



# Time Series Analysis

## DSC534

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### **Lecture 5**

# Descriptive Analysis of Time Series

## Visualization

Most important method for visualizing time series is a time series plot, data are plotted against time.

Generic `plot(.)` function (gaps might occur in the plot when we have missing values)

Aspect ratio might become an issue (there are no any rules).

For long series you can split plots in different frames

## Example (use maine.dat)

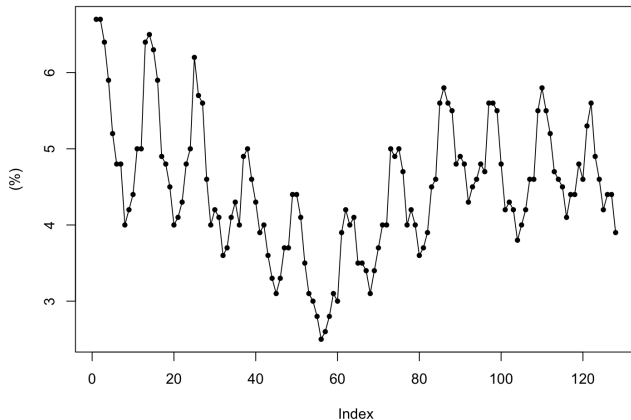
```
####read data
Maine.unemp <- read.csv("Maine.dat", sep="", header = T)
unemp <- Maine.unemp$unemp

####simple plot
ts.plot(unemp, ylab="%", main="Unemployment in Maine")

####another view
plot(unemp, type="o", pch=20, ylab="%", main="Unemployment in Maine")

###Horizontal line plot
plot(unemp, type="h", ylab="%", main="Unemployment in Maine")
```

## Unemployment in Maine



For monthly economic data the series shows a **non-linear trend** and a **seasonal pattern** that increases with the level of series.

Maybe transform the data?

Worth studying further because unemployment is a basic economic indicator which is used for policy development.

## Example (multiple time series plot) - cbe.dat

- Monthly supply of electricity (millions of kWh)
- Monthly supply of beer (millions of litres)
- Monthly chocolate production (tones)

```
library(ggplot2)
```

```
####input data
```

```
dat <- read.table("cbe.dat",sep="", header=T)
```

```
cbe <- ts(dat, start=1958, freq=12)
```

```
#####simple plot of all series
```

```
plot(cbe, main="Chocolate, Beer & Electricity")
```

```
#####nicer plots
```

```
cbedf <- data.frame(t=rep(as.numeric(time(cbe)), times=3),
```

```
                      values=c(cbe[,1], cbe[,2], cbe[,3]),
```

```
                      type=rep(c("choc", "beer", "elec"), each=nrow(cbe)))
```

```
ggplot(cbedf, aes(x=t, values, fill=type)) +
```

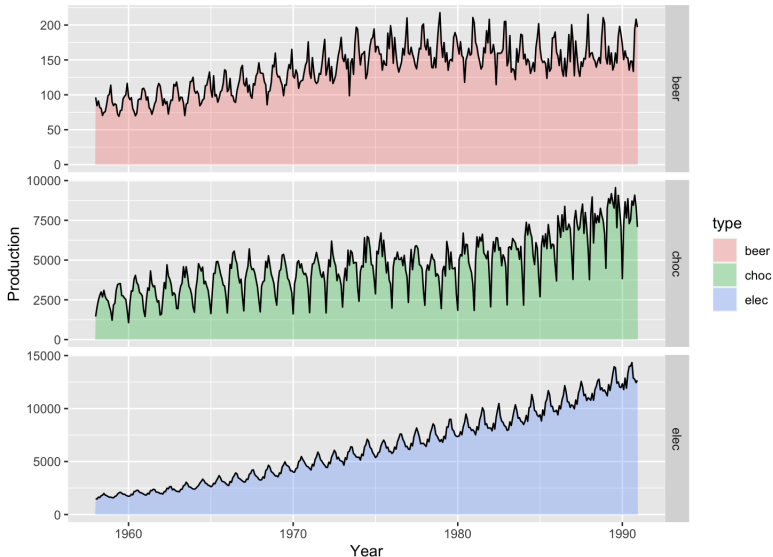
```
  geom_area(alpha=0.3) + geom_line() +
```

```
  facet_grid(type~., scales="free") +
```

```
  ggtitle("Production in Australia") +
```

```
  xlab("Year") + ylab("Production")
```

## Production in Australia



All series show a distinct **seasonal pattern** along with a **trend**. It is useful to know that the population of Australia has increased by 1.8 for this time period.

We can plot in a single frame after standardisation.

```
####First standardizing plot
```

```
## Indexing the series by standardizing with the first observation
```

```
tsd <- cbe
```

```
tsd[,1] <- tsd[,1]/tsd[1,1]*100
```

```
tsd[,2] <- tsd[,2]/tsd[1,2]*100
```

```
tsd[,3] <- tsd[,3]/tsd[1,3]*100
```

```
## Plotting in one single frame
```

```
clr <- c("green3", "red3", "blue3")
```

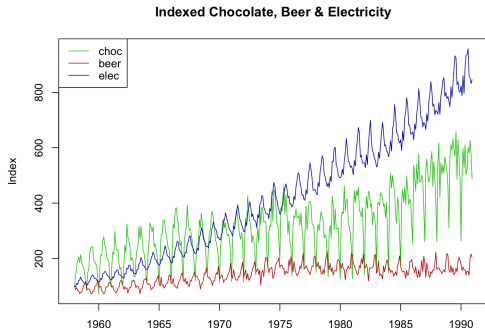
```
plot(tsd, plot.type="single", ylab="Index", col=clr)
```

```
title("Indexed Chocolate, Beer & Electricity")
```

```
## Legend
```

```
ltx <- names(dat)
```

```
legend("topleft", lty=1, col=clr, legend=ltx)
```



Suppose that  $X_t^{(1)}$  is the electricity time series

$X_t^{(2)}$  beer time series

$X_t^{(3)}$  chocolate time series

We plot  $X_t^{(1)} / X_1^{(1)}$ ,  $X_t^{(2)} / X_1^{(2)}$ ,  $X_t^{(3)} / X_1^{(3)}$  to obtain

visually differences with respect to the first observation of each series

Note that electricity production increased around 8 times

chocolate >> > 4 times

beer >> > 2 times

Seasonality is more visible for chocolate followed by electricity and beer.



We use a different strategy because of seasonality.

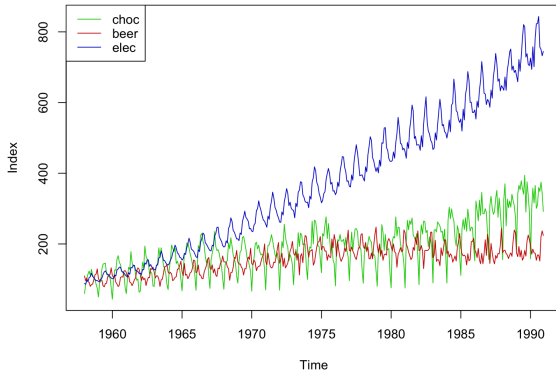
We consider for standardization the first 12 months as a reference period.

for instance,  $X_t^{(1)} / \left( \sum_{\tau=1}^{12} X_{\tau}^{(1)} / 12 \right)$  and similarly for other series.

```
## Indexing the series vs. the first period
tsd <- cbe
tsd[,1] <- tsd[,1]/mean(tsd[1:12,1])*100
tsd[,2] <- tsd[,2]/mean(tsd[1:12,2])*100
tsd[,3] <- tsd[,3]/mean(tsd[1:12,3])*100

## Plotting in one single frame
plot(tsd, plot.type="single", ylab="Index", col=clr)
title("Indexed Chocolate, Beer & Electricity")
## Legend
ltx <- names(dat)
legend("topleft", lty=1, col=clr, legend=ltx)
```

**Indexed Chocolate, Beer & Electricity**



We observe that the evolution of beer and chocolate production changes.

**Graphical displays are important!!**

# Transformations

## 1.) Linear Transformations

$$Y_t = a + b X_t$$

Such transformations do not affect autocorrelation, model forecasts so we can easily use it.

Suppose that  $(X_t)$  is stationary,  $E(X_t) = 0$ ,  $\gamma_X(h) = \text{Cov}(X_t, X_{t+h})$

$$\rho_X(h) = \gamma_X(h) / \gamma_X(0)$$

$$E(Y_t) = a + b E(X_t) = a$$

$$\gamma_Y(h) = \text{Cov}(Y_t, Y_{t+h}) = \text{Cov}(a + bX_t, a + bX_{t+h}) = b^2 \gamma_X(h)$$

$$\rho_Y(h) = \frac{\gamma_Y(h)}{\gamma_Y(0)} = \frac{b^2 \gamma_X(h)}{b^2 \gamma_X(0)} = \rho_X(h)$$

# Transformations

## 2.) Monthly Sums and Averages

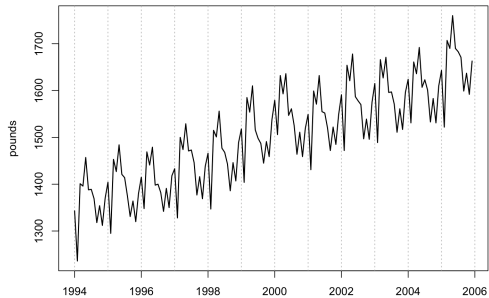
Instead of considering monthly data  
we can consider daily averages/month.

```
###required packages  
library(TSA)  
library(forecast)
```

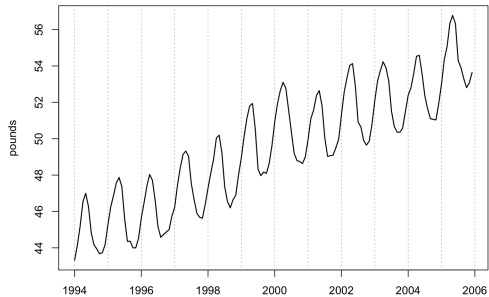
```
###data belongs to TSA package  
data("milk")  
## Monthly totals  
plot(milk, xlab="Year", ylab="pounds", main="Monthly Milk Production per Cow")  
abline(v=1994:2006, col="grey", lty=3)  
lines(milk, lwd=1.5)
```

```
##The maonthdays() function  
## Monthly average per day  
milk.adj <- milk/monthdays(milk)  
plot(milk.adj, xlab="Year", ylab="pounds",  
main="Average Milk Production per Cow per Day")  
abline(v=1994:2006, col="grey", lty=3)  
lines(milk.adj, lwd=1.5)
```

**Monthly Milk Production per Cow**



**Average Milk Production per Cow per Day**



### 3) Box-Cox transformation

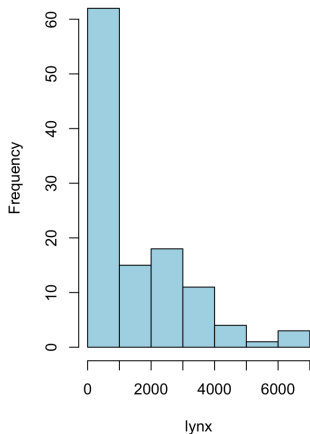
$$g_{\lambda}(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{x^{\lambda}-1}{\lambda}, & \lambda \neq 0 \\ \log x, & \lambda = 0 \end{cases}$$

We use these transformations to stabilize variance, reduce skewness

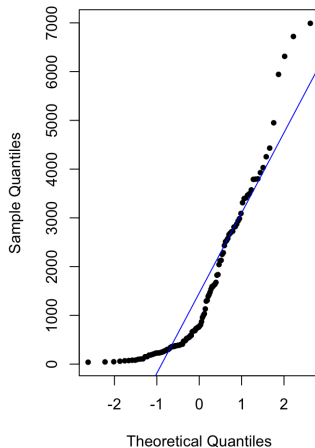
Inference is made on the transformed scale so we need to be cautious.

```
###Log Transformation
par(mfrow=c(1,2))
hist(lynx, col="lightblue")
qqnorm(lynx, pch=20); qqline(lynx, col="blue")
```

**Histogram of lynx**



**Normal Q-Q Plot**



```
ts.plot(lynx, main="Lynx Trappings")  
ts.plot(log(lynx), main="Logged Lynx Trappings")
```

