# ARIMA Modelling

To predict the development of the dengue cases with an Auto-Regressive Integrated Moving Average model (ARIMA), a time series with the total dengue cases of Thailand was created. A time series can be decomposed in the components trend, seasonality and random.

A requirement for fitting an ARIMA model is a stationary time-series. This is obtained, when the mean value doesn’t change over time, the variance doesn’t increase and the seasonality effect is minimal (Prabhakaran, 2017). Two tests were used to test for stationarity of the data. The Augmented Dickey-Fuller (ADF) test examines whether the time series has a unit root, indicating non-stationarity. The null hypothesis assumes the presence of a unit root, implying non-stationarity, while the alternative hypothesis suggests stationarity. On the other hand, the Kwiatkowski-Phillips-Schmidt-Shin (KPSS) test is also a unit root test but focuses on the presence of a deterministic trend in the series. In contrast to ADF-test, for the KPSS-test the null hypothesis assumes stationarity. If the time series is initially found to be non-stationary, the differences between consecutive observations can be calculated, and the stationarity tests can be applied again (Hyndman, Athanasopoulos, 2018).

ARIMA models combine an autoregressive model AR(p) and a moving average model MA(q).   
The autoregressive model computes the current value from previous values and the error term:

yt=c+ϕ1yt−1+ϕ2yt−2+⋯+ϕpyt−p+εt

εt = white noise  
 ϕ1,…,ϕp = parameters  
yt-1,…, yt-p = lagged values

For the moving average the current value consists of the mean value of the time series and weighted current and past error terms:

yt=c+εt+θ1εt−1+θ2εt−2+⋯+θqεt−q

θ1,…, θq = parameters

I(t) is the number of times differencing was performed to make the time series stationary (Venkat, 2018).

To find the optimal values for p and q, the Autocorrelation function (ACF) and partial Autocorrelation function (pACF) were evaluated. The ACF plot shows the correlations of a time-series with lags of itself. The pACF calculates the relationship between a time series and its lag, excluding the influence of linear dependencies among other lags (Prabhakaran, 2017).

A second evaluation tool is the auto.arima function. The function automatically fits the best ARIMA model by minimizing the Akaike’s Information Criterion (AIC), which is a criterion for the quality of the model. The auto.arima function can also consider seasonal models.

Optimal models will yield uncorrelated residuals with zero mean and constant variance. This can be evaluated by plotting the ACF of the residuals and by performing a portmontreau test, for example the Ljung-Box test (Hyndman, Athanasopoulos, 2018).

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# Results – Decomposition of the time series

The time series of total dengue cases in Thailand was additively decomposed in the components trend, seasonal and random, as shown in Figure x . The time series shows a seasonal pattern with a frequency of 12 months. The trend shows fluctuation over the time period with two periods of comparatively high dengue cases.

*Abb. der decomposition  
Bildunterschrift: Figure X: Decomposition of the time series of the total dengue cases in Thailand*

The composition of the time series of the dengue cases was compared to the decomposition of the time series of temperatures. Both time series have an annual seasonal pattern. The trends show in general similar patterns with differences in the amplitudes and slight shifts on the time axis, as shown in figure y.

*Abb. der trends decomposition  
Bildunterschrift: Figure Y: Trend of the total dengue cases in Thailand compared to the trend of the average temperature in Thailand for the years 2006 till 2020*

# Results – ARIMA

ARIMA modelling was performed to predict the development of dengue cases. The ADF test resulted in a p-value of 0.01. The KPSS test resulted in a p-value of 0.1. Therefore both test indicated stationarity of the time series and differencing wasn’t necessary.

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The presence of a sine pattern in the ACF suggests the presence of seasonality in the data. at regular intervals. This pattern may be observed as oscillations in the ACF, where the autocorrelation values show a repeating up-and-down pattern. The increase in ACF values at lag 1 suggests a strong positive autocorrelation between adjacent observations. This indicates that the value at time t is highly influenced by the value at time t-1.

2 It suggests that there is a direct relationship between observations at those lags, even after accounting for the influence of other intermediate lags. The smaller pACF values for the remaining lags indicate a weaker or negligible direct relationship between observations at those lags.

The ACF plot is used to identify the potential MA order by examining the decay pattern. If the ACF shows a significant decline and cuts off after a few lags, it indicates that an MA term may be appropriate.

To test for the optimal ARIMA model, models with different combinations of p, i and q values were generated and the best model was selected by comparing the AICs. The best model was found to be (2,2,2) with an AIC of 3319.732.

Because this method couldn’t account for seasonality in the data, the auto.arima function was used. “ARIMA(1,0,2)(1,1,0)[12] with drift” was found to be the best model. … As the AIC of 3108.35 is lower than the AIC of the former model, the auto.arima model was used for further analysis.

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When data have a trend, the autocorrelations for small lags tend to be large and positive because observations nearby in time are also nearby in size. So the ACF of trended time series tend to have positive values that slowly decrease as the lags increase.

When data are seasonal, the autocorrelations will be larger for the seasonal lags (at multiples of the seasonal frequency) than for other lags.