# Longitudinal Analysis

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# Chapter 1

# **Syllabus**

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#### Format and Procedures

09:00 - 10:00: Lecture 1

10:00 - 10:10: Break

10:10 - 11:10: Lecture 2

10:10 - 10:15: Break

11:15 - 11:45: Examples from FHI

#### Description

This course will provide a basic overview of general statistical methodology that can be useful in the areas of infectious diseases, environmental medicine, and labwork. By the end of this course, students will be able to identify appropriate statistical methods for a variety of circumstances.

This course will **not** teach students how to implement these statistical methods, as there is not sufficient time. The aim of this course is to enable the student to identify which methods are required for their study, allowing the student to identify their needs for subsequent methods courses, self-learning, or external help.

You should register for this course if you are one of the following:

- Have experience with applying statistical methods, but are sometimes confused or uncertain as to whether or not you have selected the correct method.
- Do not have experience with applying statistical methods, and would like to get an overview over which methods are applicable for your projects so that you can then undertake further studies in these areas.

#### Lecture 1

- 1. Identifying continuous, categorical, count, and censored variables
- 2. Identifying exposure and outcome variables
- 3. Identifying when t-tests (paired and unpaired) should be used
- 4. Identifying when non-parametric t-test equivalents should be used
- 5. Identifying when ANOVA should be used
- 6. Identifying when linear regression should be used

- 7. Identifying the similarities between t-tests, ANOVA, and regression
- 8. Identifying when logistic regression models should be used
- 9. Identifying when Poisson/negative binomial and cox regression models should be used
- 10. Identifying when chi-squared/fisher's exact test should be used

#### Lecture 2

- 1. Identifying when data does not have any dependencies (i.e. all observations are independent of each other) versus when data has complicated dependencies (i.e. longitudinal data, matched data, multiple cohorts)
- 2. Identifying when mixed effects regression models should be used
- 3. Identifying when conditional logistic regression models should be used
- 4. (TBD) Understanding the different imputation methods used when lab data is below the limit of detection (LOD)
- 5. (TBD) Understanding the best practices for data files and project folders

#### Prerequisites

To participate in this course it is recommended that you have some experience with either research or data.

#### Additional information

For the last 30 minutes of the course we will be going through examples of analyses performed at FHI and identifying which statistical methods are appropriate. If you would like your analysis to be featured/included in this section, please send an email to richard.white@fhi.no briefly describing your problem.

# Chapter 2

# Reference

### 2.1 Scope of this course

When dealing with longitudinal data, there are two kinds of analyses that can be performed.

"Time series" analyses generally deal with one variable. The aim is to then predict the future only using the previous observations. A common example would be to predict tomorrow's temperature, using today's and yesterday's temperature as exposures. We will not be focusing on these kinds of analyses in this course.

"Regression analyses" are very similar to ordinary regressions that you have been working with for many years. The only difference is that they have more advanced data structures that your current methods cannot handle. For example, if you want to see how the number of tuberculosis patients (outcome) is affected by the number of immigrants to Norway (exposure) over a 20 year period, then the number of patients in each year might be associated with each other, which might break assumptions of the regression models that you normally use (independent residuals). To account for the advanced structure of the data (correlation between different years) we will use more advanced regression techniques. This is what we will be focusing on in this course.

To recap: this course will let you run "normal regressions" in situations where the data structure would ordinarily prohibit you from running regression models. These situations mostly pertain to clusters of correlated data.

#### 2.2 Introduction

There are two important definitions in this course:

- Panel data
- Autocorrelation

Panel data is a set of data with measurements repeated at equally spaced points. For example, weight data recorded every day, or every week, or every year would be considered panel data. A person who records three weight measurements randomly in 2018 would not be considered panel data.

When you have panel data, autocorrelation is the correlation between subsequent observations. For example, if you have daily observations, then the 1 day autocorrelation is the correlation between observations 1 day apart, and likewise the 2 day autocorrelation is the correlation between observations 2 days apart.

In this course we will consider 5 scenarios where we have multiple observations for each geographical area:

- Panel data: One geographical area, no autocorrelation
- Panel data: One geographical area, with autocorrelation
- Not panel data: Multiple geographical areas
- Panel data: Multiple geographical areas, no autocorrelation
- Panel data: Multiple geographical areas, with autocorrelation

Note, the following scenario can be covered by standard regression models:

• Multiple geographical areas, one time point/observation per geographical area

### 2.3 Method summary

#### 2.3.1 Panel data: One geographical area, no autocorrelation

```
// STATA CODE
glm y yearminus2000 dailyrainfall cos365 sin365, family(poisson)
# R CODE
fit1 <- glm(y~yearMinus2000 + dailyrainfall + sin365 + cos365, data=d, family=poisson())</pre>
```

#### 2.3.2 Panel data: One geographical area, with autocorrelation

#### 2.3.3 Not panel data: Multiple geographical areas

```
// STATA CODE
meglm y x yearMinus2000 || fylke:, family(poisson)
# R CODE
fit <- lme4::glmer(y~x + yearMinus2000 + (1|fylke),data=d,family=poisson())</pre>
```

#### 2.3.4 Panel data: Multiple geographical areas, no autocorrelation

#### 2.3.5 Panel data: Multiple geographical areas, with autocorrelation

## 2.4 Identifying your scenario

#### 2.4.1 Step 1: Do you have panel data?

This step should be fairly simple. If your data has equally spaced time intervals between them, you have panel data.

#### 2.4.2 Step 2: Do you have multiple geographical areas?

Again, fairly simple, just look at your data.

#### 2.4.3 Step 3: Do you have autocorrelation?

Firstly, you must run a model pretending that you do not have autocorrelation.

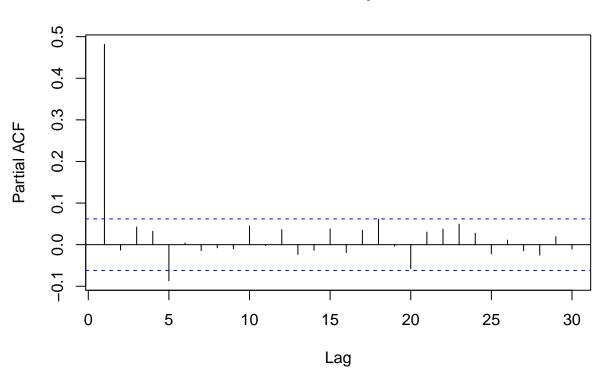
You then inspect the residuals from the model and see if autocorrelation exists. This is done with two statistical procedures: pacf (for autoregressive models, the most common type of autocorrelation), and acf (for moving average models, a less common type of autocorrelation).

## 2.4.4 AR(1) data

```
y <- round(as.numeric(arima.sim(model=list("ar"=c(0.5)), rand.gen = rnorm, n=1000)))
```

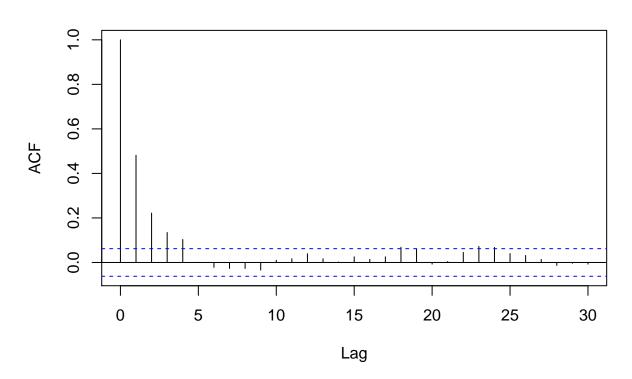
With autoregressive data, a pacf plot contains a number of sharp significant lines, indicating how many subsequent observations have autocorrelation. i.e. if one line is significant, it means that each observation is only correlated with its preceeding observation (AR(1)). If two lines are significant, it means that each observation is correlated with its two preceeding observations (AR(2)). The following plot represents AR(1) data.

pacf(y)



With autoregressive data, an acf plot contains a number of decreasing lines. The following acf plot represents some sort of AR data. Note that the acf plot displays lag 0 (which is pointless and can be ignored), while the pacf plot does not.

acf(y)

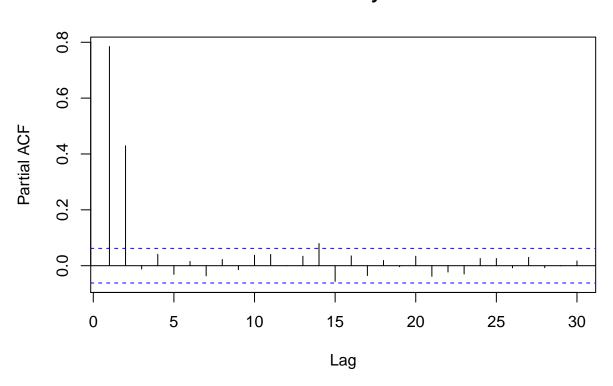


## 2.4.5 AR(2) data

```
y <- round(as.numeric(arima.sim(model=list("ar"=c(0.5,0.4)), rand.gen = rnorm, n=1000)))
```

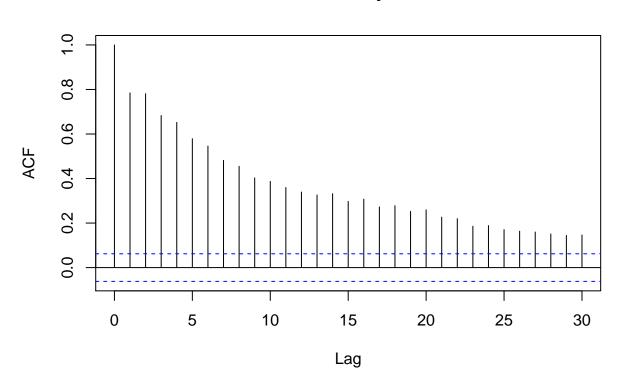
The following pacf plot represents AR(2) data. This means that each observation is correlated with its two preceding observations (AR(2)).

pacf(y)



The following acf plot represents some sort of AR data:

acf(y)

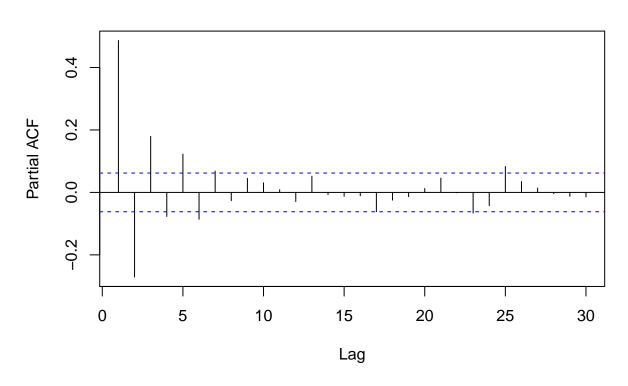


## 2.4.6 MA(1) data

```
y <- round(as.numeric(arima.sim(model=list("ma"=c(0.9)), rand.gen = rnorm, n=1000)))
```

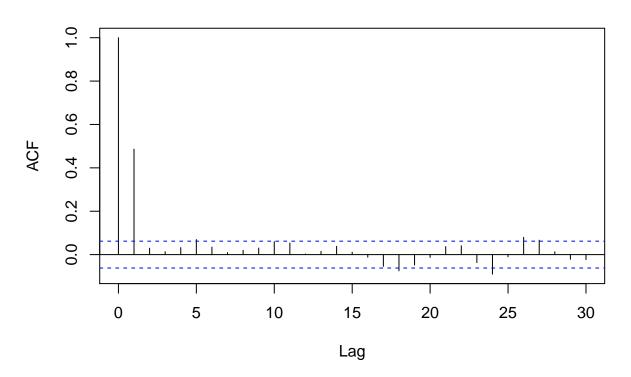
With moving average data, a pacf plot contains a number of decreasing lines. The following pacf plot represents some sort of MA data.:

pacf(y)



With moving average data, an acf plot contains a number of sharp significant lines, demarking how many subsequent observations have autocorrelation. i.e. if one line is significant, it means that each observation is only correlated with its preceding observation. If two lines are significant, it means that each observation is correlated with its two preceding observations. The following plot represents MA(1) data. Note that the acf plot displays lag 0 (which is pointless and can be ignored), while the pacf plot does not.

acf(y)

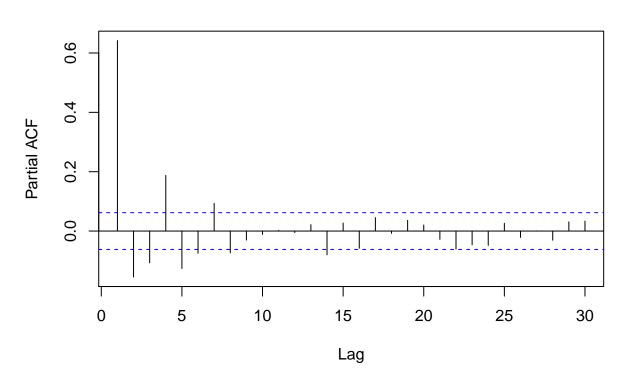


## 2.4.7 MA(2) data

```
y <- round(as.numeric(arima.sim(model=list("ma"=c(0.9,0.6)), rand.gen = rnorm, n=1000)))
```

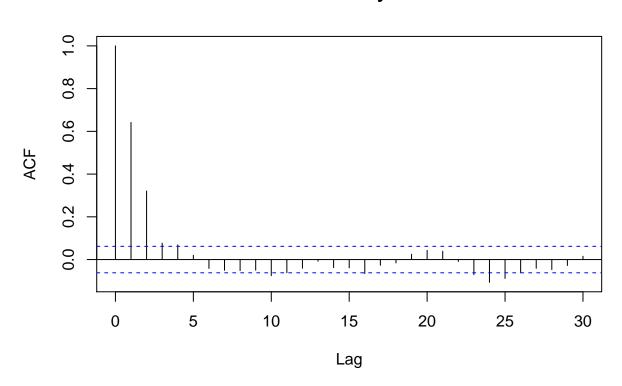
The following  ${\tt pacf}$  plot represents some sort of MA data.

pacf(y)



The following acf plot represents MA(2) data. This means that each observation is correlated with its two preceeding observations.

acf(y)



# Chapter 3

# Panel data: One area without autocorrelation

#### 3.1 Aim

We are given a dataset containing daily counts of diseases from one geographical area. We want to identify:

- Does seasonality exist?
- If seasonality exists, when are the high/low seasons?
- Is there a general yearly trend (i.e. increasing or decreasing from year to year?)
- Is daily rainfall associated with the number of cases?

## 3.2 Creating the data

The data for this chapter is available at: http://rwhite.no/longitudinal\_analysis/data/chapter\_3.csv

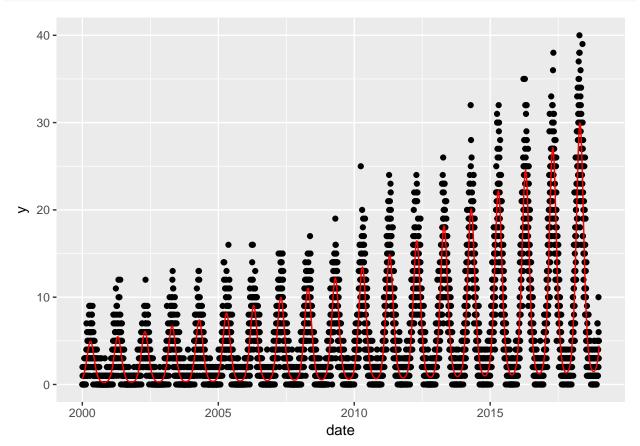
```
dir.create("data")
library(data.table)
library(ggplot2)
set.seed(4)
AMPLITUDE <- 1.5
SEASONAL_HORIZONTAL_SHIFT <- 20
d <- data.table(date=seq.Date(</pre>
  from=as.Date("2000-01-01"),
  to=as.Date("2018-12-31"),
  by=1))
d[,year:=as.numeric(format.Date(date,"%G"))]
d[,week:=as.numeric(format.Date(date,"%V"))]
d[,month:=as.numeric(format.Date(date,"%m"))]
d[,yearMinus2000:=year-2000]
d[,dailyrainfall:=runif(.N, min=0, max=10)]
d[,dayOfYear:=as.numeric(format.Date(date,"%j"))]
d[,seasonalEffect:=sin(2*pi*(dayOfYear-SEASONAL_HORIZONTAL_SHIFT)/365)]
d[,mu := exp(0.1 + yearMinus2000*0.1 + seasonalEffect*AMPLITUDE)]
d[,y:=rpois(.N,mu)]
fwrite(d, "data/chapter_3.csv")
```

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## 3.3 True data

Here we show the true data, and note that there is an increasing annual trend (the data gets higher as time goes on) and there is a seasonal pattern (one peak/trough per year)

```
q <- ggplot(d,aes(x=date))
q <- q + geom_point(mapping=aes(y=y))
q <- q + geom_line(mapping=aes(y=mu),colour="red")
q</pre>
```

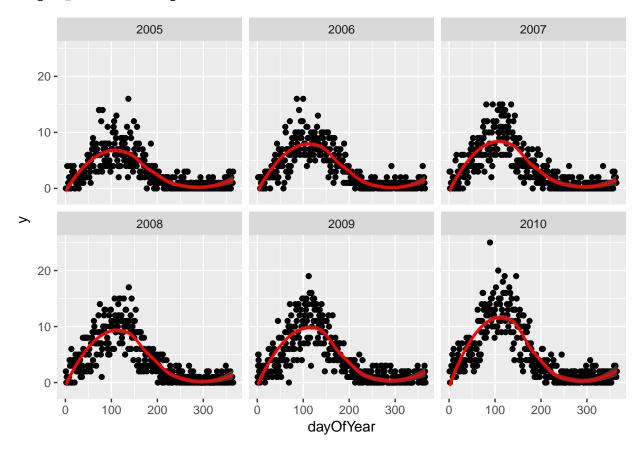


## 3.4 Investigation

Pretending we have no prior knowledge of our dataset, we display the data for few years and see a clear seasonal trend

```
q <- ggplot(d[year %in% c(2005:2010)],aes(x=dayOfYear,y=y))
q <- q + facet_wrap(~year)
q <- q + geom_point()
q <- q + stat_smooth(colour="red")
q</pre>
```

## `geom\_smooth()` using method = 'loess'



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### 3.5 Seasonality

If we want to investigate the seasonality of our data, and identify when are the peaks and troughs, we have a few ways to approach this.

Non-parametric approaches are flexible and easy to implement, but they can lack power and be hard to interpret:

- Create a categorical variable for the seasons (e.g. spring, summer, autumn, winter) and include this in the regression model
- Create a categorical variable for the months (e.g. Jan, Feb, ..., Dec) and include this in the regression model

Parametric approaches are more powerful but require more effort:

- Identify the periodicity of the seasonality (how many days between peaks?)
- Using trigonometry, transform day of year into variables that appropriately model the observed periodicity
- Obtain coefficient estimates
- Back-transform these estimates into human-understandable values (day of peak, day of trough)

The non-parametric approaches are simple and we will therefore not cover them in this course. We will briefly examine the parametric approach.

NOTE: You don't always have to investigate seasonality! It depends entirely on what the purpose of your analysis is!

The Lomb-Scargle Periodogram shows a clear seasonality with a period of 365 days.

```
// STATA CODE STARTS
insheet using "chapter_3.csv", clear

sort date
gen time=_n
tsset time, daily

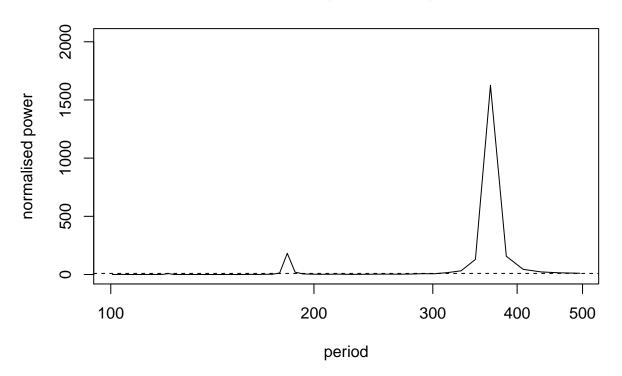
wntestb y

cumsp y, gen(cumulative_spec_dist)
gen period=_N/_n

browse cumulative_spec_dist period
// STATA CODE ENDS

# R CODE
lomb::lsp(d$y,from=100,to=500,ofac=1,type="period")
```

# Lomb-Scargle Periodogram



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We then generate two new variables cos365 and sin365 and perform a likelihood ratio test to see if they are significant or not. This is done with two simple poisson regressions.

When we do not have autocorrelation, we can use the glm function in R and in STATA. Note that it is very important to specify the family (as this is how we differentiate between linear/logistic/poisson regressions).

```
// STATA CODE STARTS
gen cos365=cos(dayofyear*2* pi/365)
gen sin365=sin(dayofyear*2*_pi/365)
glm y yearminus2000 dailyrainfall, family(poisson)
estimates store m1
glm y yearminus2000 dailyrainfall cos365 sin365, family(poisson)
estimates store m2
predict resid, anscombe
lrtest m1 m2
// STATA CODE ENDS
# R CODE
d[,cos365:=cos(dayOfYear*2*pi/365)]
d[,sin365:=sin(dayOfYear*2*pi/365)]
fit0 <- glm(y~yearMinus2000 + dailyrainfall, data=d, family=poisson())</pre>
fit1 <- glm(y~yearMinus2000 + dailyrainfall + sin365 + cos365, data=d, family=poisson())</pre>
print(lmtest::lrtest(fit0, fit1))
## Likelihood ratio test
##
## Model 1: y ~ yearMinus2000 + dailyrainfall
## Model 2: y ~ yearMinus2000 + dailyrainfall + sin365 + cos365
    #Df LogLik Df Chisq Pr(>Chisq)
## 1 3 -26904
## 2 5 -12892 2 28024 < 2.2e-16 ***
## ---
## Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
```

We see that the likelihood ratio test for sin365 and cos365 was significant, meaning that there is significant seasonality with a 365 day periodicity in our data (which we already strongly suspected due to the periodogram).

We can now run/look at the results of our main regression.

#### print(summary(fit1))

```
##
## Call:
## glm(formula = y ~ yearMinus2000 + dailyrainfall + sin365 + cos365,
##
      family = poisson(), data = d)
##
## Deviance Residuals:
##
      Min
                1Q
                    Median
                                  3Q
                                          Max
## -4.0676 -0.9229 -0.1170 0.5861
                                       3.4103
##
## Coefficients:
##
                  Estimate Std. Error z value Pr(>|z|)
## (Intercept)
                 0.0887436 0.0176742
                                       5.021 5.14e-07 ***
## yearMinus2000 0.1016117 0.0010525 96.539
                                              < 2e-16 ***
## dailyrainfall 0.0002287 0.0018476
                                       0.124
                                                 0.901
## sin365
                 1.3972586 0.0103200 135.393
                                              < 2e-16 ***
                -0.5035265 0.0086308 -58.341 < 2e-16 ***
## cos365
## ---
## Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
##
## (Dispersion parameter for poisson family taken to be 1)
##
##
      Null deviance: 45536.8 on 6939 degrees of freedom
## Residual deviance: 7328.5 on 6935 degrees of freedom
## AIC: 25794
##
## Number of Fisher Scoring iterations: 5
```

We also see that the (significant!) coefficient for year is 0.1 which means that for each additional year, the outcome increases by exp(0.1)=1.11. We also see that the coefficient for dailyrainfall was not significant, which means that we did not find a significant association between the outcome and dailyrainfall.

*NOTE:* See that this is basically the same as a normal regression.

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Through the likelihood ratio test we saw a clear significant seasonal effect. We can now use trigonometry to back-calculate the amplitude and location of peak/troughs from the cos365 and sin365 estimates:

```
amplitude <- sqrt(b1^2 + b2^2)
p <- atan(b1/b2) * 365/2/pi
if (p > 0) {
    peak <- p
        trough <- p + 365/2
} else {
    peak <- p + 365/2
        trough <- p + 365
}
if (b1 < 0) {
    g <- peak
    peak <- trough
        trough <- g
}
print(sprintf("amplitude is estimated as %s, peak is estimated as %s, trough is estimated as %s",round("## [1] "amplitude is estimated as 1.52, peak is estimated as 111, trough is estimated as 294"</pre>
```

## [1] "amplitude is estimated as 1.52, peak is estimated as 111, trough is estimated as 294"
print(sprintf("true values are: amplitude: %s, peak: %s, trough: %s",round(AMPLITUDE,2),round(365/4+SEA

## [1] "true values are: amplitude: 1.5, peak: 111, trough: 294"

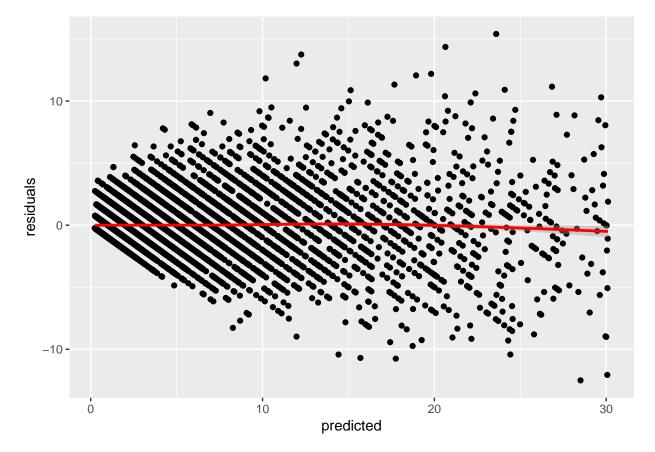
b1 <- 1.428417 # sin coefficient b2 <- -0.512912 # cos coefficient

NOTE: An amplitude of 1.5 means that when comparing the average time of year to the peak, the peak is expected to be exp(1.5)=4.5 times higher than average. We take the exponential because we have run a poisson regression (so think incident rate ratio).

We now investigate our residuals to determine if we have a good fit:

```
d[,residuals:=residuals(fit1, type = "response")]
d[,predicted:=predict(fit1, type = "response")]
q <- ggplot(d,aes(x=predicted,y=residuals))
q <- q + geom_point()
q <- q + stat_smooth(colour="red")
q</pre>
```

## `geom\_smooth()` using method = 'gam'

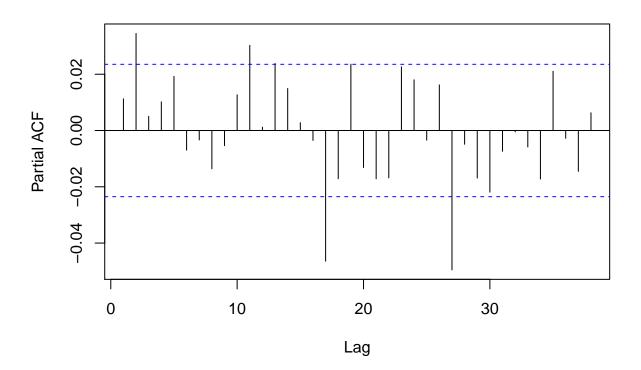


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We check the pacf of the residuals to ensure that it is not AR. If we observe AR in our residuals, then this model was not appropriate and we need to use a different model.

```
// STATA CODE STARTS
pac resid
// STATA CODE ENDS
# R CODE
# this is for AR
pacf(d$residuals)
```

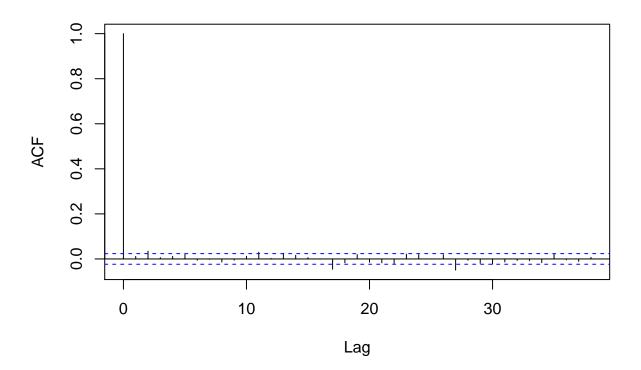
# Series d\$residuals



We check the acf of the residuals to ensure that it is not MA. If we observe MA in our residuals, then this model was not appropriate and we need to use a different model.

```
// STATA CODE STARTS
ac resid
// STATA CODE ENDS
# R CODE
# this is for MA
acf(d$residuals)
```

## Series d\$residuals



# Chapter 4

# Panel data: One area with autocorrelation

## 4.1 Aim

We are given a dataset containing daily counts of diseases from one geographical area. We want to identify:

- Does seasonality exist?
- If seasonality exists, when are the high/low seasons?
- Is there a general yearly trend (i.e. increasing or decreasing from year to year?)

(We remove the question about rainfall in order to simplify and streamline the exercise)

## 4.2 Creating the data

The data for this chapter is available at: http://rwhite.no/longitudinal\_analysis/data/chapter\_4.csv

```
library(data.table)
library(ggplot2)
set.seed(4)
AMPLITUDE <- 1.5
SEASONAL_HORIZONTAL_SHIFT <- 20
d <- data.table(date=seq.Date(</pre>
  from=as.Date("2000-01-01"),
  to=as.Date("2018-12-31"),
  by=1)
d[,year:=as.numeric(format.Date(date,"%G"))]
d[,week:=as.numeric(format.Date(date,"%V"))]
d[,month:=as.numeric(format.Date(date,"%m"))]
d[,yearMinus2000:=year-2000]
d[,dayOfSeries:=1:.N]
d[,dayOfYear:=as.numeric(format.Date(date,"%j"))]
d[,seasonalEffect:=sin(2*pi*(dayOfYear-SEASONAL_HORIZONTAL_SHIFT)/365)]
d[,mu := exp(0.1 + yearMinus2000*0.1 + seasonalEffect*AMPLITUDE)]
d[,y:=rpois(.N,mu)]
d[,y:=round(as.numeric(arima.sim(model=list("ar"=c(0.5)), rand.gen = rpois, n=nrow(d), lambda=mu)))]
fwrite(d, "data/chapter_4.csv")
```

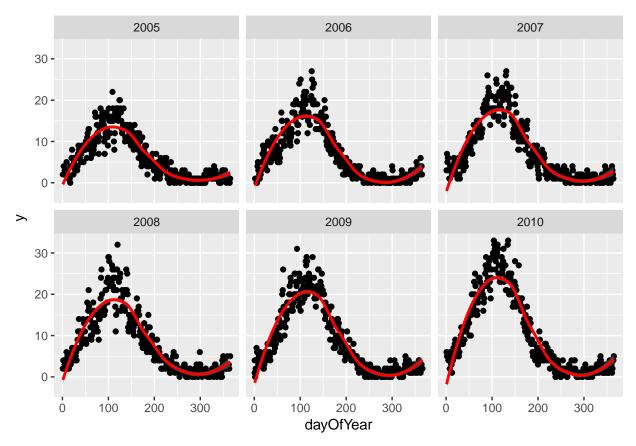
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## 4.3 Investigation

We display the data for few years and see a clear seasonal trend

```
q <- ggplot(d[year %in% c(2005:2010)],aes(x=dayOfYear,y=y))
q <- q + facet_wrap(~year)
q <- q + geom_point()
q <- q + stat_smooth(colour="red")
q</pre>
```

## `geom\_smooth()` using method = 'loess'



The Lomb-Scargle Periodogram shows a clear seasonality with a period of 365 days

// STATA CODE STARTS
insheet using "chapter\_4.csv", clear

sort date
gen time=\_n
tsset time, daily

wntestb y

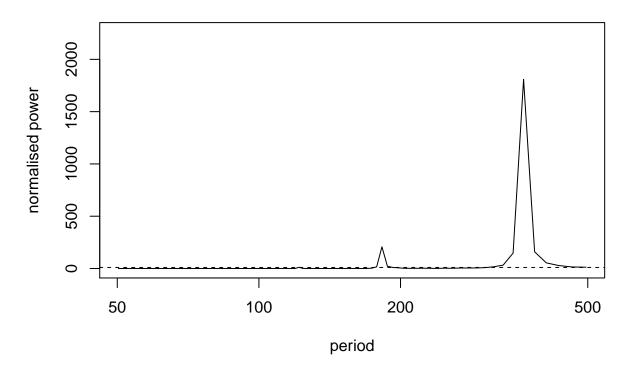
cumsp y, gen(cumulative\_spec\_dist)
gen period=\_N/\_n

browse cumulative\_spec\_dist period
// STATA CODE ENDS

# R CODE

lomb::lsp(d\$y,from=50,to=500,ofac=1,type="period")

## Lomb-Scargle Periodogram



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### 4.4 Regressions

We then generate two new variables cos365 and sin365 and perform a likelihood ratio test to see if they are significant or not. This is done with two simple poisson regressions.

```
// STATA CODE STARTS
gen cos365=cos(dayofyear*2*_pi/365)
gen sin365=sin(dayofyear*2*_pi/365)
glm y yearminus2000, family(poisson)
estimates store m1
glm y yearminus2000 cos365 sin365, family(poisson)
estimates store m2
predict resid, anscombe
lrtest m1 m2
// STATA CODE ENDS
# R CODE
d[,cos365:=cos(dayOfYear*2*pi/365)]
d[,sin365:=sin(dayOfYear*2*pi/365)]
fit0 <- glm(y~yearMinus2000, data=d, family=poisson())</pre>
fit1 <- glm(y~yearMinus2000+sin365 + cos365, data=d, family=poisson())</pre>
print(lmtest::lrtest(fit0, fit1))
## Likelihood ratio test
##
## Model 1: y ~ yearMinus2000
## Model 2: y ~ yearMinus2000 + sin365 + cos365
   #Df LogLik Df Chisq Pr(>Chisq)
## 1 2 -43124
## 2 4 -14542 2 57163 < 2.2e-16 ***
## Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
```

We see that the likelihood ratio test for sin365 and cos365 was significant, meaning that there is significant seasonality with a 365 day periodicity in our data (which we already strongly suspected due to the periodogram).

We can now run/look at the results of our main regression.

#### print(summary(fit1))

```
##
## Call:
## glm(formula = y ~ yearMinus2000 + sin365 + cos365, family = poisson(),
##
      data = d
##
## Deviance Residuals:
##
      Min
               1Q
                   Median
                                3Q
                                        Max
## -2.6774 -0.6738 -0.0503 0.4920
                                     3.5820
## Coefficients:
##
                 Estimate Std. Error z value Pr(>|z|)
                                     75.80
## (Intercept)
                0.7981246 0.0105300
                                              <2e-16 ***
## yearMinus2000 0.0991480 0.0007416 133.70
                                              <2e-16 ***
## sin365
                1.4074818 0.0073418 191.71
                                              <2e-16 ***
## cos365
               <2e-16 ***
## ---
## Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
##
## (Dispersion parameter for poisson family taken to be 1)
##
      Null deviance: 81832.6 on 6939 degrees of freedom
## Residual deviance: 5217.8 on 6936 degrees of freedom
## AIC: 29093
##
## Number of Fisher Scoring iterations: 4
```

We also see that the coefficient for year is 0.1 which means that for each additional year, the outcome increases by  $\exp(0.1)=1.11$ .

#### 4.5 Residual analysis

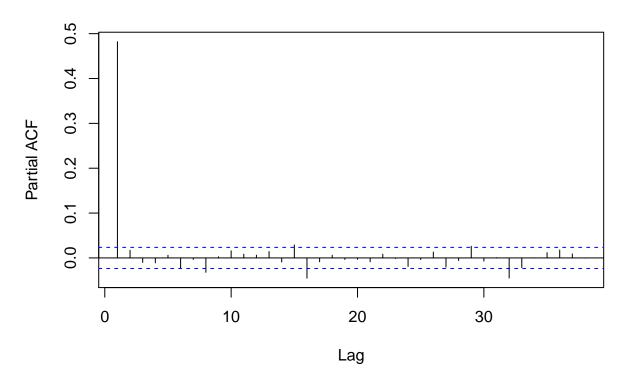
```
d[,residuals:=residuals(fit1, type = "response")]
d[,predicted:=predict(fit1, type = "response")]

We can see a clear AR(1) pattern in our residuals.

// STATA CODE STARTS
pac resid
// STATA CODE ENDS

# R CODE
# this is for AR
pacf(d$residuals)
```

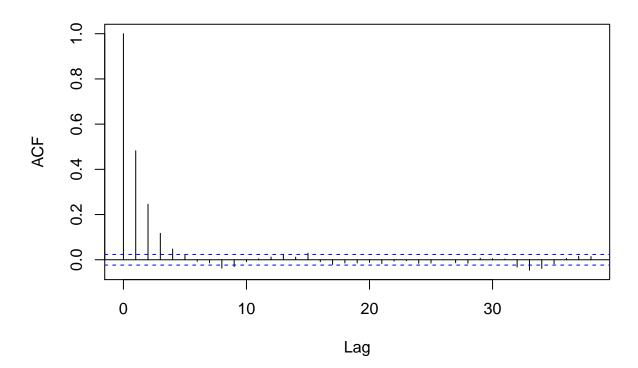
# Series d\$residuals



And again we see some sort of  $\mathtt{AR}$  pattern in our residuals.

```
// STATA CODE STARTS
ac resid
// STATA CODE ENDS
# R CODE
# this is for MA
acf(d$residuals)
```

#### Series d\$residuals



This means our model is bad, we have autocorrelation. We now need to change our model to account for this AR(1) autocorrelation!

#### 4.6 (R ONLY) Regression with AR(1) correlation in residuals

First we create an id variable. This generally corresponds to geographical locations, or people. In this case, we only have one geographical location, so our id for all observations is 1. This lets the computer know that all data belongs to the same group.

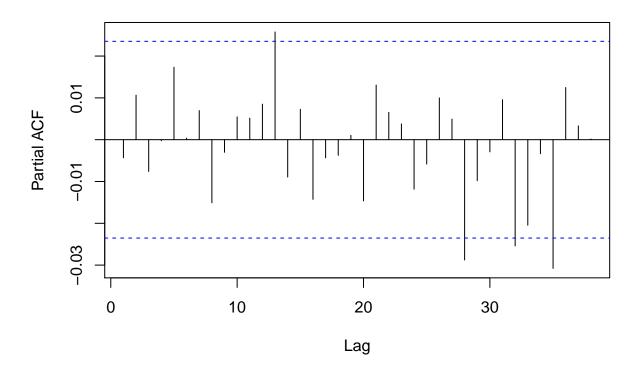
When we have autocorrelation in the residuals, we can use the MASS::glmPQL function in R.

```
d[,ID:=1]
# this is for MA
fit <- MASS::glmmPQL(y~yearMinus2000+sin365 + cos365, random = ~ 1 | ID,
                family = poisson, data = d,
                correlation=nlme::corAR1(form=~dayOfSeries|ID))
## iteration 1
summary(fit)
## Linear mixed-effects model fit by maximum likelihood
##
    AIC BIC logLik
##
     NA NA
##
## Random effects:
  Formula: ~1 | ID
##
            (Intercept) Residual
## StdDev: 1.149069e-05 0.841689
##
## Correlation Structure: AR(1)
   Formula: ~dayOfSeries | ID
##
   Parameter estimate(s):
##
         Phi
## 0.4926123
## Variance function:
## Structure: fixed weights
## Formula: ~invwt
## Fixed effects: y ~ yearMinus2000 + sin365 + cos365
##
                      Value
                              Std.Error
                                          DF
                                               t-value p-value
## (Intercept)
                  0.7980540 0.015203158 6936 52.49265
## yearMinus2000 0.0991582 0.001070583 6936 92.62077
                                                              0
## sin365
                  1.4074339 0.010596649 6936 132.81876
                                                              0
                 -0.5389807 0.008876447 6936 -60.72031
                                                              0
## cos365
   Correlation:
##
                 (Intr) yM2000 sin365
## yearMinus2000 -0.832
## sin365
                -0.409 0.000
  cos365
                  0.186 0.000 -0.158
##
## Standardized Within-Group Residuals:
##
                        Q1
                                   Med
                                                            Max
## -2.89886753 -0.75775062 -0.05982255 0.60730690 6.49964494
## Number of Observations: 6940
## Number of Groups: 1
```

We can see that the residuals no longer display any signs of autocorrelation.

pacf(residuals(fit, type = "normalized")) # this is for AR

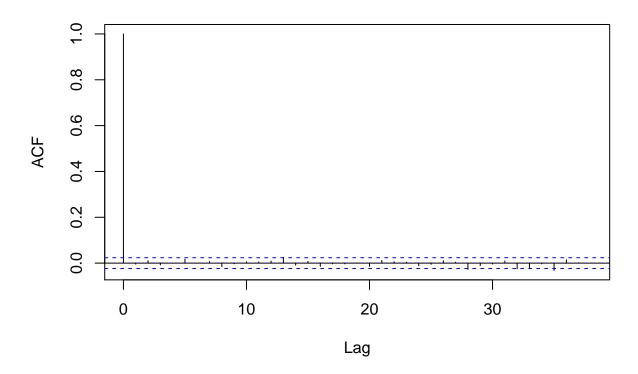
# Series residuals(fit, type = "normalized")



We can see that the residuals no longer display any signs of autocorrelation.

acf(residuals(fit, type = "normalized")) # this is for MA

### Series residuals(fit, type = "normalized")



We also obtain the same estimates that we did in the last chapter.

```
b1 <- 1.3936185 # sin coefficient
b2 <- -0.5233866 # cos coefficient
amplitude \leftarrow sqrt(b1^2 + b2^2)
p \leftarrow atan(b1/b2) * 365/2/pi
if (p > 0) {
    peak <- p
    trough <- p + 365/2
} else {
    peak <- p + 365/2
    trough <- p + 365
}
if (b1 < 0) {
    g <- peak
    peak <- trough
    trough <- g
}
print(sprintf("amplitude is estimated as %s, peak is estimated as %s, trough is estimated as %s",round(
## [1] "amplitude is estimated as 1.49, peak is estimated as 112, trough is estimated as 295"
print(sprintf("true values are: amplitude: %s, peak: %s, trough: %s",round(AMPLITUDE,2),round(365/4+SEA
## [1] "true values are: amplitude: 1.5, peak: 111, trough: 294"
```

#### 4.7 (STATA ONLY) Regression with robust standard errors

In STATA it is not possible to explicitly model autocorrelation in the residuals (with the exception of linear regression). Since most of our work deals with logistic and poisson regressions, we will be focusing on modelling strategies that work with all kinds of regressions.

The STATA approach to autocorrelation is to estimate more robust standard errors. That is, STATA makes the standard errors larger to account for the model mispecification. This is done through the vce(robust) option.

```
// STATA CODE STARTS
glm y yearminus2000 cos365 sin365, family(poisson) vce(robust)
// STATA CODE ENDS
```

# Chapter 5

# Not panel data: Multiple areas

#### 5.1 Aim

We are given a dataset containing counts of diseases from multiple geographical areas. We want to identify:

- Is there a general yearly trend (i.e. increasing or decreasing from year to year?)
- Is variable **x** associated with the outcome?

#### 5.2 Creating the data

```
The data for this chapter is available at: http://rwhite.no/longitudinal\_analysis/data/chapter\_5.csv
```

```
library(data.table)
library(lme4)

## Loading required package: Matrix

## Loading required package: methods

set.seed(4)

fylkeIntercepts <- data.table(fylke=1:20,fylkeIntercepts=rnorm(20))

d <- data.table(fylke=rep(1:20,each=100))

d <- merge(d,fylkeIntercepts,by="fylke")

d[,mainIntercept:=3]

d[,x:=runif(.N)]

d[,year:=sample(c(1950:2018),.N,replace=T)]

d[,mu := exp(mainIntercept + fylkeIntercepts + 3*x)]

d[,y:=rpois(.N,mu)]

fwrite(d,"data/chapter_5.csv")</pre>
```

#### 5.3 Investigating the data

We can see from the data that we have 20 geographical areas (fylke) with 100 observations for each fylke, but the sampling did not happen consistently (some years have multiple measurements, other years have no measurements).

This means we have:

- multiple geographical areas
- multiple observations in each geographical area
- not panel data

#### print(d)

##		fylke	${\tt fylkeIntercepts}$	${\tt mainIntercept}$	x	year	mu	У
##	1:	1	0.2167549	3	0.93831909	1966	416.42739	392
##	2:	1	0.2167549	3	0.24217109	1981	51.58692	51
##	3:	1	0.2167549	3	0.56559453	1972	136.12022	135
##	4:	1	0.2167549	3	0.18089910	1950	42.92490	39
##	5:	1	0.2167549	3	0.90449929	1951	376.24959	367
##								
##	1996:	20	-0.2834446	3	0.89237059	1995	220.00872	209
##	1997:	20	-0.2834446	3	0.80522348	2006	169.39375	157
##	1998:	20	-0.2834446	3	0.59989167	1955	91.49007	96
##	1999:	20	-0.2834446	3	0.04148228	1996	17.13293	18
##	2000:	20	-0.2834446	3	0.77673920	2002	155.51980	152

#### 5.4 Regression

For this scenario, we use the lme4::glmer function in R. We need to introduce a (1|fylke) term to identify the geographical areas (i.e. clusters). In STATA we use the meglm function and introduce a || fylke: term to identify the geographical areas (i.e. clusters).

```
// STATA CODE STARTS
insheet using "chapter_5.csv", clear
gen yearMinus2000 = year-2000
meglm y x yearMinus2000 || fylke:, family(poisson)
// STATA CODE ENDS
# R CODE
d[,yearMinus2000:=year-2000]
summary(fit <- lme4::glmer(y~x + yearMinus2000 + (1|fylke),data=d,family=poisson()))</pre>
## Generalized linear mixed model fit by maximum likelihood (Laplace
     Approximation) [glmerMod]
## Family: poisson (log)
## Formula: y ~ x + yearMinus2000 + (1 | fylke)
##
     Data: d
##
##
        AIC
                 BIC
                       logLik deviance df.resid
##
   15415.5 15437.9 -7703.8 15407.5
##
## Scaled residuals:
##
      Min
            1Q Median
                                ЗQ
## -3.0448 -0.6432 -0.0067 0.6452 4.2338
##
## Random effects:
## Groups Name
                       Variance Std.Dev.
## fylke (Intercept) 0.6114 0.7819
## Number of obs: 2000, groups: fylke, 20
##
## Fixed effects:
##
                   Estimate Std. Error z value Pr(>|z|)
## (Intercept)
                  3.375e+00 1.749e-01
                                         19.3
                                                 <2e-16 ***
                                                 <2e-16 ***
                  3.002e+00 5.994e-03
                                         500.9
## x
## yearMinus2000 -9.943e-07 7.192e-05
                                                  0.989
                                           0.0
## Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
## Correlation of Fixed Effects:
##
              (Intr) x
               -0.025
## yearMns2000 0.007 -0.030
## convergence code: 0
## Model is nearly unidentifiable: very large eigenvalue
## - Rescale variables?
## Model is nearly unidentifiable: large eigenvalue ratio
```

You can see that the format of the results is the same as an ordinary regression.

## - Rescale variables?

# Chapter 6

# Panel data: multiple areas without autocorrelation

#### 6.1 Aim

We are given a dataset containing daily counts of diseases from multiple geographical areas. We want to identify:

- Does seasonality exist?
- If seasonality exists, when are the high/low seasons?
- Is there a general yearly trend (i.e. increasing or decreasing from year to year?)

#### 6.2 Creating the data

The data for this chapter is available at: http://rwhite.no/longitudinal\_analysis/data/chapter\_6.csv

```
library(data.table)
library(ggplot2)
set.seed(4)
AMPLITUDE <- 1.5
SEASONAL_HORIZONTAL_SHIFT <- 20
fylkeIntercepts <- data.table(fylke=1:20,fylkeIntercepts=rnorm(20))</pre>
d <- data.table(date=seq.Date(</pre>
  from=as.Date("2010-01-01"),
 to=as.Date("2015-12-31"),
  by=1)
d[,year:=as.numeric(format.Date(date,"%G"))]
d[,week:=as.numeric(format.Date(date,"%V"))]
d[,month:=as.numeric(format.Date(date,"%m"))]
temp <- vector("list",length=20)</pre>
for(i in 1:20){
  temp[[i]] <- copy(d)</pre>
  temp[[i]][,fylke:=i]
d <- rbindlist(temp)</pre>
d[,yearMinus2000:=year-2000]
d[,dayOfSeries:=1:.N]
d[,dayOfYear:=as.numeric(format.Date(date,"%j"))]
d[,seasonalEffect:=sin(2*pi*(dayOfYear-SEASONAL_HORIZONTAL_SHIFT)/365)]
d[,mu := exp(0.1 + yearMinus2000*0.1 + seasonalEffect*AMPLITUDE)]
d[,y:=rpois(.N,mu)]
fwrite(d, "data/chapter_6.csv")
```

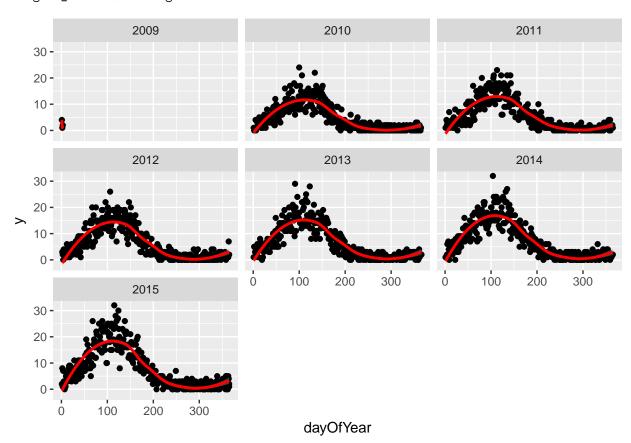
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#### 6.3 Investigation

We then drill down into a few years for fylke 1, and see a clear seasonal trend

```
q <- ggplot(d[fylke==1],aes(x=dayOfYear,y=y))
q <- q + facet_wrap(~year)
q <- q + geom_point()
q <- q + stat_smooth(colour="red")
q</pre>
```

## `geom\_smooth()` using method = 'loess'



The Lomb-Scargle Periodogram shows a clear seasonality with a period of  $365~\mathrm{days}$ 

```
// STATA CODE STARTS
insheet using "chapter_6.csv", clear

sort fylke date
by fylke: gen time=_n
tsset fylke time, daily

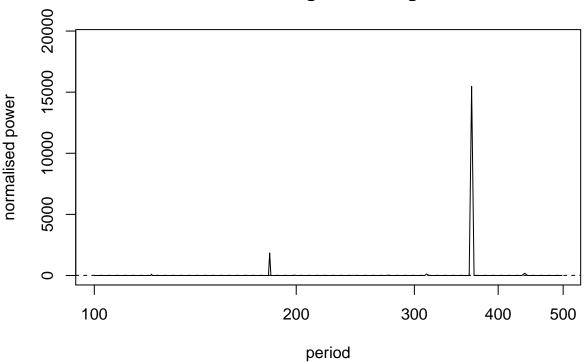
wntestb y if fylke==1

cumsp y if fylke==1, gen(cumulative_spec_dist)
by fylke: gen period=_N/_n

browse cumulative_spec_dist period
// STATA CODE ENDS
```

# RCODE
lomb::lsp(d\$y,from=100,to=500,ofac=1,type="period")

#### Lomb-Scargle Periodogram



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#### 6.4 Regression

First we create an id variable. This generally corresponds to geographical locations, or people. In this case, we only have one geographical location, so our id for all observations is 1. This lets the computer know that all data belongs to the same group.

When we have panel data with multiple areas, we use the MASS::glmPQL function in R and the meglm function in STATA. In R we identify the geographical areas with random =  $\sim 1$  | fylke and in STATA with || fylke:.

```
// STATA CODE STARTS
meglm y yearminus2000 || fylke:, family(poisson) iter(10)
estimates store m1
meglm y yearminus2000 cos365 sin365 || fylke:, family(poisson) iter(10)
estimates store m2
predict resid, anscombe
lrtest m1 m2
// STATA CODE ENDS
# R CODE
d[,cos365:=cos(dayOfYear*2*pi/365)]
d[,sin365:=sin(dayOfYear*2*pi/365)]
fit0 <- MASS::glmmPQL(y~yearMinus2000, random = ~ 1 | fylke,
                family = poisson, data = d)
## iteration 1
fit1 <- MASS::glmmPQL(y~yearMinus2000 + sin365 + cos365, random = ~ 1 | fylke,
                family = poisson, data = d)
## iteration 1
print(lmtest::lrtest(fit0, fit1))
## Likelihood ratio test
## Model 1: y ~ yearMinus2000
## Model 2: y ~ yearMinus2000 + sin365 + cos365
    #Df LogLik Df Chisq Pr(>Chisq)
## 1
       4
## 2
```

We see that the likelihood ratio test for sin365 and cos365 was significant, meaning that there is significant seasonality with a 365 day periodicity in our data (which we already strongly suspected due to the periodogram).

We can now run/look at the results of our main regression.

#### print(summary(fit1))

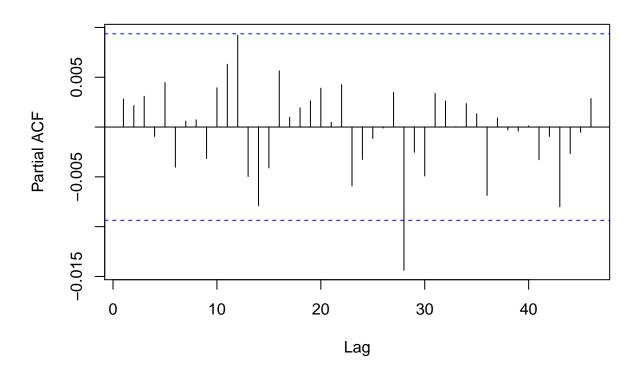
```
## Linear mixed-effects model fit by maximum likelihood
## Data: d
    AIC BIC logLik
##
##
     NA NA
##
## Random effects:
## Formula: ~1 | fylke
##
          (Intercept) Residual
## StdDev: 1.584549e-05 0.9976713
##
## Variance function:
## Structure: fixed weights
## Formula: ~invwt
## Fixed effects: y ~ yearMinus2000 + sin365 + cos365
                    Value Std.Error DF t-value p-value
## (Intercept) 0.1122536 0.014488403 43797
                                             7.7478
## yearMinus2000 0.0989047 0.001109477 43797
                                            89.1453
          1.4095095 0.003695341 43797 381.4288
## sin365
                                                            0
## cos365
                -0.5109375 0.003083683 43797 -165.6907
## Correlation:
                (Intr) yM2000 sin365
## yearMinus2000 -0.979
## sin365
               -0.150 0.000
## cos365
                0.065 -0.001 -0.151
##
## Standardized Within-Group Residuals:
##
                       Q1
                                 Med
          Min
                                              QЗ
                                                         Max
## -3.19682240 -0.82387498 -0.07501834 0.63400484 5.82452468
##
## Number of Observations: 43820
## Number of Groups: 20
```

#### 6.5 Residual analysis

We see that there is no evidence of autoregression in the residuals

```
// STATA CODE STARTS
pac resid if fylke==1
// STATA CODE ENDS
# R CODE
pacf(residuals(fit1, type = "normalized")) # this is for AR
```

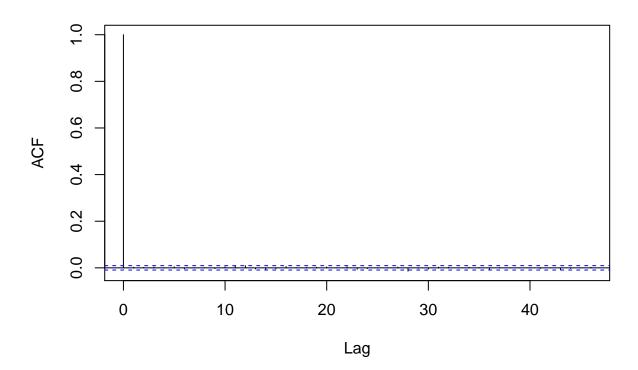
# Series residuals(fit1, type = "normalized")



We see that there is no evidence of autoregression in the residuals

```
// STATA CODE STARTS
ac resid if fylke==1
// STATA CODE ENDS
# R CODE
acf(residuals(fit1, type = "normalized")) # this is for MA
```

# Series residuals(fit1, type = "normalized")



We also obtain the same estimates that we did in the last chapter.

```
b1 <- 1.4007640 # sin coefficient
b2 <- -0.5234863 # cos coefficient
amplitude <- sqrt(b1^2 + b2^2)</pre>
p \leftarrow atan(b1/b2) * 365/2/pi
if (p > 0) {
    peak <- p
    trough <- p + 365/2
} else {
    peak <- p + 365/2
    trough <- p + 365
if (b1 < 0) {</pre>
    g <- peak
    peak <- trough
    trough <- g
}
print(sprintf("amplitude is estimated as %s, peak is estimated as %s, trough is estimated as %s",round(
## [1] "amplitude is estimated as 1.5, peak is estimated as 112, trough is estimated as 295"
print(sprintf("true values are: amplitude: %s, peak: %s, trough: %s",round(AMPLITUDE,2),round(365/4+SEA
## [1] "true values are: amplitude: 1.5, peak: 111, trough: 294"
```

# Chapter 7

# Panel data: multiple areas with autocorrelation

#### 7.1 Aim

We are given a dataset containing daily counts of diseases from multiple geographical areas. We want to identify:

- Does seasonality exist?
- If seasonality exists, when are the high/low seasons?
- Is there a general yearly trend (i.e. increasing or decreasing from year to year?)

#### 7.2 Creating the data

The data for this chapter is available at: http://rwhite.no/longitudinal\_analysis/data/chapter\_7.csv

```
library(data.table)
library(ggplot2)
set.seed(4)
AMPLITUDE <- 1.5
SEASONAL_HORIZONTAL_SHIFT <- 20
fylkeIntercepts <- data.table(fylke=1:20,fylkeIntercepts=rnorm(20))</pre>
d <- data.table(date=seq.Date(</pre>
  from=as.Date("2010-01-01"),
  to=as.Date("2015-12-31"),
  by=1)
d[,year:=as.numeric(format.Date(date,"%G"))]
d[,week:=as.numeric(format.Date(date,"%V"))]
d[,month:=as.numeric(format.Date(date,"%m"))]
temp <- vector("list",length=20)</pre>
for(i in 1:20){
  temp[[i]] <- copy(d)
  temp[[i]][,fylke:=i]
d <- rbindlist(temp)</pre>
d[,yearMinus2000:=year-2000]
d[,dayOfSeries:=1:.N]
d[,dayOfYear:=as.numeric(format.Date(date,"%j"))]
d[,seasonalEffect:=sin(2*pi*(dayOfYear-SEASONAL_HORIZONTAL_SHIFT)/365)]
d[,mu := round(exp(0.1 + yearMinus2000*0.1 + seasonalEffect*AMPLITUDE))]
d[,y:=rpois(.N,mu)]
d[,y:=mu+round(as.numeric(arima.sim(model=list("ar"=c(0.5)), rand.gen = rpois, n=nrow(d), lambda=mu)))]
fwrite(d, "data/chapter_7.csv")
```

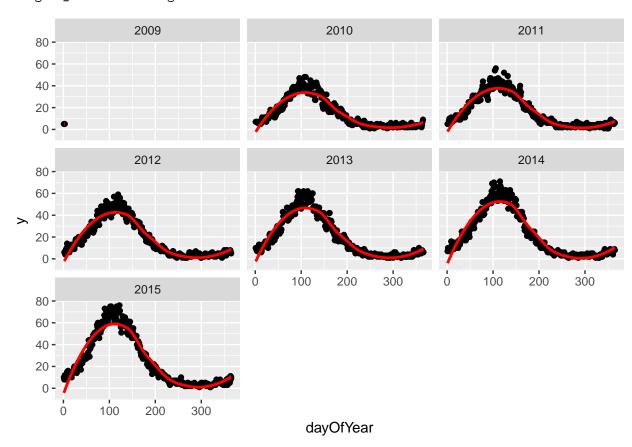
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#### 7.3 Investigation

We drill down into a few years in fylke 1, and see a clear seasonal trend

```
q <- ggplot(d[fylke==1],aes(x=dayOfYear,y=y))
q <- q + facet_wrap(~year)
q <- q + geom_point()
q <- q + stat_smooth(colour="red")
q</pre>
```

## `geom\_smooth()` using method = 'loess'



The Lomb-Scargle Periodogram shows a clear seasonality with a period of 365 days

// STATA CODE STARTS
insheet using "chapter\_7.csv", clear

sort fylke date
by fylke: gen time=\_n
tsset fylke time, daily

wntestb y if fylke==1

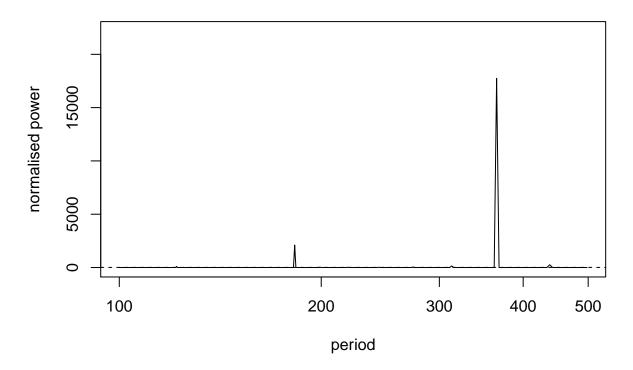
cumsp y if fylke==1, gen(cumulative\_spec\_dist)
by fylke: gen period=\_N/\_n

browse cumulative\_spec\_dist period
// STATA CODE ENDS

# R CODE

lomb::lsp(d\$y,from=100,to=500,ofac=1,type="period")

#### Lomb-Scargle Periodogram



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#### 7.4 Regressions

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```
// STATA CODE STARTS
gen cos365=cos(dayofyear*2*_pi/365)
gen sin365=sin(dayofyear*2*_pi/365)
meglm y yearminus2000 || fylke:, family(poisson) iter(10)
estimates store m1
meglm y yearminus2000 cos365 sin365 || fylke:, family(poisson) iter(10)
estimates store m2
predict resid, anscombe
1rtest m1 m2
// STATA CODE ENDS
# R CODE
d[,cos365:=cos(dayOfYear*2*pi/365)]
d[,sin365:=sin(dayOfYear*2*pi/365)]
fit0 <- MASS::glmmPQL(y~yearMinus2000, random = ~ 1 | fylke,
                family = poisson, data = d)
## iteration 1
fit1 <- MASS::glmmPQL(y~yearMinus2000 + sin365 + cos365, random = ~ 1 | fylke,
                family = poisson, data = d)
## iteration 1
## iteration 2
print(lmtest::lrtest(fit0, fit1))
## Likelihood ratio test
##
## Model 1: y ~ yearMinus2000
## Model 2: y ~ yearMinus2000 + sin365 + cos365
    #Df LogLik Df Chisq Pr(>Chisq)
## 1
       4
## 2
```

We see that the likelihood ratio test for sin365 and cos365 was significant, meaning that there is significant seasonality with a 365 day periodicity in our data (which we already strongly suspected due to the periodogram).

We can now run/look at the results of our main regression.

#### print(summary(fit1))

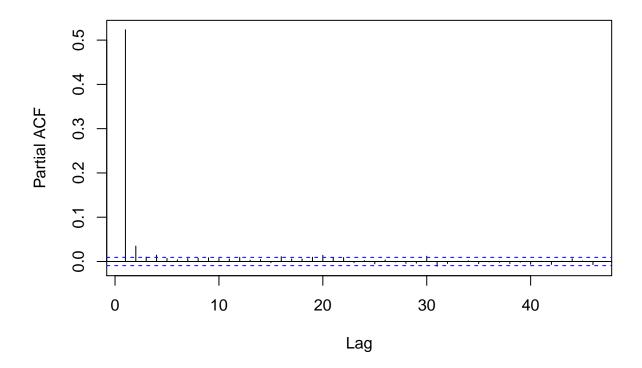
```
## Linear mixed-effects model fit by maximum likelihood
## Data: d
    AIC BIC logLik
##
##
     NA NA
                NA
##
## Random effects:
## Formula: ~1 | fylke
##
    (Intercept) Residual
## StdDev: 0.004579768 0.7191519
##
## Variance function:
## Structure: fixed weights
## Formula: ~invwt
## Fixed effects: y ~ yearMinus2000 + sin365 + cos365
                     Value
                           Std.Error DF t-value p-value
## (Intercept) 1.2189925 0.006110555 43797 199.4896
## yearMinus2000 0.0987374 0.000461394 43797 213.9980
          1.3990267 0.001531179 43797 913.6928
## sin365
                                                           0
## cos365
                -0.5171211 0.001282191 43797 -403.3106
## Correlation:
                (Intr) yM2000 sin365
## yearMinus2000 -0.966
## sin365 -0.147 0.000
## cos365
                0.065 -0.001 -0.152
##
## Standardized Within-Group Residuals:
##
                       Q1
                                 Med
          Min
                                              QЗ
                                                        Max
## -3.00864057 -0.70228031 -0.06334676 0.64274011 5.21710225
##
## Number of Observations: 43820
## Number of Groups: 20
```

#### 7.5 Residual analysis

We see that there is an AR(1) autocorrelation in the residuals, meaning that our model is not appropriate.

```
// STATA CODE STARTS
pac resid if fylke==1
// STATA CODE ENDS
# R CODE
pacf(residuals(fit1, type = "normalized")) # this is for AR
```

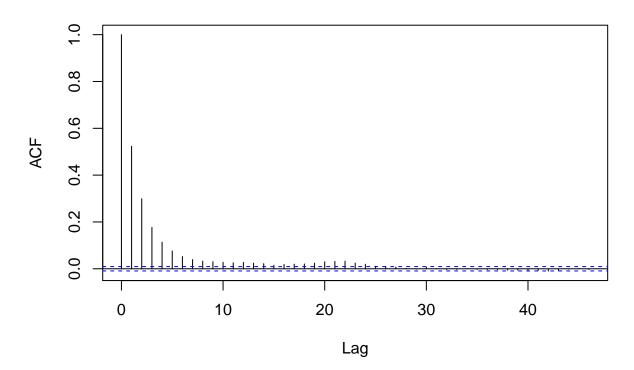
### Series residuals(fit1, type = "normalized")



We see that there is some sort of AR autocorrelation in the residuals, meaning that our model is not appropriate.

```
// STATA CODE STARTS
ac resid if fylke==1
// STATA CODE ENDS
# R CODE
acf(residuals(fit1, type = "normalized")) # this is for MA
```

# Series residuals(fit1, type = "normalized")



#### 7.6 (R ONLY) Regression with AR(1) correlation in residuals

We include correlation=nlme::corAR1(form=~dayOfSeries|fylke) or in other words correlation=nlme::corAR1(form=to let the computer know what is the time variable and what is the group variable.

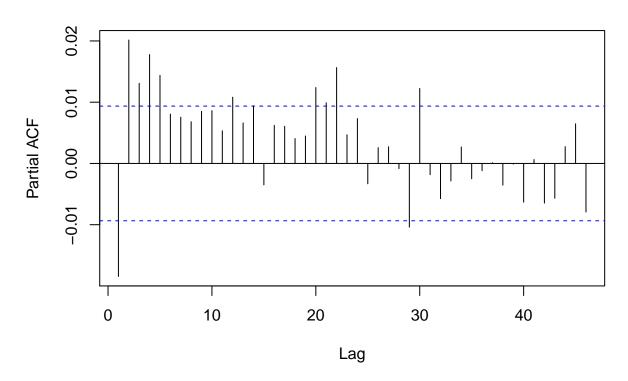
```
fit1 <- MASS::glmmPQL(y~yearMinus2000+sin365 + cos365, random = ~ 1 | fylke,
                family = poisson, data = d,
                correlation=nlme::corAR1(form=~dayOfSeries|fylke))
## iteration 1
summary(fit1)
## Linear mixed-effects model fit by maximum likelihood
   Data: d
##
    AIC BIC logLik
##
     NA NA
                NA
##
## Random effects:
  Formula: ~1 | fylke
            (Intercept)
##
                        Residual
## StdDev: 2.405003e-05 0.7195239
##
## Correlation Structure: AR(1)
  Formula: ~dayOfSeries | fylke
##
##
  Parameter estimate(s):
##
         Phi
## 0.5240054
## Variance function:
## Structure: fixed weights
## Formula: ~invwt
## Fixed effects: y ~ yearMinus2000 + sin365 + cos365
##
                      Value
                             Std.Error DF t-value p-value
## (Intercept)
                 1.2195477 0.010774796 43797 113.1852
## yearMinus2000 0.0987065 0.000825226 43797 119.6115
## sin365
                 1.3988945 0.002739109 43797 510.7116
                                                              0
## cos365
                 -0.5169579 0.002292465 43797 -225.5030
##
  Correlation:
                 (Intr) yM2000 sin365
## yearMinus2000 -0.979
                 -0.149 0.001
## sin365
## cos365
                 0.066 -0.001 -0.151
## Standardized Within-Group Residuals:
##
           Min
                        Q1
                                   Med
                                                QЗ
                                                           Max
## -2.99731654 -0.70249782 -0.06736726  0.64264790  5.20296607
##
## Number of Observations: 43820
## Number of Groups: 20
```

#### 7.7 Residual analysis

We see that the vast majority of the autoregression in the residuals has been removed.

pacf(residuals(fit1, type = "normalized")) # this is for AR

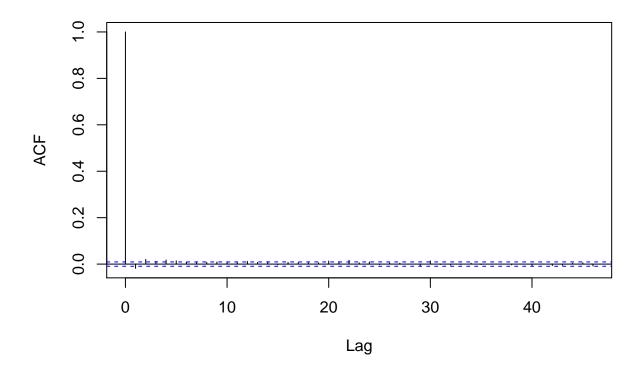
# Series residuals(fit1, type = "normalized")



We see that the vast majority of the autoregression in the residuals has been removed.

acf(residuals(fit1, type = "normalized")) # this is for MA

# Series residuals(fit1, type = "normalized")



We obtain the same estimates that we did in the last chapter.

```
b1 <- 1.4007640 # sin coefficient
b2 <- -0.5234863 # cos coefficient
amplitude \leftarrow sqrt(b1^2 + b2^2)
p \leftarrow atan(b1/b2) * 365/2/pi
if (p > 0) {
    peak <- p
    trough <- p + 365/2
} else {
    peak <- p + 365/2
    trough <- p + 365
}
if (b1 < 0) {</pre>
    g <- peak
    peak <- trough
    trough <- g
}
print(sprintf("amplitude is estimated as %s, peak is estimated as %s, trough is estimated as %s",round(
## [1] "amplitude is estimated as 1.5, peak is estimated as 112, trough is estimated as 295"
print(sprintf("true values are: amplitude: %s, peak: %s, trough: %s",round(AMPLITUDE,2),round(365/4+SEA
## [1] "true values are: amplitude: 1.5, peak: 111, trough: 294"
```

#### 7.8 (STATA ONLY) Regression with robust standard errors

In STATA it is not possible to explicitly model autocorrelation in the residuals (with the exception of linear regression). Since most of our work deals with logistic and poisson regressions, we will be focusing on modelling strategies that work with all kinds of regressions.

The STATA approach to autocorrelation is to estimate more robust standard errors. That is, STATA makes the standard errors larger to account for the model mispecification. This is done through the vce(robust) option.

```
// STATA CODE STARTS
meglm y yearminus2000 cos365 sin365 || fylke:, family(poisson) iter(10) vce(robust)
// STATA CODE ENDS
```