Methods for estimating the peak season in time series data

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- Establishing and monitoring the intensity and duration of the peak season of phenomenal is useful for certain Earth Observation applications.
- For example, a precise estimation of the fire season in the Amazon forest could improve resource allocation for fire brigades, better town planing in response to smoke, accurate estimations of greenhouse gasses emissions
- It is common to assume a fixed fire season for the Amazon forest [CAN+21].



Deforestation by slash and cut (*Corte e queima*). Source: [DAMV⁺22].

Amazon fire calendar

- Stratification of the Amazon basin according to the dry season start and end.
- It uses the mean monthly rainfall (CHIRPS) from 1989 to 2019 over a 10 km grid.
- ► The dry season is made of the consecutive months with rainfall below 100 mm.
- Regions are neighborhoods of pixels with the same start and end.
- Their results are available online online.

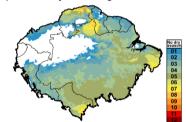
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Spatio-temporal variation in dry season determines the Amazonian fire calendar

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Source: [CAN⁺21].

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- ► R language [IG96].
- ► R packages dplyr and ggplot2.
- ► R packages for vector (sf [Peb18]) and raster (terra [Hij20]) data.
- ▶ R package sicegar for double sigmoid regression [CTW18].
- ► Analysis code available on GitHub.

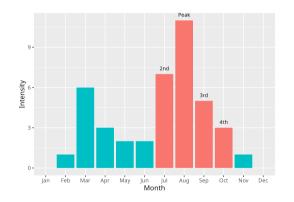


Data

▶ We used fire data from VIIRS available at the INPE's "Queimadas" project.

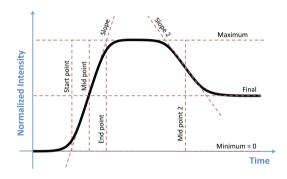
Peak and threshold

- Originally proposed by Guilherme Mataveli.
- A season is a subset of contiguous months that host the peak and at least 60% of the total intensity (observations) of a phenomenon.



Double sigmoidal fitting

- ► Input data represents intensity measured over time.
- Growth happens in two phases: exponential intensity increase until level off at a maximum level (first sigmoid function); decay to a lower intensity or even zero (second sigmoid).
- ► The midpoints are assumed as the start and end of the season.



Source: [CTW18].

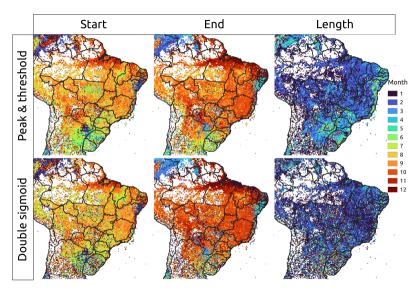
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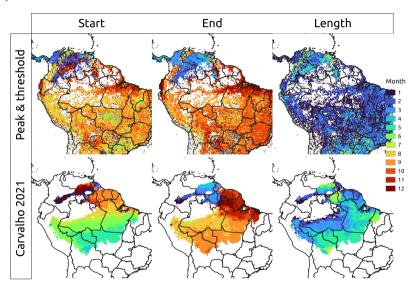
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Result comparison

- ► Carvalho et al., [CAN+21] is actually about the establishing the dry and rainy seasons rather than the fire season.
- ▶ They use the fire spots to validate their results.
- ► Instead, we're using the fire spots to estimate the fire season and use [CAN+21], to validate them.

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Final remarks

► Source code available at https://github.com/albhasan/seasonmetrics.

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