

# Notes from AMORE meeting 8 (reading netcdf, plotting maps and sections, data wrangling)

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## Summary

Dan talked about the use of base-R functions `cut()`, `split()` and `lapply()`, with a general introduction being followed by two examples relating to the timeseries of atmospheric CO<sub>2</sub> concentration, i.e. the “Keeling Curve” (see the engaging essay by Monroe (2013) for more on the history of this dataset). This led to code included as `co2-year-average.R` in this directory.

More briefly, he pointed at code (file `co2-average-months.R` in this directory) that takes more detailed CO<sub>2</sub> data and breaks it down into years, and then into months.

Dan also mentioned a stacking-plot example, showing the result but not the code. That is included as the file `co2-stack-years.R` in the present directory.

## Plans

This was the last planned AMORE session for the summer of 2023. That doesn’t means that members of the group are “on their own”, though. If the meetings have been successful, participants will feel free to reach out to others in the group if they need advice.

## References

Monroe, Rob. 2013. “The History of the Keeling Curve.” *The Keeling Curve*. <https://keelingcurve.ucsd.edu/2013/04/03/the-history-of-the-keeling-curve/>.

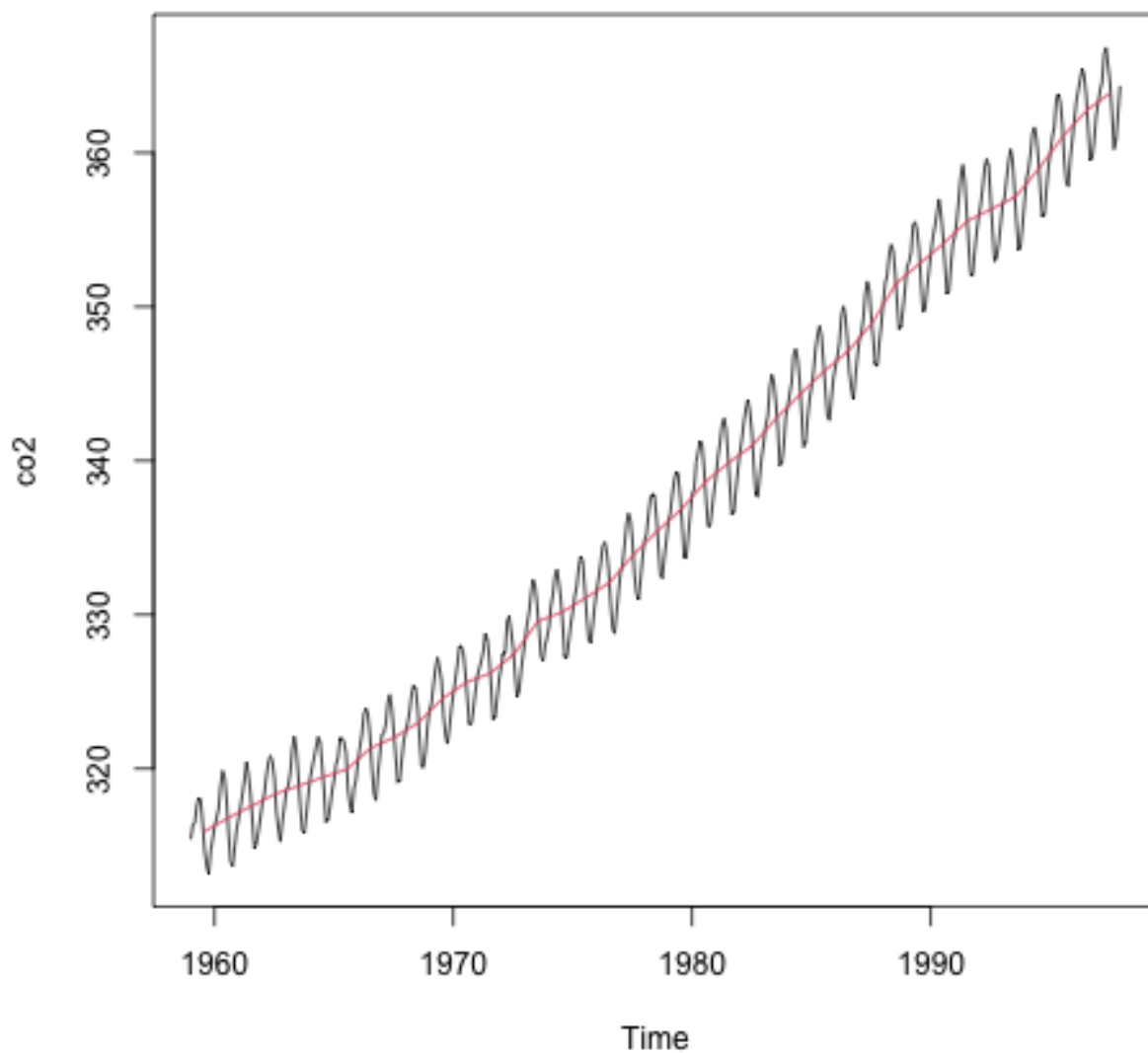


Figure 1: Output from `co2-year-average.R`, the first part of which was discussed in the meeting. The R file includes the computation of average time within each month segment, and the drawing of the monthly average as a red line on top of the monthly data (black).

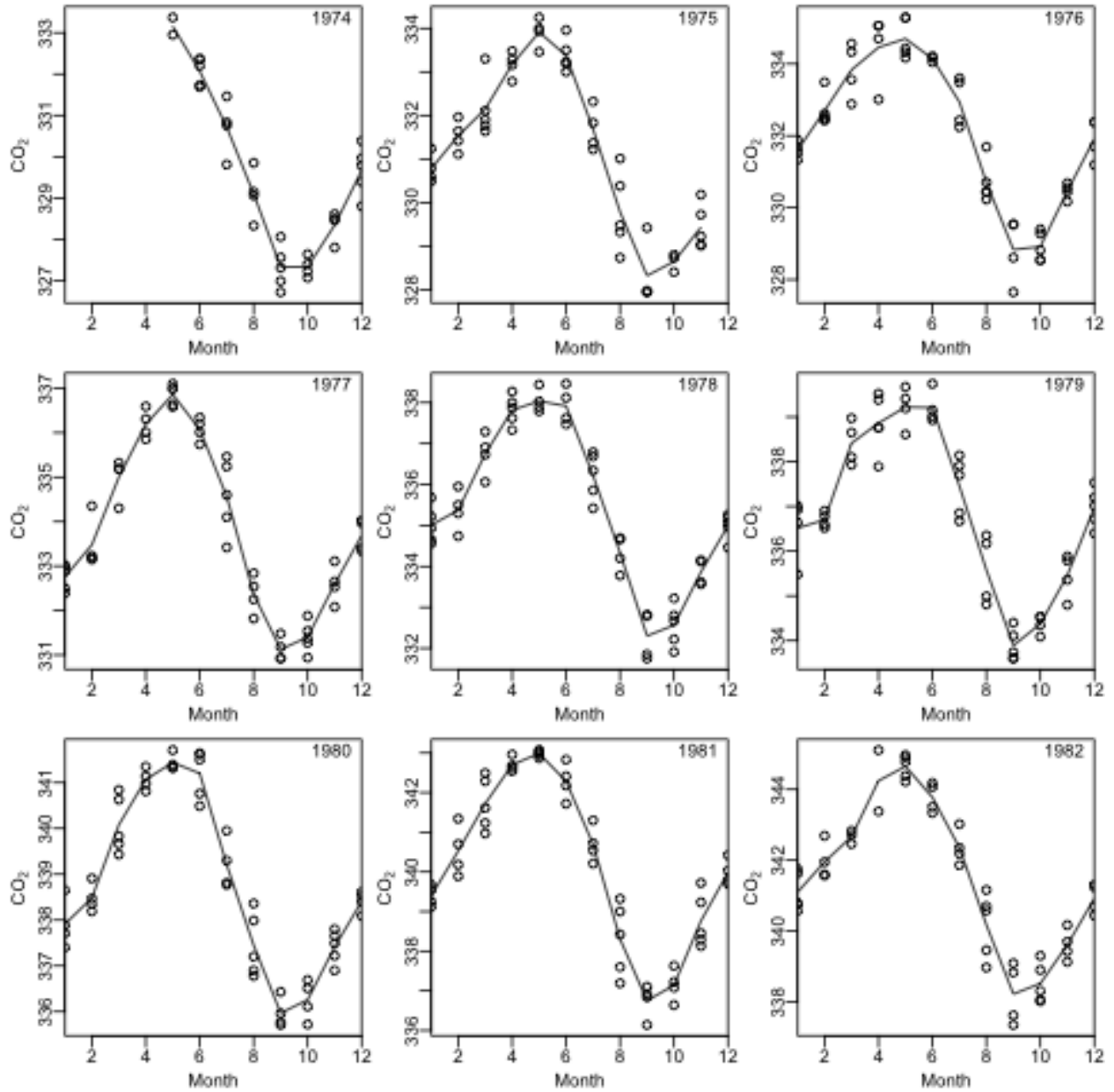


Figure 2: Output from `co2-average-months.R`, a snippet of which was discussed in the meeting. The data were first split by year for subdivision into plot panels, showing measurements with dots. Then each year was split into months to compute monthly averages, shown here with lines.

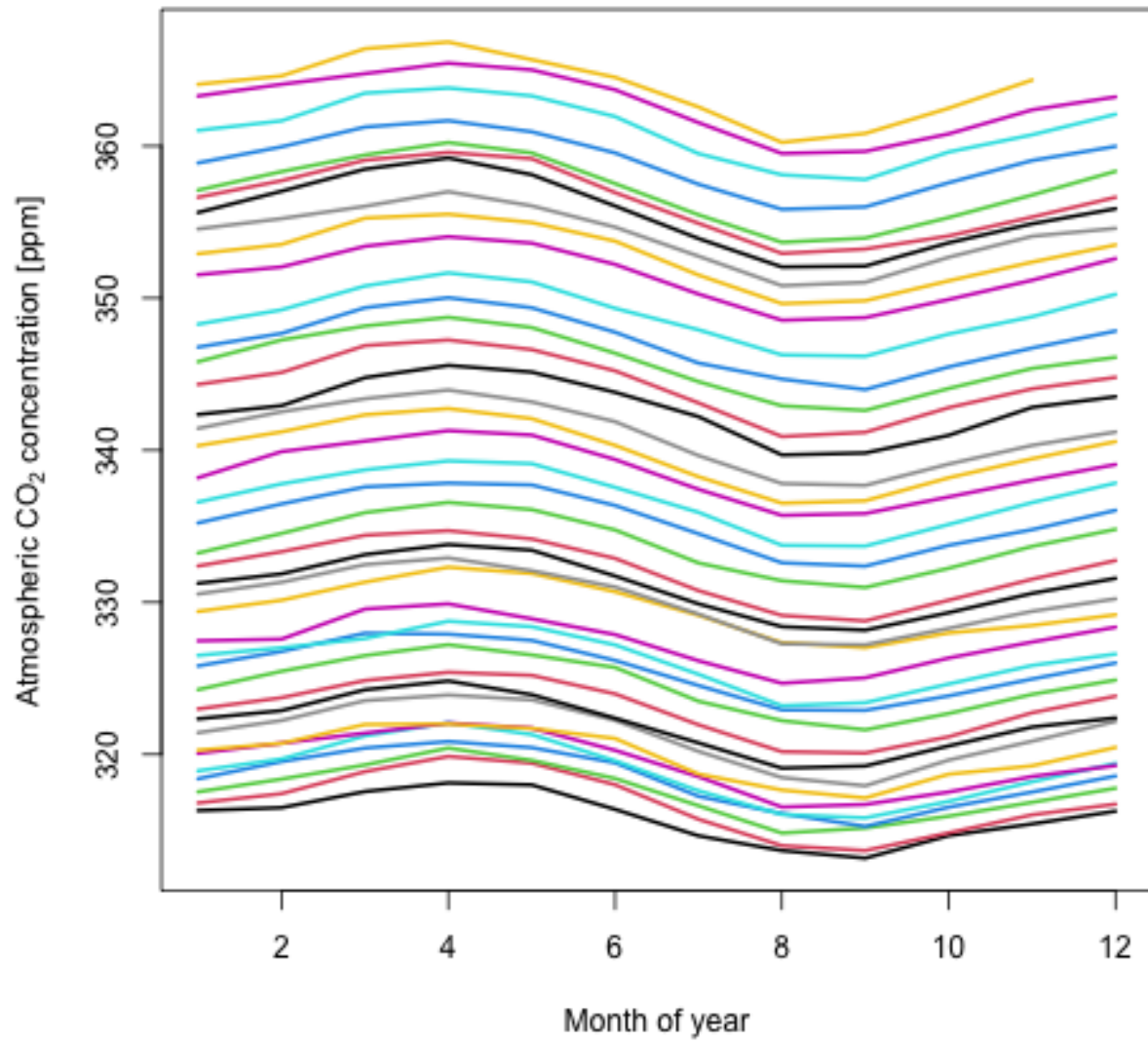


Figure 3: Output from `co2-stack-years.R`, which was shown in the meeting. Colour shifts with each year, on a 9-year cycle. No offset is applied to subsequent years: the offsets result from CO<sub>2</sub> increasing.