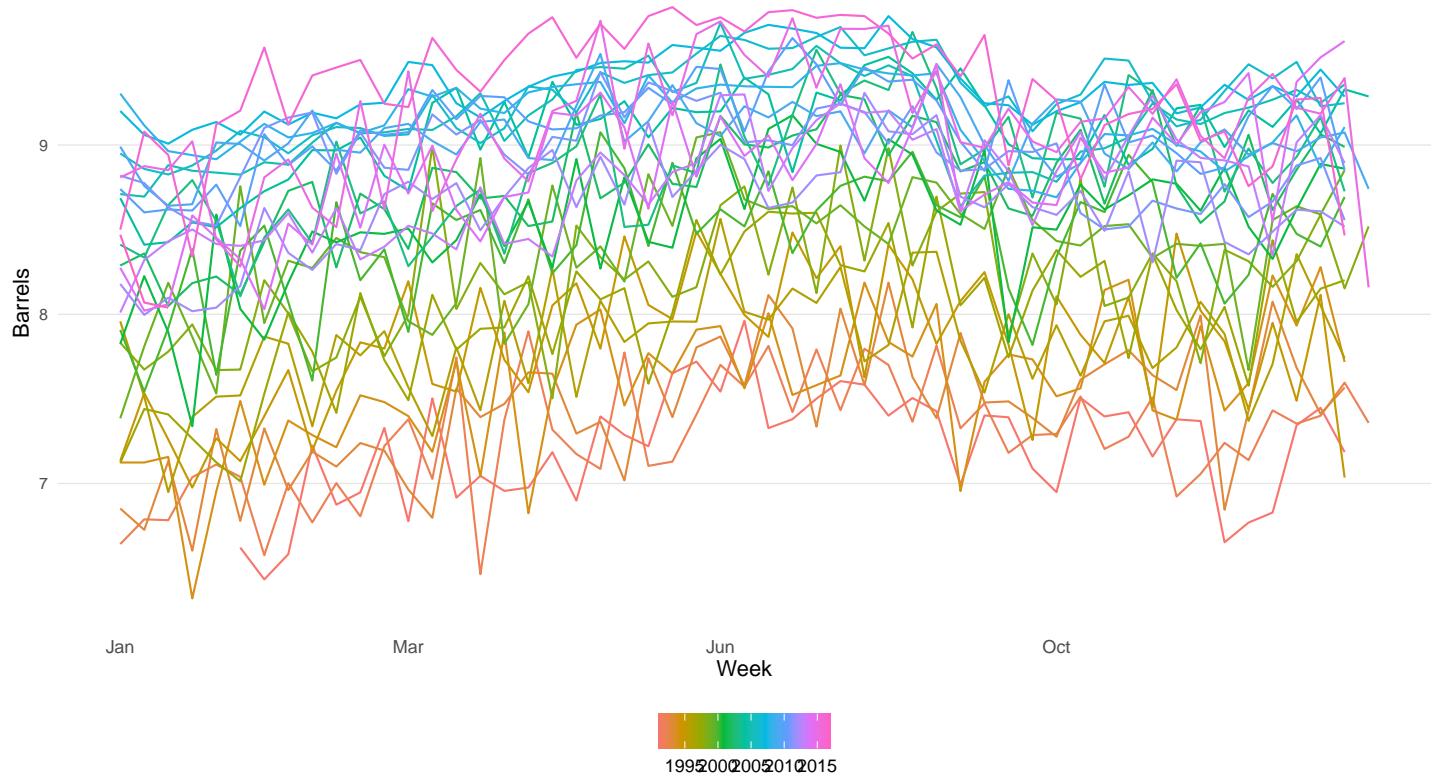


```
plots_gas <- explore_series(gas_barrels, Barrels, "US Gasoline Barrels")
plots_gas$time; plots_gas$season; plots_gas$subseries; plots_gas$lag; plots_gas$acf
```

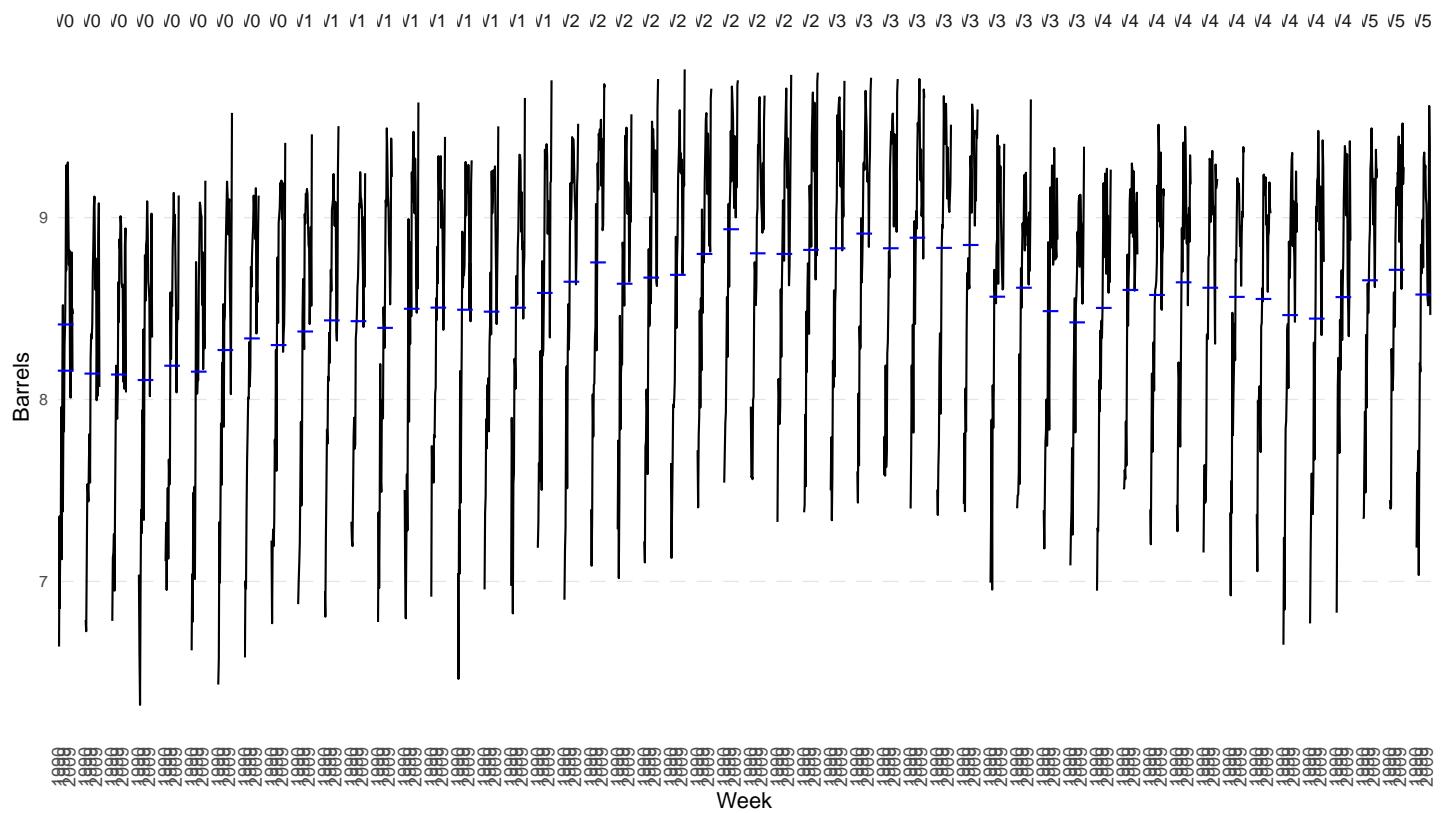
US Gasoline Barrels – time plot



US Gasoline Barrels – seasonal plot



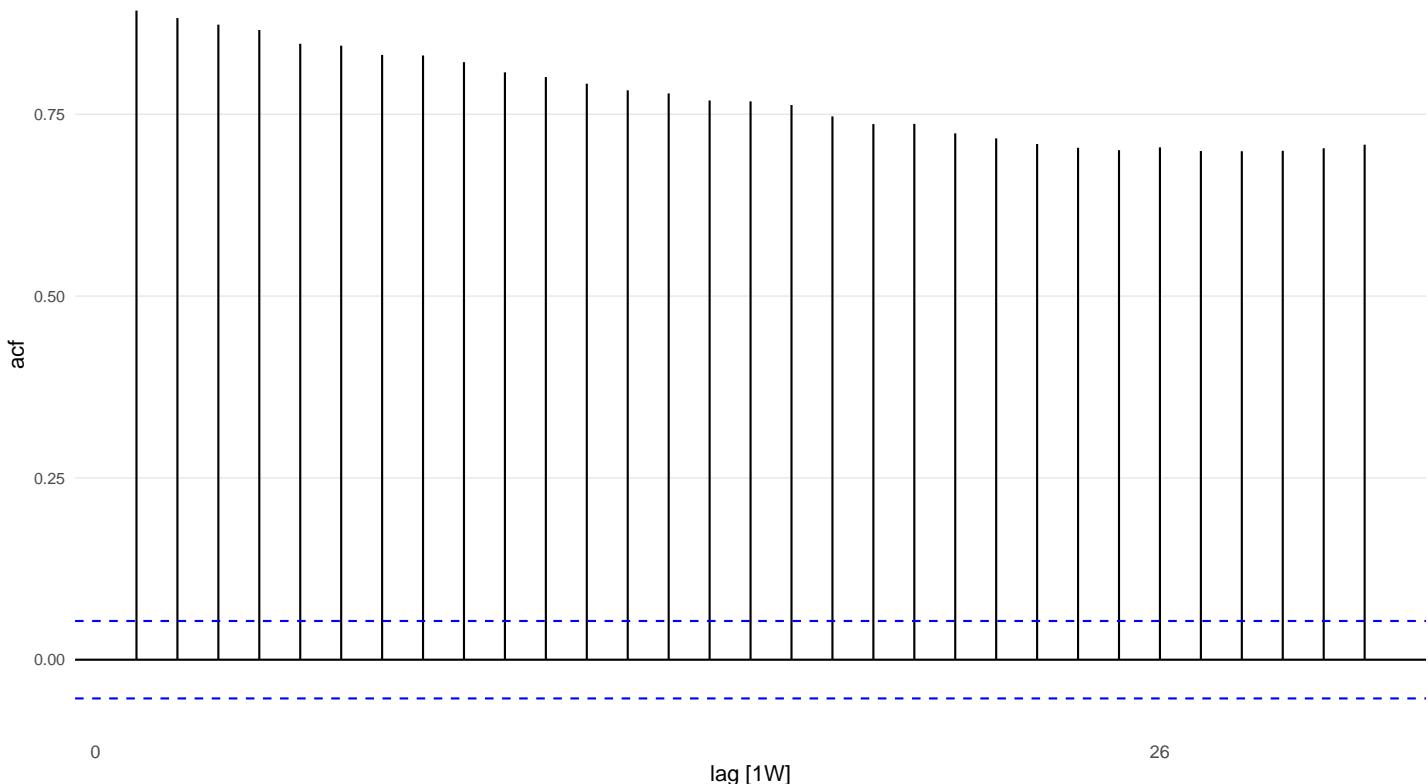
US Gasoline Barrels – subseries plot



US Gasoline Barrels – lag plot



US Gasoline Barrels – ACF



Answer (what we learn): - **US Gasoline Barrels** and **PBS H02 Cost** show clear **seasonality**: repeating within-year patterns and ACF spikes at seasonal lags (and multiples). - **US Employment (Total Private)** shows a strong **trend / nonstationarity**: long-run drift in the time plot and a slowly decaying ACF. - **Hare Pelts** shows **cycles** over multiple years: oscillations in the time plot with an ACF that alternates signs. - **Australian Bricks**

Production shows **unusual years/structural change**: a sharp drop in the early 1980s followed by a sustained lower level and higher volatility from the early 1990s onward.

9 Match time plots to ACF plots

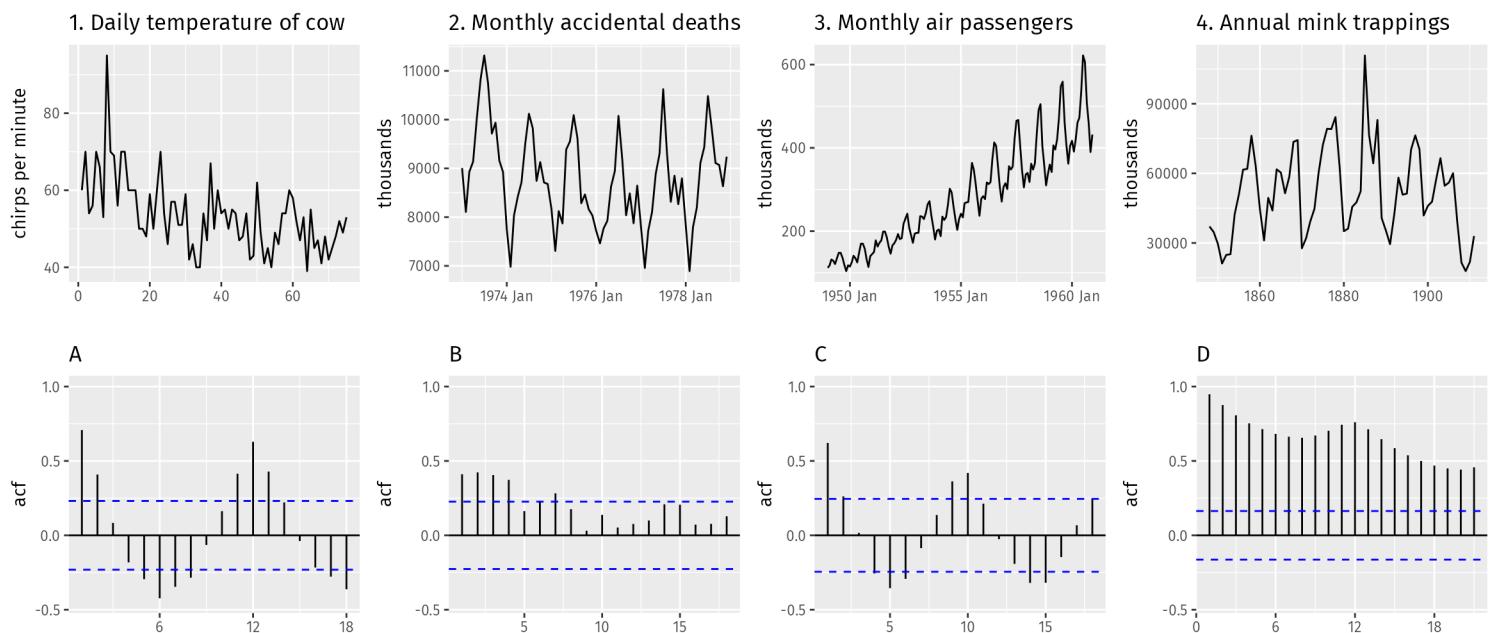
(JUST FOR FUN)

The book's figure is included below for matching.

```
acf_url <- "https://otexts.com/fpp3/fpp_files/figure-html/acfguess-1.png"
acf_file <- file.path(tempdir(), "acfguess-1.png")

download.file(acf_url, acf_file, mode = "wb")

knitr:::include_graphics(acf_file)
```



Answer: Based on the figure: - Time plot A matches ACF B - Time plot B matches ACF A - Time plot C matches ACF D - Time plot D matches ACF C

Justification (brief): - B A: near-zero, short-memory ACF fits the cow temperature series. - A B: strong seasonal spikes (esp. lag 12) fit monthly accidental deaths. - D C: high, slowly decaying ACF fits the trending air passengers series. - C D: oscillating, alternating-sign ACF fits mink trappings cycles.

10 aus_livestock pigs in Victoria (1990–1995): autoplot + ACF; compare to white noise

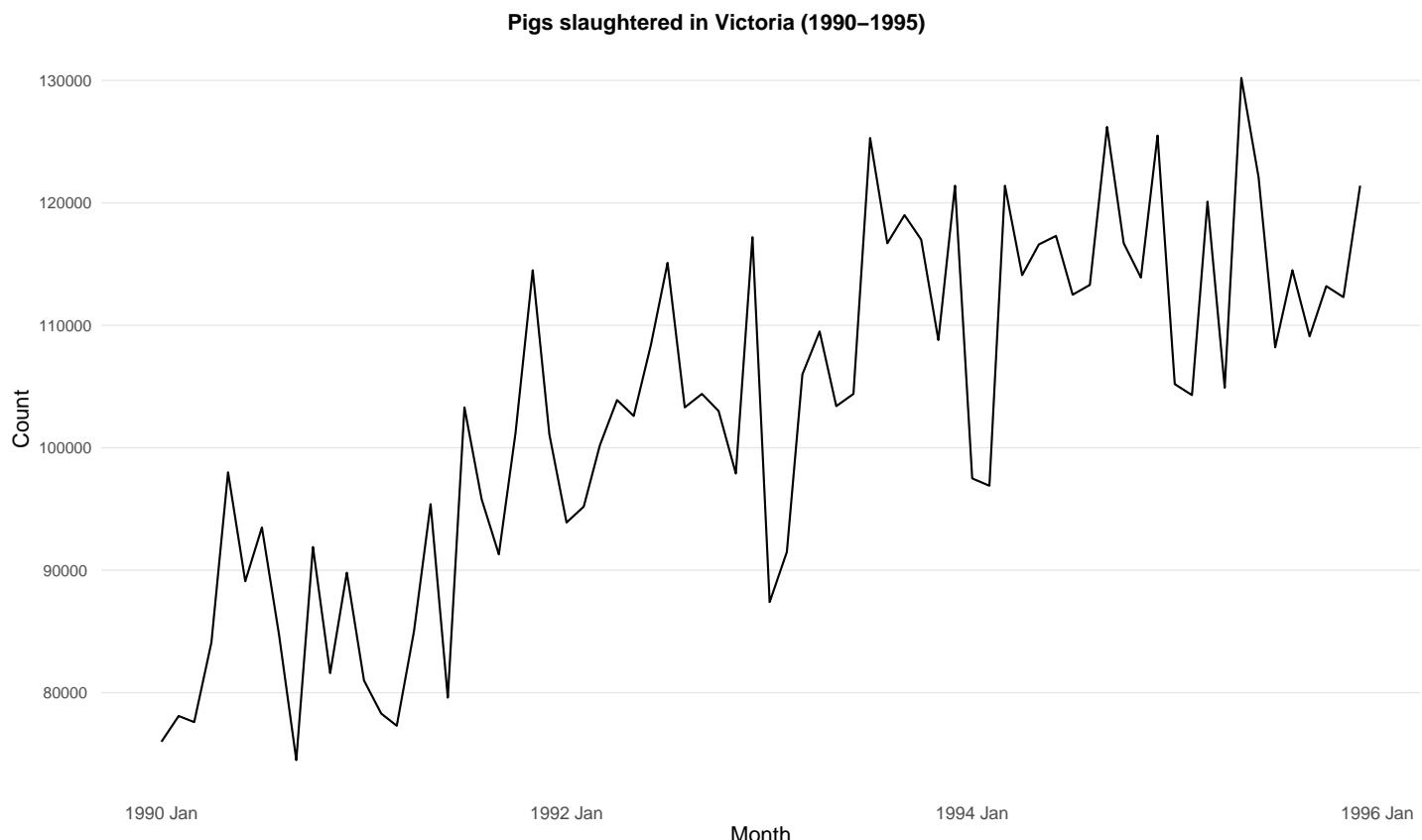
(JUST FOR FUN)

```

pigs_vic_9095 <- aus_livestock |>
  filter(Animal == "Pigs", State == "Victoria") |>
  filter(year(Month) >= 1990, year(Month) <= 1995)

pigs_vic_9095 |>
  autoplot(Count) +
  labs(title = "Pigs slaughtered in Victoria (1990–1995)", x = "Month", y = "Count")

```

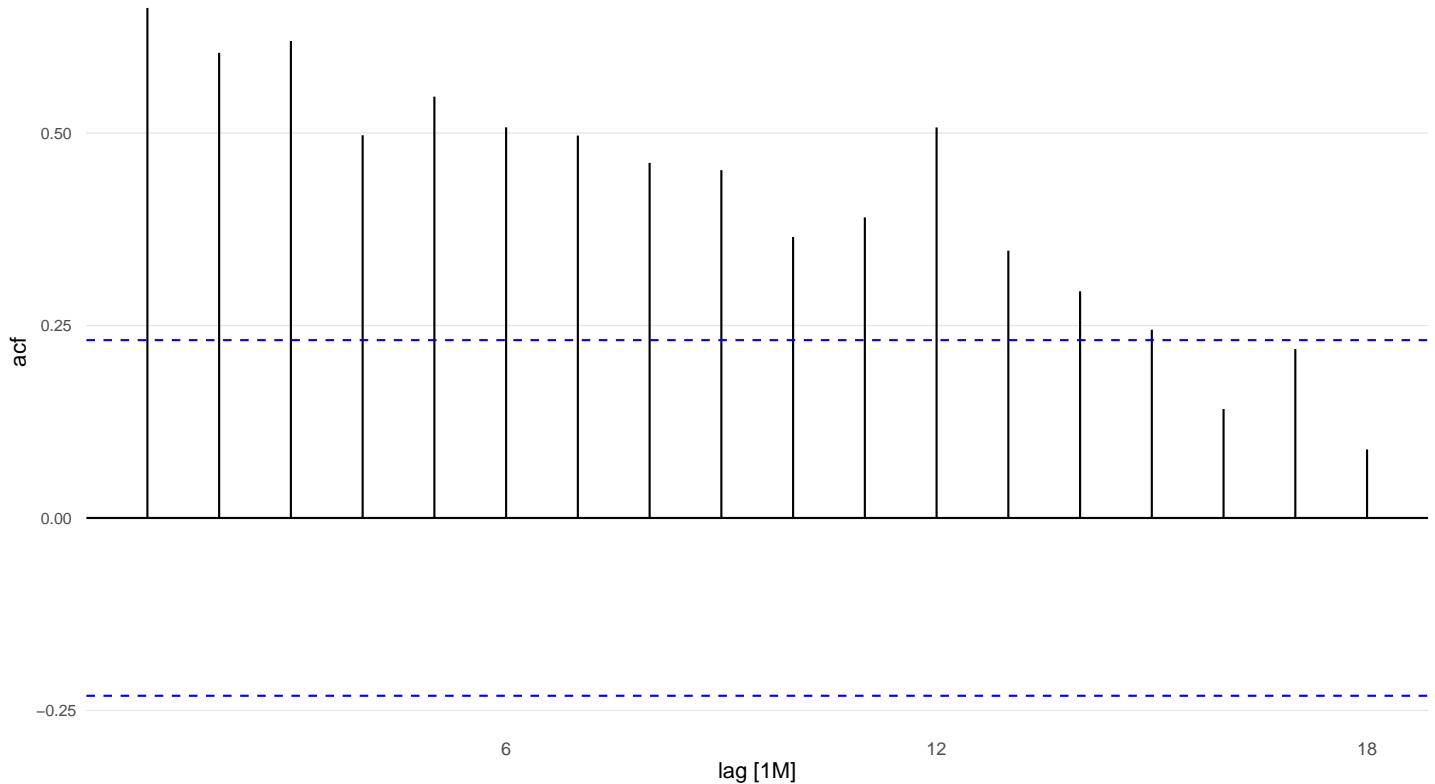


```

pigs_vic_9095 |>
  ACF(Count) |>
  autoplot() +
  labs(title = "ACF: Pigs slaughtered in Victoria (1990–1995)")

```

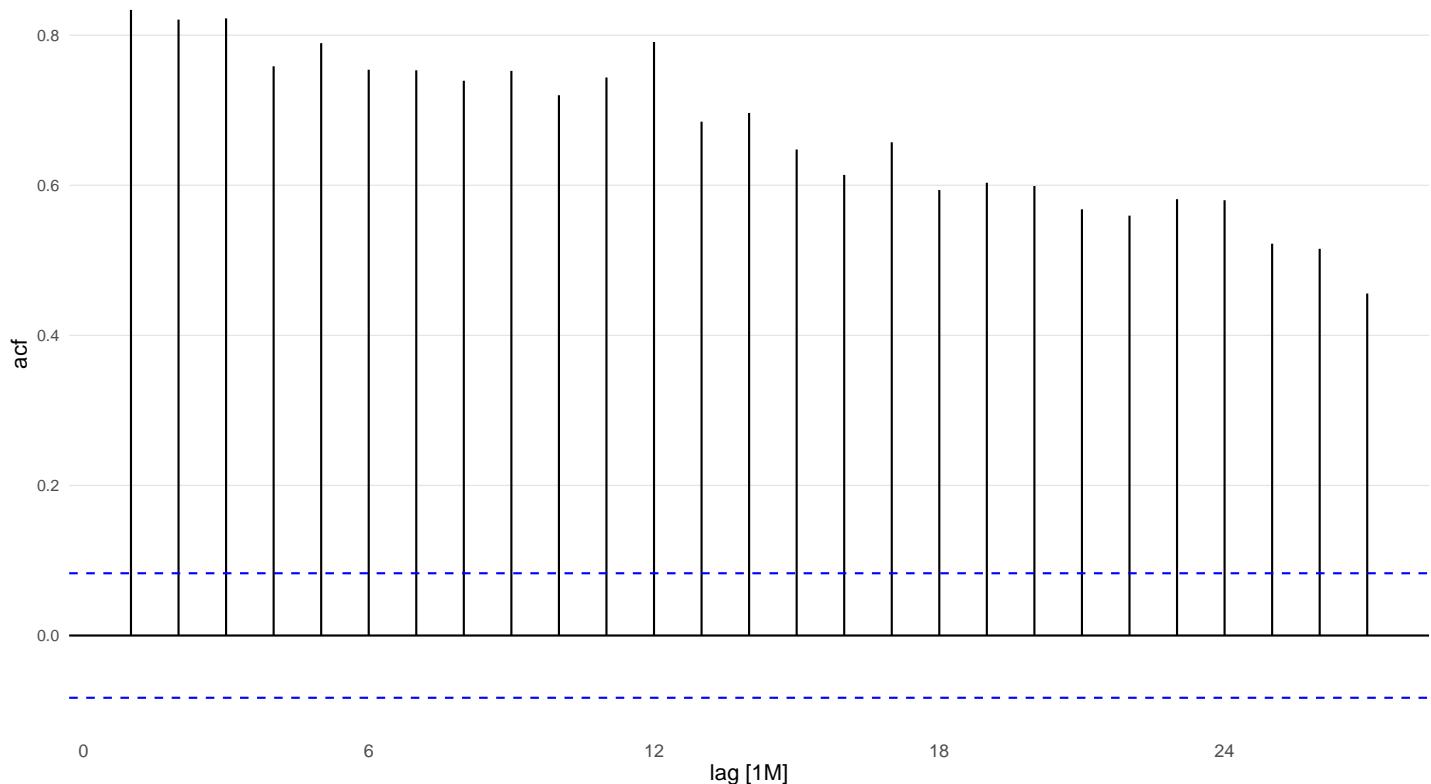
ACF: Pigs slaughtered in Victoria (1990–1995)



Compare to longer period:

```
pigs_vic_full <- aus_livestock |>  
  filter(Animal == "Pigs", State == "Victoria")  
  
pigs_vic_full |>  
  ACF(Count) |>  
  autoplot() +  
  labs(title = "ACF: Pigs slaughtered in Victoria (Full series)")
```

ACF: Pigs slaughtered in Victoria (Full series)



Answer:

- Compared with **white noise**, this series shows **structured autocorrelation** (significant ACF spikes rather than hovering near zero), indicating dependence and often seasonality/persistence.
- Using a **longer period** typically yields a **more stable ACF estimate** and can make seasonal and low-frequency structure clearer.

11 Google stock daily changes: re-indexing, differences, ACF; assess white noise

(JUST FOR FUN)

Compute daily changes in GOOG closing prices:

```
dgoog <- gafa_stock |>
  filter(Symbol == "GOOG", year(Date) >= 2018) |>
  mutate(trading_day = row_number()) |>
  update_tsibble(index = trading_day, regular = TRUE) |>
  mutate(diff = difference(Close))

dgoog |> dplyr::glimpse()
```

```
## Rows: 251
## Columns: 10
## Key: Symbol [1]
## $ Symbol      <chr> "GOOG", "GOOG", "GOOG", "GOOG", "GOOG", "GOOG", "GOOG", "G~
## $ Date        <date> 2018-01-02, 2018-01-03, 2018-01-04, 2018-01-05, 2018-01-0~
```

```

## $ Open      <dbl> 1048.34, 1064.31, 1088.00, 1094.00, 1102.23, 1109.40, 1097~
## $ High     <dbl> 1066.940, 1086.290, 1093.570, 1104.250, 1111.270, 1110.570~
## $ Low       <dbl> 1045.230, 1063.210, 1084.002, 1092.000, 1101.620, 1101.231~
## $ Close     <dbl> 1065.00, 1082.48, 1086.40, 1102.23, 1106.94, 1106.26, 1102~
## $ Adj_Close <dbl> 1065.00, 1082.48, 1086.40, 1102.23, 1106.94, 1106.26, 1102~
## $ Volume    <dbl> 1237600, 1430200, 1004600, 1279100, 1047600, 902500, 10428~
## $ trading_day <int> 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, ~
## $ diff       <dbl> NA, 17.479980, 3.920044, 15.829956, 4.709961, -0.679931, ~

```

11.1 Why re-index the tsibble?

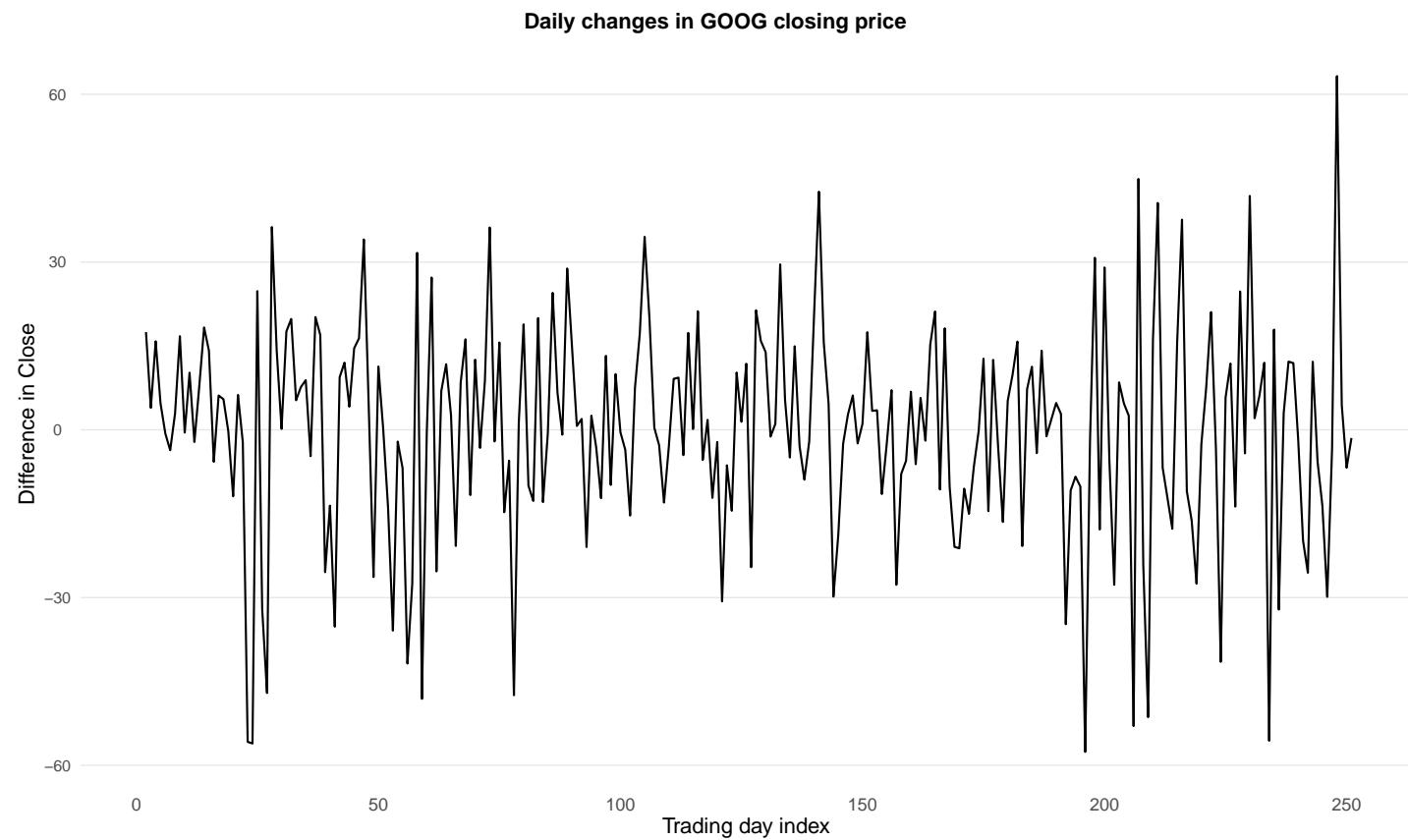
Answer: The Date index is not strictly regular because trading does not occur on weekends/holidays. Re-indexing by `trading_day` creates a **regular** index where each step is “next observed trading day,” so lag operations (and the ACF) align with equal steps.

11.2 Plot differences and their ACF

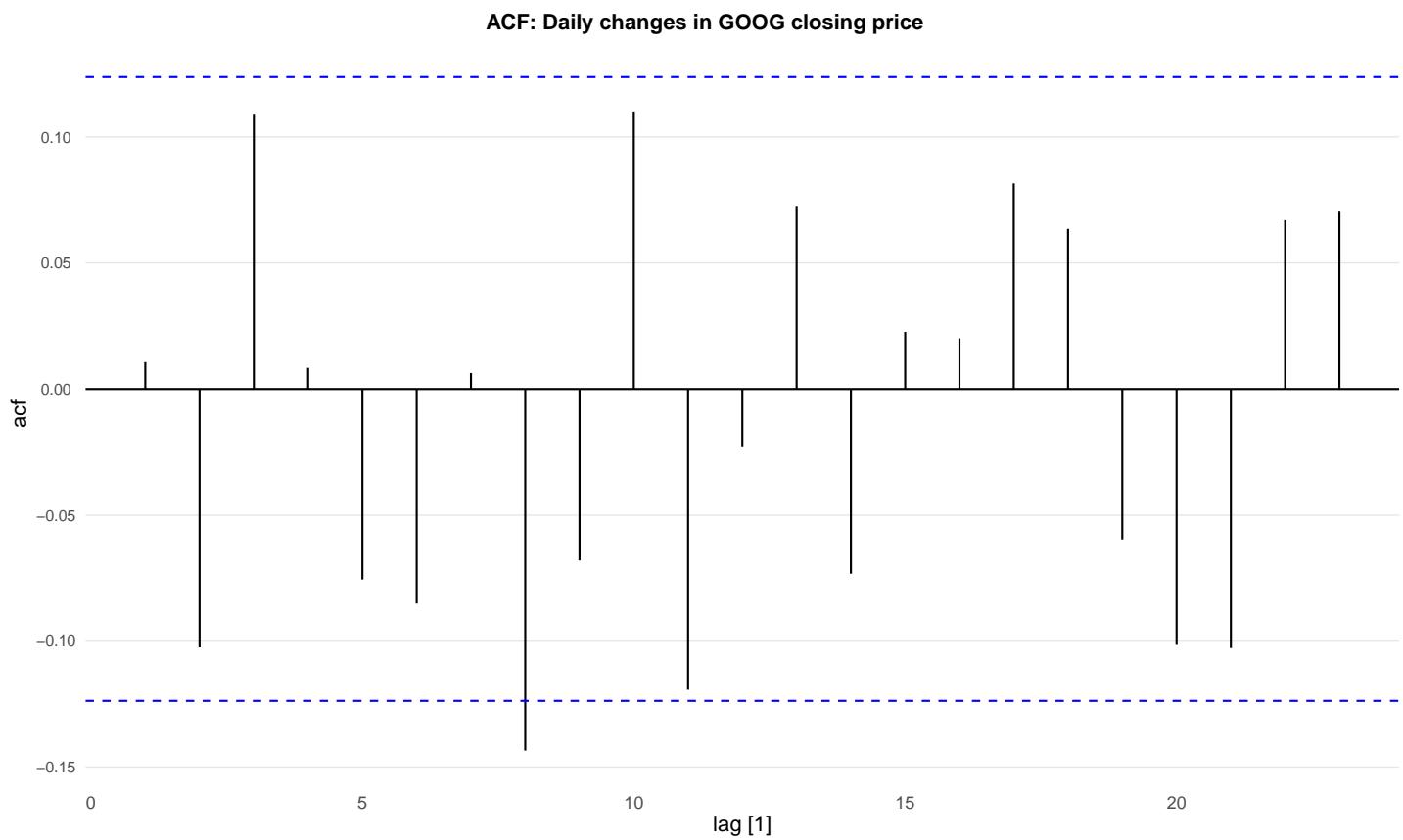
```

dgoog |>
  autoplot(diff) +
  labs(title = "Daily changes in GOOG closing price", x = "Trading day index", y =
    "Difference in Close")

```



```
dgoog |>
  ACF(diff) |>
  autoplot() +
  labs(title = "ACF: Daily changes in GOOG closing price")
```



11.3 Do the changes look like white noise?

Answer: Price **changes** often show weak linear autocorrelation (ACF near zero at most lags), consistent with white noise in the mean. However, volatility clustering (periods of larger/smaller variability) can still appear in the time plot, so the series may not be i.i.d. white noise in a strict sense.