



Probabilistic forecasts for anomaly detection

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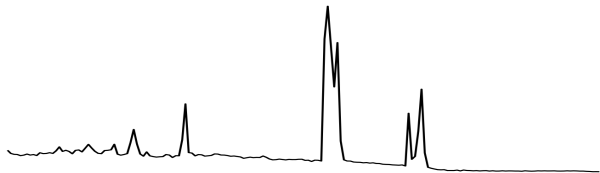
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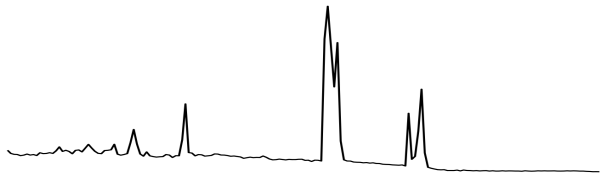
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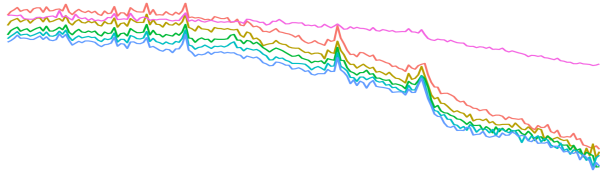
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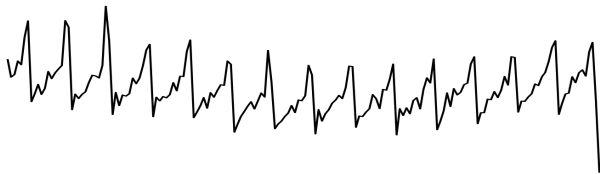
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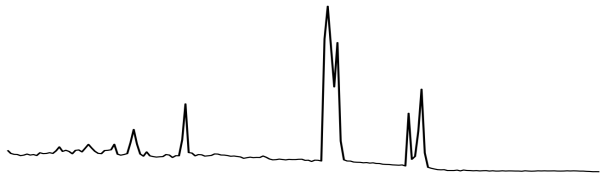
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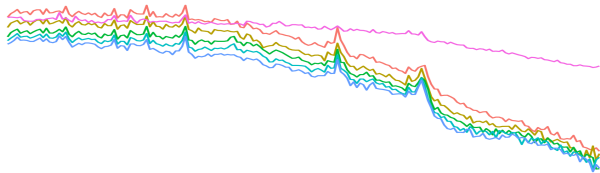
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Australian PBS data

```
pbs
```

```
# A tsibble: 17,016 x 3 [1M]
```

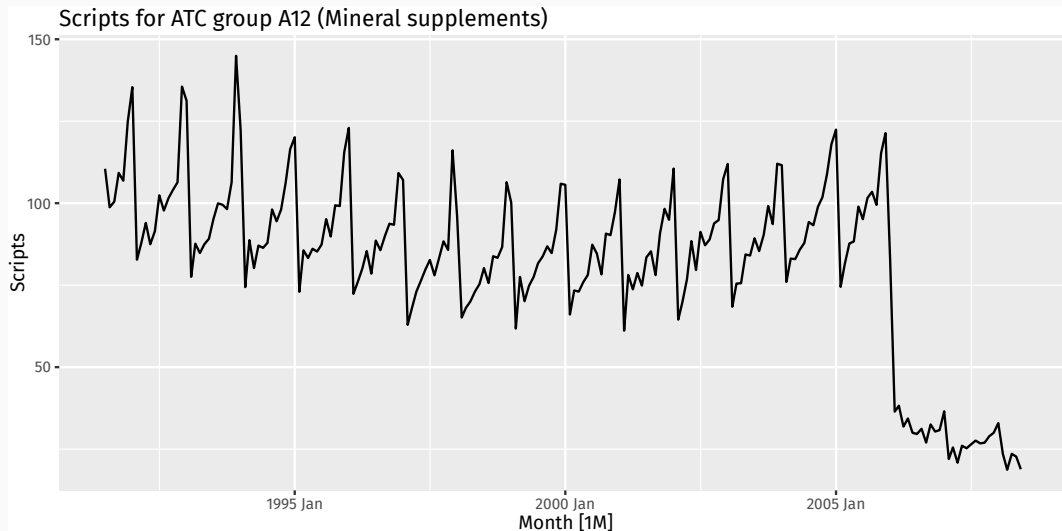
```
# Key:      ATC2 [84]
```

```
  ATC2      Month Scripts  
  <chr>    <mth>    <dbl>
```

1	A01	1991 Jul	22.6
2	A01	1991 Aug	20.4
3	A01	1991 Sep	21.4
4	A01	1991 Oct	23.7
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6	A01	1991 Dec	26.3
7	A01	1992 Jan	22.0
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9	A01	1992 Mar	17.2
10	A01	1992 Apr	18.8

```
# i 17,006 more rows
```

Australian PBS data

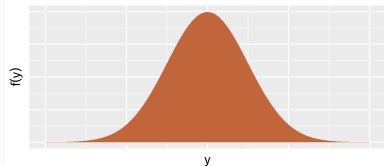


Anomaly score distribution

One-step forecast distribution: $N(\mu_t, \sigma^2)$

$$f(y_t | y_1, \dots, y_{t-1}) = \phi\left(\frac{y_t - \mu_t}{\sigma}\right) = \frac{1}{\sigma\sqrt{2\pi}} \exp\left\{-\frac{(y_t - \mu_t)^2}{2\sigma^2}\right\}$$

One-step forecast density



Anomaly score distribution

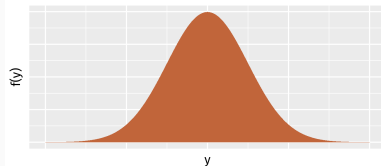
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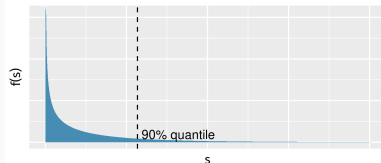
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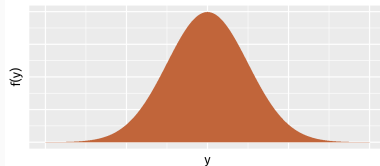
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Extreme anomaly score distribution

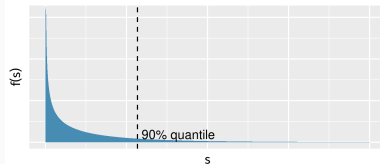
$$H(x) = P(S \leq u + x \mid S > u)$$

→ Generalized Pareto Distribution for almost all forecast distributions f .

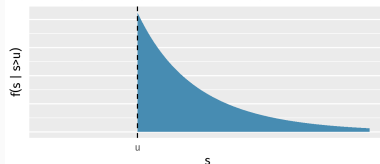
One-step forecast density



Anomaly score density



Anomaly score exceedance density



Anomaly detection algorithm

For each t :

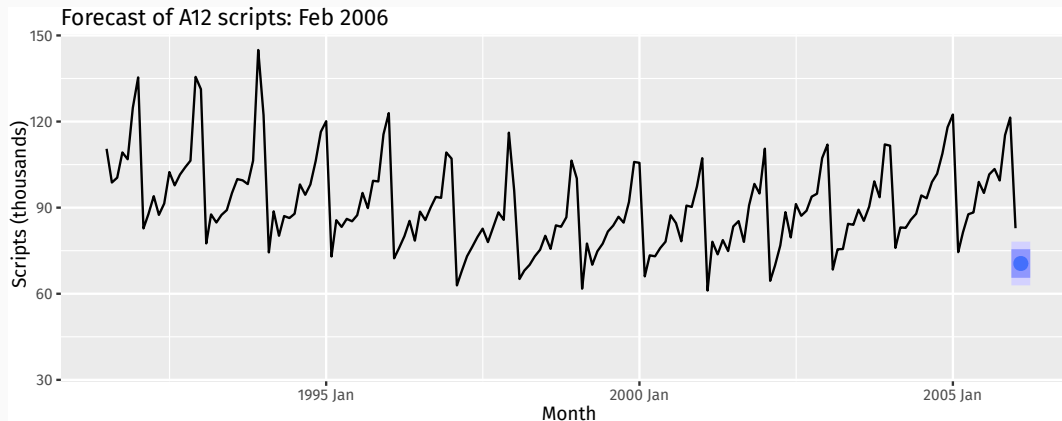
- Estimate one-step forecast density: $f(y_t|y_1, \dots, y_{t-1})$.
- Anomaly score: $s_t = -\log \hat{f}(y_t|y_1, \dots, y_{t-1})$.
- High anomaly score indicates potential anomaly.
- Fit a Generalized Pareto Distribution to the top 10% of anomaly scores seen so far.
- y_t is anomaly if $P(S > s_t) < 0.05$ under GPD.

Example

```
a12 ← pbs ▷ filter(ATC2 == "A12", Month <= yearmonth("2006 Jan"))  
a12plus ← pbs ▷ filter(ATC2 == "A12", Month <= yearmonth("2006 Feb"))  
fc ← a12 ▷ model(ets = ETS(Scripts)) ▷ forecast(h = 1)
```

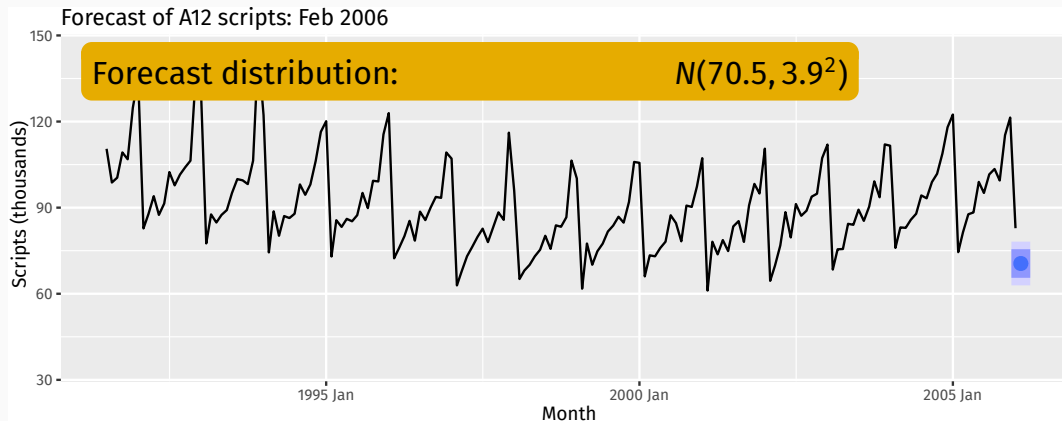
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fc > autoplot(a12)
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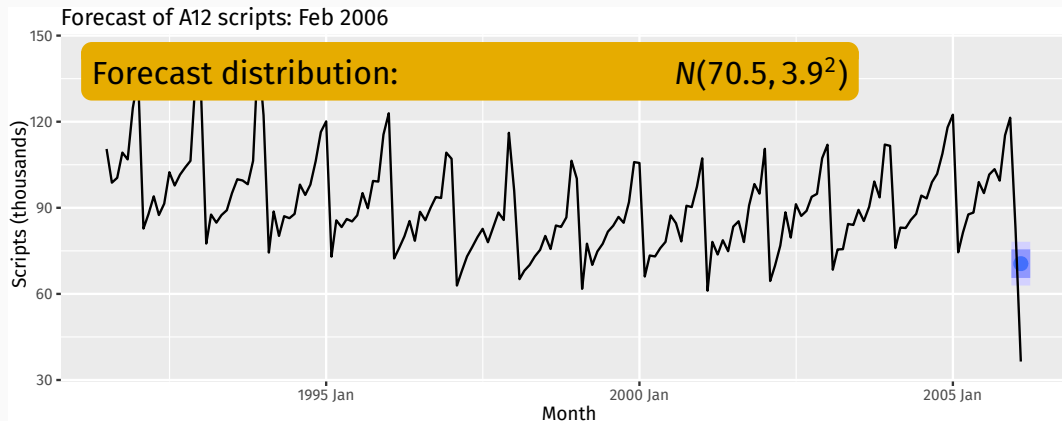
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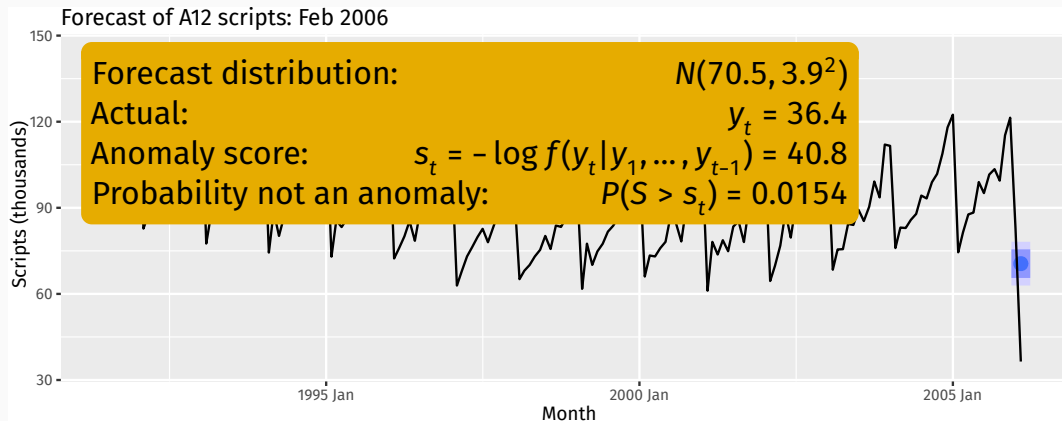
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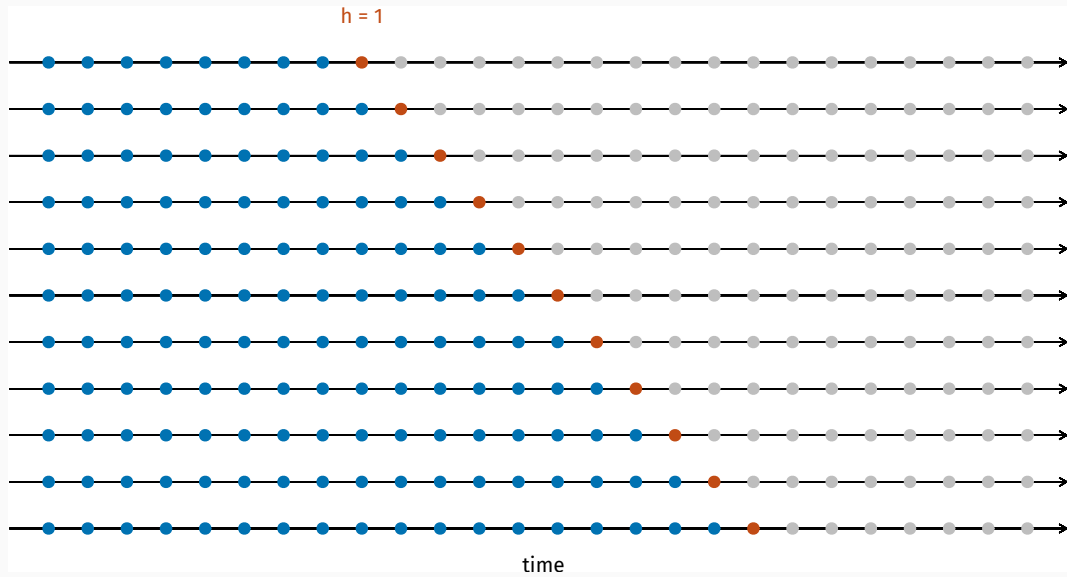


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```



Rolling origin forecasts



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```
pbs_stretch ← stretch_tsibble(pbs, .step = 1, .init = 36)
```

```
# A tsibble: 1,684,884 x 4 [1M]
```

```
# Key:           .id, ATC2 [14,076]
```

	ATC2	Month	Scripts	.id
	<chr>	<mth>	<dbl>	<int>
1	A01	1991 Jul	22.6	1
2	A01	1991 Aug	20.4	1
3	A01	1991 Sep	21.4	1
4	A01	1991 Oct	23.7	1
5	A01	1991 Nov	23.5	1
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8	A01	1992 Feb	16.4	1
9	A01	1992 Mar	17.2	1
10	A01	1992 Apr	18.8	1

```
# i 1,684,874 more rows
```

Rolling origin forecasts

```
pbs_fit <- pbs_stretch > model(ets = ETS(Scripts))
```

```
# A mable: 14,076 x 3
# Key:      .id, ATC2 [14,076]
  .id ATC2      ets
  <int> <chr>    <model>
1     1 A01    <ETS(M,N,A)>
2     1 A02    <ETS(M,A,M)>
3     1 A03    <ETS(M,A,M)>
4     1 A04    <ETS(M,N,A)>
5     1 A05    <ETS(A,Ad,N)>
6     1 A06    <ETS(M,A,M)>
7     1 A07    <ETS(M,N,M)>
8     1 A09    <ETS(M,A,M)>
9     1 A10    <ETS(M,A,M)>
10    1 A11    <ETS(M,A,M)>
# i 14,066 more rows
```

Rolling origin forecasts

```
pbs_fc ← forecast(pbs_fit, h = 1)
```

```
# A fable: 14,076 x 4 [1M]
```

```
# Key:      .id, ATC2 [14,076]
```

	.id	ATC2	Month	Scripts
	<int>	<chr>	<mth>	<dist>
1	1	A01	1994 Jul	N(23, 2.1)
2	1	A02	1994 Jul	N(590, 1054)
3	1	A03	1994 Jul	N(84, 19)
4	1	A04	1994 Jul	N(69, 15)
5	1	A05	2003 Jul	N(1.4, 0.014)
6	1	A06	1994 Jul	N(33, 4.2)
7	1	A07	1994 Jul	N(74, 17)
8	1	A09	1994 Jul	N(3.7, 0.029)
9	1	A10	1994 Jul	N(166, 54)
10	1	A11	1994 Jul	N(30, 3)

```
# i 14,066 more rows
```

PBS anomalies

```
pbs_scores <- pbs_fc ▷  
  left_join(pbs ▷ rename(actual = Scripts), by = c("ATC2", "Month")) ▷  
  mutate(  
    s = -log_likelihood(Scripts, actual),  
    prob = lookout(density_scores = s, threshold = 0.9)  
  )
```

A fable: 14,076 x 7 [1M]

Key: .id, ATC2 [14,076]

	.id	ATC2	Month	Scripts	actual	s	prob
	<int>	<chr>	<mth>	<dist>	<dbl>	<dbl>	<dbl>
1	1	A01	1994 Jul	N(23, 2.1)	20.9	2.46	1
2	1	A02	1994 Jul	N(590, 1054)	516.	6.97	0.296
3	1	A03	1994 Jul	N(84, 19)	80.5	2.75	1
4	1	A04	1994 Jul	N(69, 15)	66.1	2.62	1
5	1	A05	2003 Jul	N(1.4, 0.014)	1.47	-1.05	1
6	1	A06	1994 Jul	N(33, 4.2)	29.2	3.41	1
7	1	A07	1994 Jul	N(74, 17)	68.5	3.09	1
8	1	A09	1994 Jul	N(3.7, 0.029)	3.32	1.46	1

PBS anomalies

```
pbs_scores > filter(prob < 0.05)
```

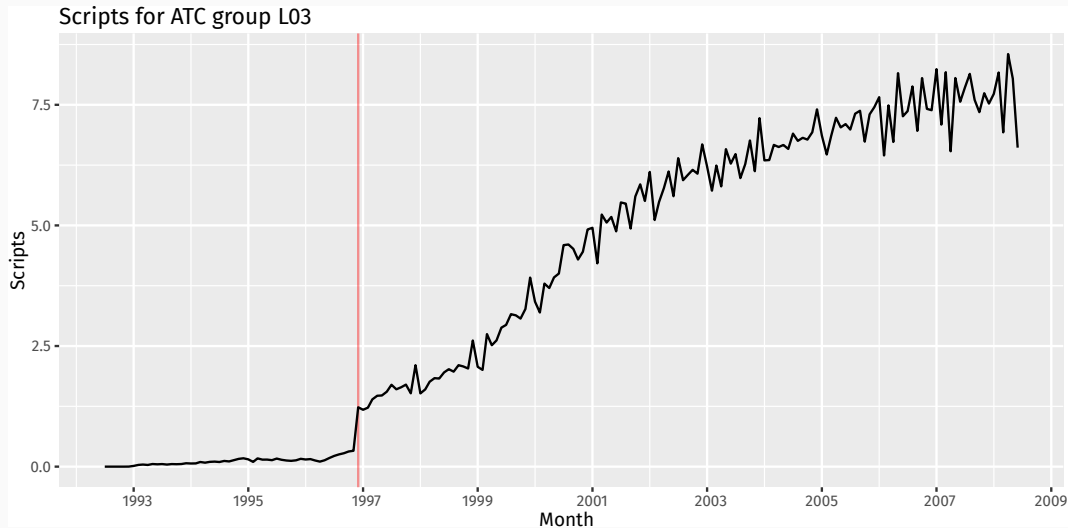
```
# A fable: 67 x 7 [1M]
```

```
# Key:      .id, ATC2 [67]
```

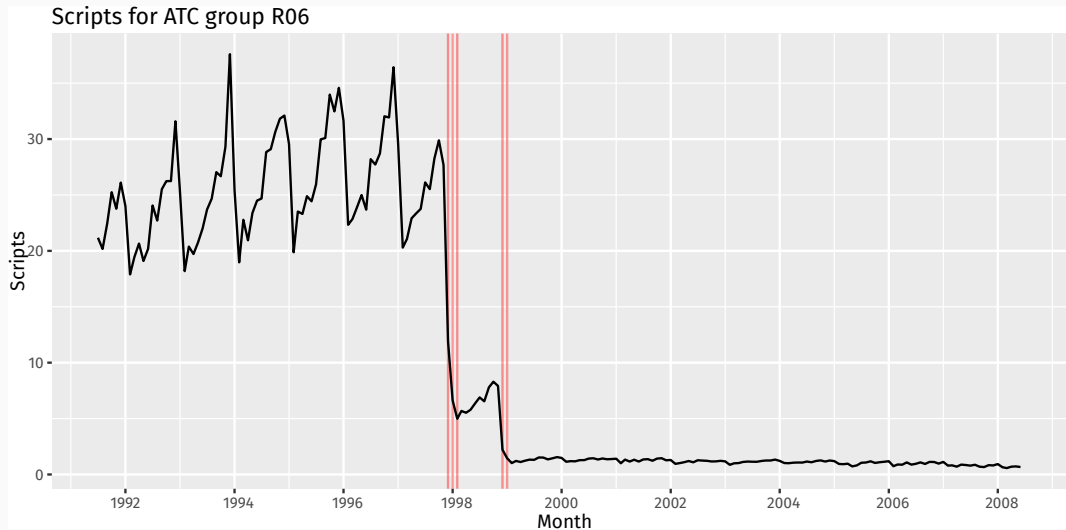
	.id	ATC2	Month	Scripts	actual	s	prob
	<int>	<chr>	<mth>	<dist>	<dbl>	<dbl>	<dbl>
1	11	P03	1995 May	N(2.3, 0.045)	3.83	26.1	0.0278
2	13	D05	1995 Jul	N(0.33, 0.0039)	0.781	24.3	0.0307
3	18	A11	1995 Dec	N(46, 6.6)	25.1	34.4	0.0192
4	18	C05	1995 Dec	N(33, 4.9)	2.46	98.9	0.00510
5	18	D02	1995 Dec	N(43, 5.9)	10.0	97.2	0.00522
6	18	D06	1995 Dec	N(6.7, 0.17)	4.24	18.5	0.0455
7	18	D08	1995 Dec	N(5.4, 0.11)	1.40	71.4	0.00759
8	18	G04	1995 Dec	N(54, 8.4)	9.67	121.	0.00399
9	18	L03	1996 Dec	N(0.33, 0.00054)	1.23	756.	0.000463
10	19	D02	1996 Jan	N(38, 26)	8.07	19.8	0.0412

```
# i 57 more rows
```

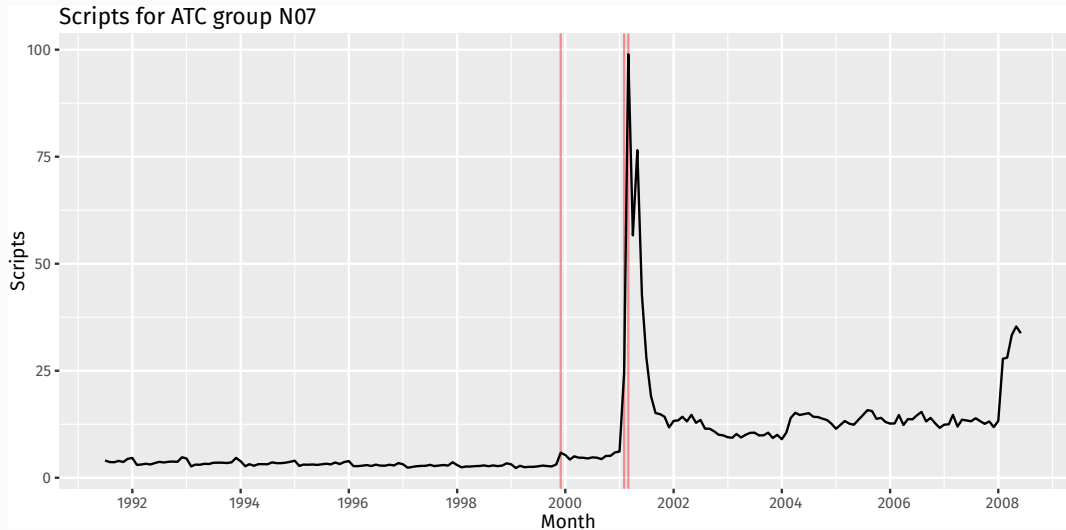
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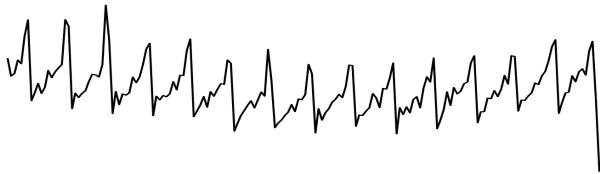
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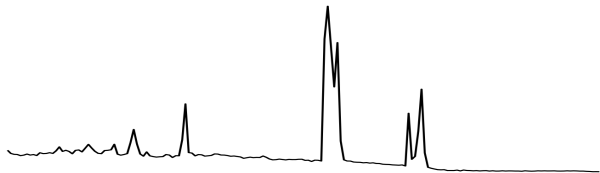
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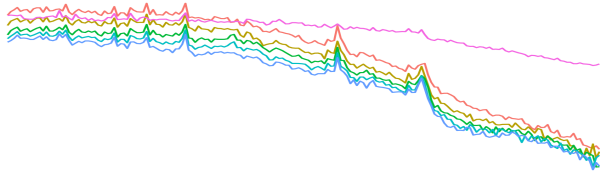
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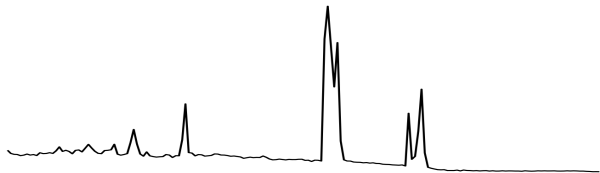
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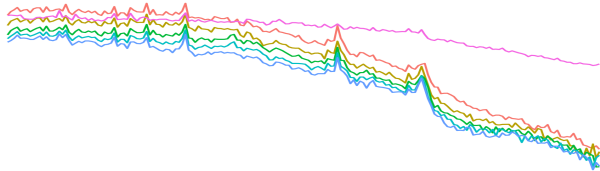
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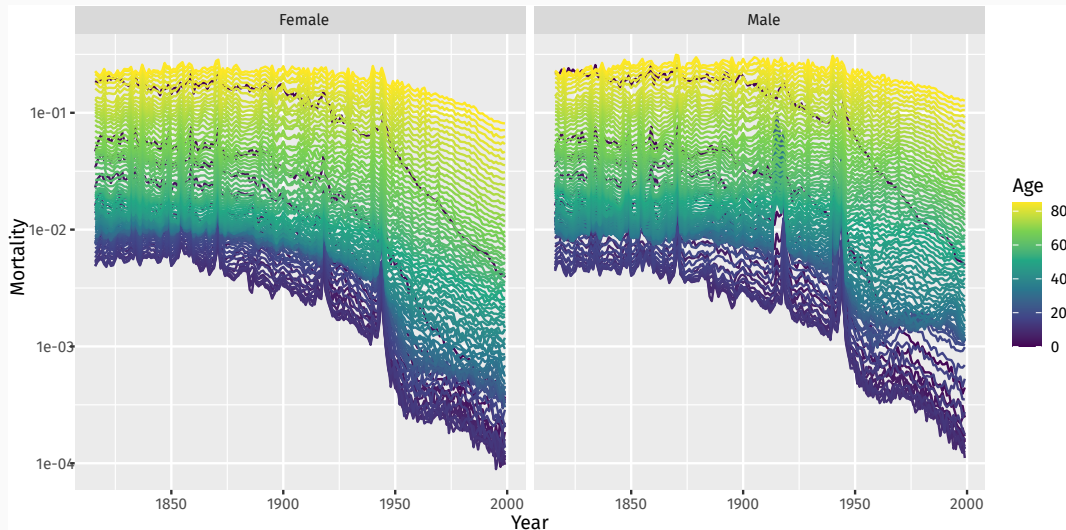


Example: French mortality

```
fr_mortality
```

```
# A tsibble: 31,648 x 4 [1Y]
# Key:      Age, Sex [172]
   Year   Age Sex   Mortality
  <int> <int> <chr>    <dbl>
1  1816     0 Female  0.187
2  1817     0 Female  0.182
3  1818     0 Female  0.186
4  1819     0 Female  0.197
5  1820     0 Female  0.181
6  1821     0 Female  0.182
7  1822     0 Female  0.207
8  1823     0 Female  0.192
9  1824     0 Female  0.199
10 1825     0 Female  0.194
# i 31,638 more rows
```

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```
fr_fit ← fr_mortality ▷  
  model(stl = STL(log(Mortality)))
```

```
fr_fit
```

```
# A mable: 172 x 3
```

```
# Key:      Age, Sex [172]
```

	Age	Sex	stl
	<int>	<chr>	<model>
1	0	Female	<STL>
2	0	Male	<STL>
3	1	Female	<STL>
4	1	Male	<STL>
5	2	Female	<STL>
6	2	Male	<STL>
7	3	Female	<STL>
8	3	Male	<STL>
9	4	Female	<STL>
10	4	Male	<STL>

Example: French mortality

```
augment(fr_fit)
```

```
# A tsibble: 31,648 x 8 [1Y]
```

```
# Key:       Age, Sex, .model [172]
```

	Age	Sex	.model	Year	Mortality	.fitted	.resid	.innov
	<int>	<chr>	<chr>	<int>	<dbl>	<dbl>	<dbl>	<dbl>
1	0	Female	stl	1816	0.187	0.193	-0.00650	-0.0342
2	0	Female	stl	1817	0.182	0.193	-0.0108	-0.0580
3	0	Female	stl	1818	0.186	0.192	-0.00595	-0.0316
4	0	Female	stl	1819	0.197	0.191	0.00603	0.0311
5	0	Female	stl	1820	0.181	0.190	-0.00895	-0.0483
6	0	Female	stl	1821	0.182	0.189	-0.00713	-0.0385
7	0	Female	stl	1822	0.207	0.188	0.0192	0.0973
8	0	Female	stl	1823	0.192	0.187	0.00500	0.0263
9	0	Female	stl	1824	0.199	0.186	0.0123	0.0639
10	0	Female	stl	1825	0.194	0.185	0.00905	0.0477

```
# i 31,638 more rows
```

Example: French mortality

```
fr_sigma <- augment(fr_fit) ▷  
  group_by(Age, Sex) ▷  
  summarise(sigma = IQR(.innov)/1.349, .groups = "drop")
```

A tibble: 172 x 3

	Age	Sex	sigma
	<int>	<chr>	<dbl>
1	0	Female	0.0643
2	0	Male	0.0616
3	1	Female	0.0894
4	1	Male	0.0788
5	2	Female	0.0900
6	2	Male	0.0931
7	3	Female	0.0925
8	3	Male	0.0864
9	4	Female	0.0963
10	4	Male	0.0931

i 162 more rows

Example: French mortality

```
fr_scores <- augment(fr_fit) ▷  
  left_join(fr_sigma) ▷  
  mutate(  
    s = -log(dnorm(.innov / sigma)),  
    prob = lookout(density_scores = s, threshold_probability = 0.9)  
  )
```

A tibble: 31,648 x 7

	Age	Sex	Year	Mortality	.innov	s	prob
	<int>	<chr>	<int>	<dbl>	<dbl>	<dbl>	<dbl>
1	0	Female	1816	0.187	-0.0342	1.06	1
2	0	Female	1817	0.182	-0.0580	1.32	1
3	0	Female	1818	0.186	-0.0316	1.04	1
4	0	Female	1819	0.197	0.0311	1.04	1
5	0	Female	1820	0.181	-0.0483	1.20	1
6	0	Female	1821	0.182	-0.0385	1.10	1
7	0	Female	1822	0.207	0.0973	2.06	1
8	0	Female	1823	0.192	0.0263	1.00	1
9	0	Female	1824	0.199	0.0639	1.41	1

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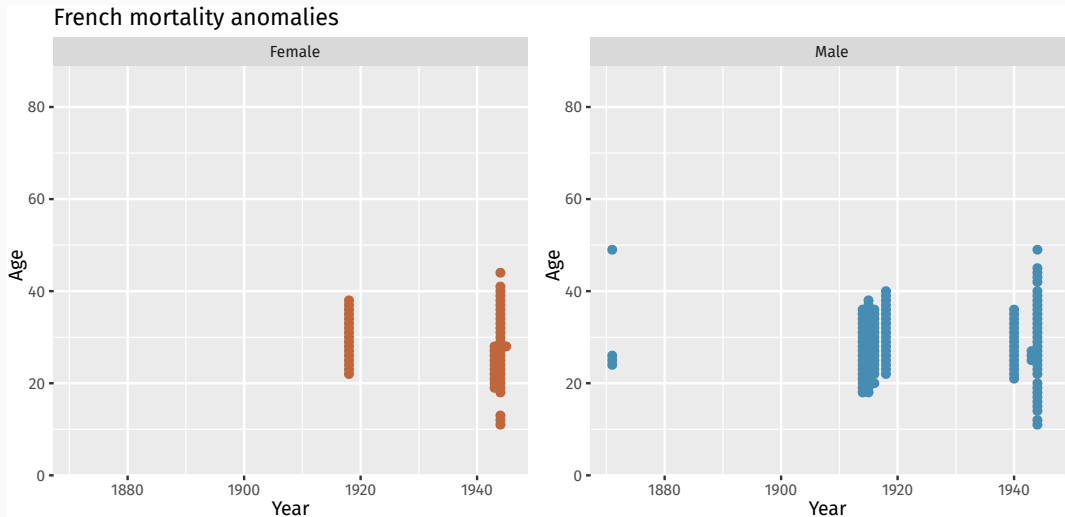
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fr_scores > arrange(prob)
```

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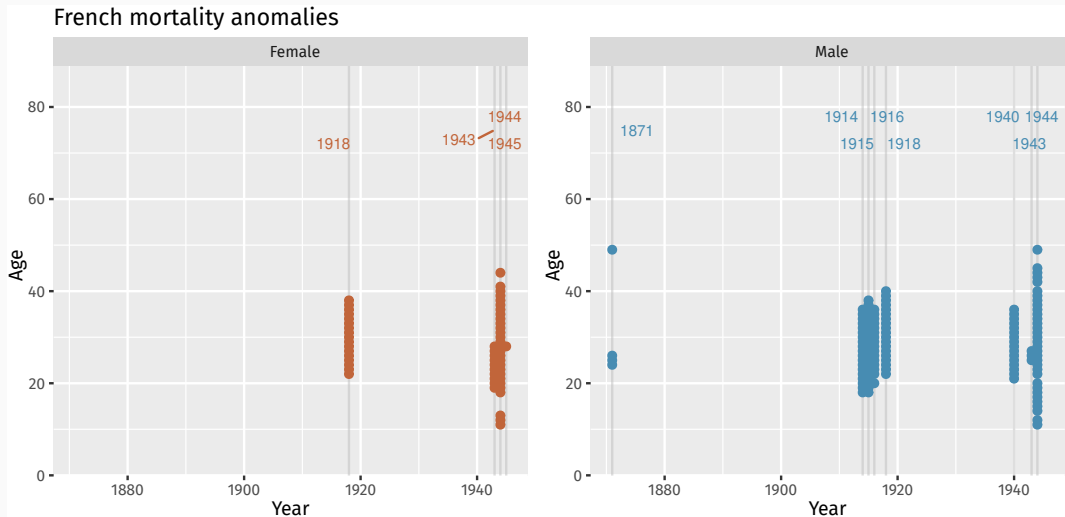
	Age	Sex	Year	Mortality	.innov	s	prob
	<int>	<chr>	<int>	<dbl>	<dbl>	<dbl>	<dbl>
1	28	Female	1944	0.0170	1.45	373.	0.00737
2	25	Female	1944	0.0191	1.59	331.	0.00831
3	26	Female	1944	0.0176	1.50	266.	0.0104
4	24	Female	1944	0.0150	1.40	259.	0.0106
5	27	Female	1944	0.0178	1.50	228.	0.0121
6	25	Male	1944	0.0432	1.89	170.	0.0163
7	18	Male	1914	0.0798	2.06	170.	0.0163
8	21	Female	1944	0.0120	1.29	168.	0.0165
9	27	Male	1944	0.0388	1.78	168.	0.0165
10	23	Female	1944	0.0134	1.29	167.	0.0166

```
# i 31,638 more rows
```

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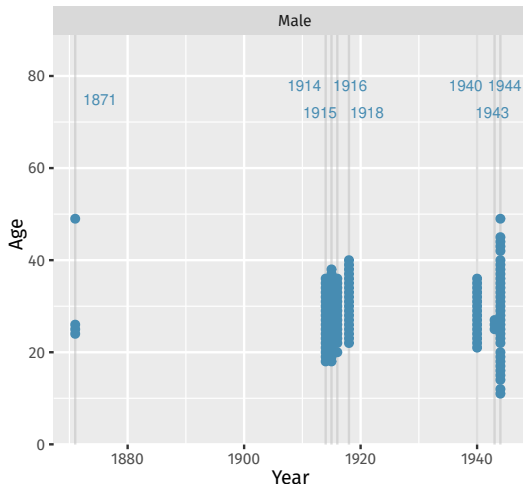
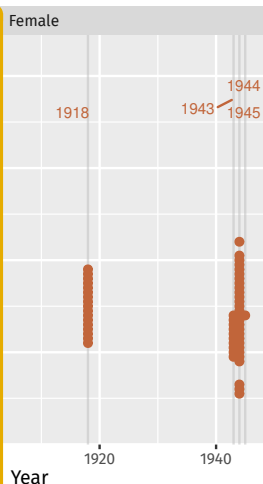
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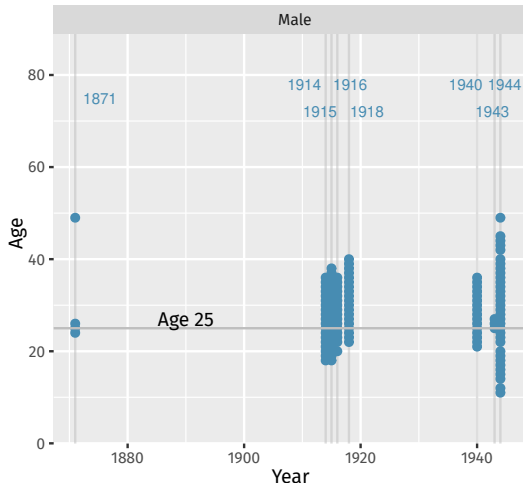
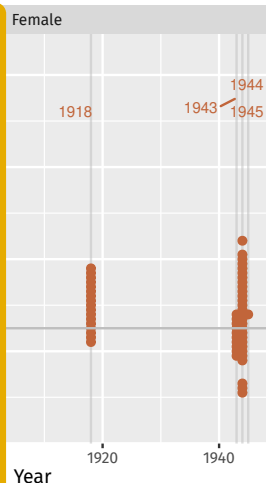
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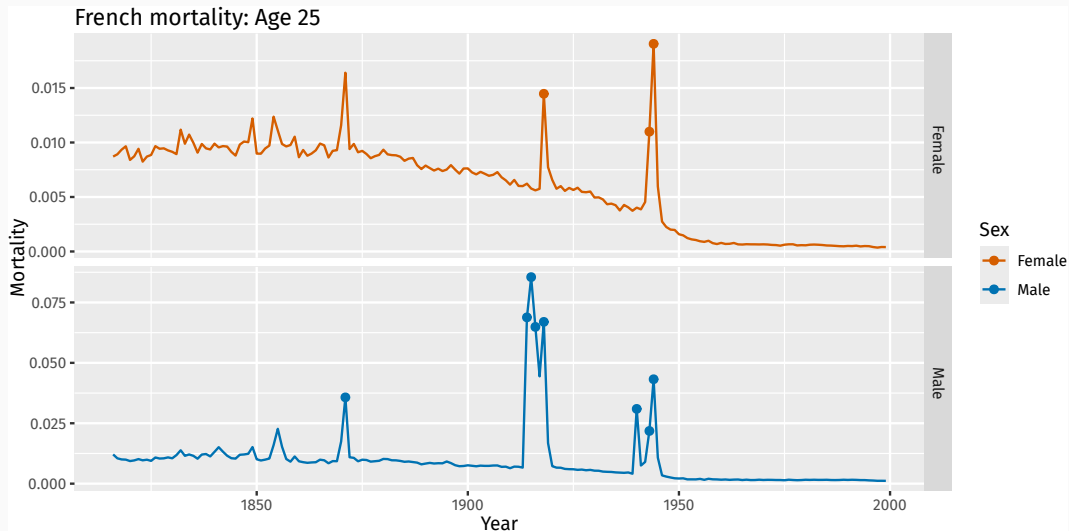
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