

# CSC425 HW1

## Problem 1

### Load Library

```
library(tseries)
library(fBasics)

## Loading required package: timeDate
## Loading required package: timeSeries
##
## Rmetrics Package fBasics
## Analysing Markets and calculating Basic Statistics
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## Educational Software for Financial Engineering and Computational Science
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library(zoo)

##
## Attaching package: 'zoo'
## The following object is masked from 'package:timeSeries':
##
##      time<-
## The following objects are masked from 'package:base':
##
##      as.Date, as.Date.numeric
```

### Import Data

```
# Set Working Directory
setwd("~/Desktop/CSC425/hwork1")
# Load data with now variable names into the data frame
dat = read.table("crudeoil_w0416.csv", header = T, sep = ',')
head(dat, 20)

##      date price
## 1 02-Jan-04 32.68
## 2 09-Jan-04 33.89
## 3 16-Jan-04 34.51
## 4 23-Jan-04 35.45
## 5 30-Jan-04 33.61
## 6 06-Feb-04 33.41
## 7 13-Feb-04 33.88
## 8 20-Feb-04 35.54
```

```
## 9 27-Feb-04 36.08
## 10 05-Mar-04 36.67
## 11 12-Mar-04 36.44
## 12 19-Mar-04 37.78
## 13 26-Mar-04 36.65
## 14 02-Apr-04 35.23
## 15 09-Apr-04 35.70
## 16 16-Apr-04 37.39
## 17 23-Apr-04 37.32
## 18 30-Apr-04 37.31
## 19 07-May-04 39.24
## 20 14-May-04 40.37
```

a) Create a Time plot for the time series of spot prices.

```
# Time series
TSprice = zoo(dat[,2], as.Date(as.character(dat[,1]), format = "%d-%b-%y"))
head(TSprice,20)
```

```
## 2004-01-02 2004-01-09 2004-01-16 2004-01-23 2004-01-30 2004-02-06
##      32.68      33.89      34.51      35.45      33.61      33.41
## 2004-02-13 2004-02-20 2004-02-27 2004-03-05 2004-03-12 2004-03-19
##      33.88      35.54      36.08      36.67      36.44      37.78
## 2004-03-26 2004-04-02 2004-04-09 2004-04-16 2004-04-23 2004-04-30
##      36.65      35.23      35.70      37.39      37.32      37.31
## 2004-05-07 2004-05-14
##      39.24      40.37
```

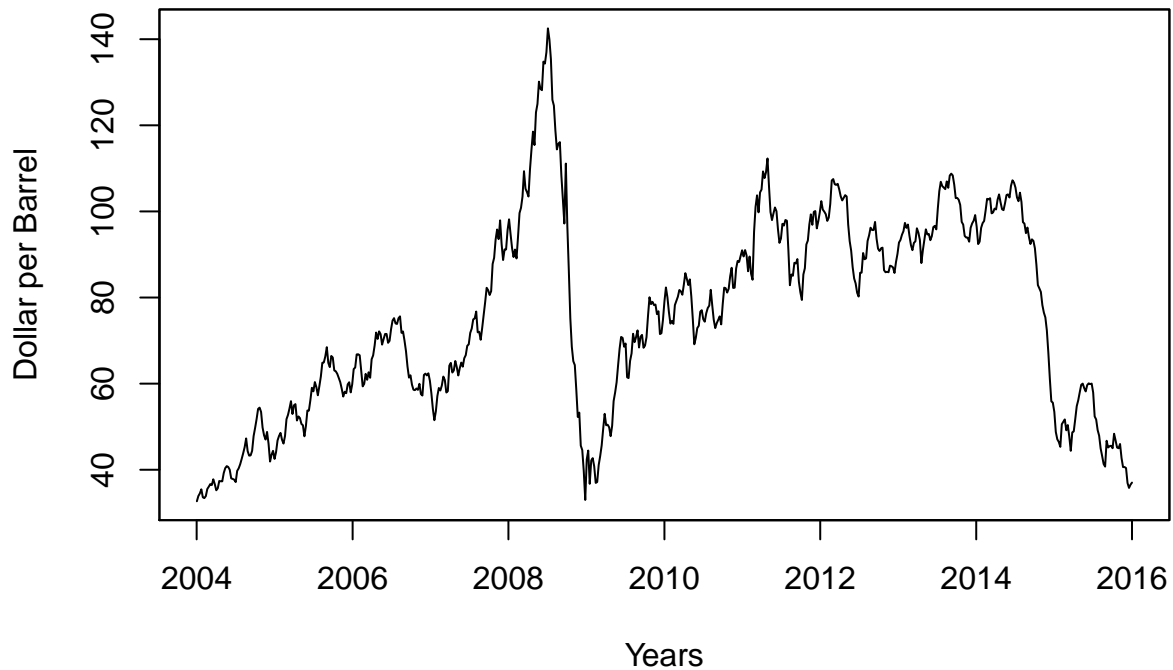
```
tail(TSprice,20)
```

```
## 2015-08-21 2015-08-28 2015-09-04 2015-09-11 2015-09-18 2015-09-25
##      41.34      40.73      46.73      45.16      45.48      45.57
## 2015-10-02 2015-10-09 2015-10-16 2015-10-23 2015-10-30 2015-11-06
##      45.00      48.36      46.82      45.16      44.99      45.98
## 2015-11-13 2015-11-20 2015-11-27 2015-12-04 2015-12-11 2015-12-18
##      42.70      40.62      40.63      40.40      36.93      35.78
## 2015-12-25 2016-01-01
##      36.53      37.02
```

```
# plot
```

```
plot(TSprice, xlab = "Years", ylab = "Dollar per Barrel", main = "Time Series for Crude Oil Spot Prices")
```

## Time Series for Crude Oil Spot Prices



In general, the changes of oil prices goes up and down from January 2004 to January 2016. In particular, there is a much larger scale of fluctuation during 2008 due to the financial crisis. After the year, its prices are stabilized between \$70 and \$110 from 2009 to 2015. Another highlighted point is occurred in 2015 that its price rapidly decreased.

b) Compute the percentage change rate of spot prices

```
rate = (TSprice - lag(TSprice, -1)) / lag(TSprice,-1)
head(rate,20)
```

```
##      2004-01-09      2004-01-16      2004-01-23      2004-01-30      2004-02-06
## 0.0370257038 0.0182944821 0.0272384816 -0.0519040903 -0.0059506099
##      2004-02-13      2004-02-20      2004-02-27      2004-03-05      2004-03-12
## 0.0140676444 0.0489964581 0.0151941474 0.0163525499 -0.0062721571
##      2004-03-19      2004-03-26      2004-04-02      2004-04-09      2004-04-16
## 0.0367727772 -0.0299100053 -0.0387448840 0.0133409026 0.0473389356
##      2004-04-23      2004-04-30      2004-05-07      2004-05-14      2004-05-21
## -0.0018721583 -0.0002679528 0.0517287590 0.0287971458 0.0116423086
```

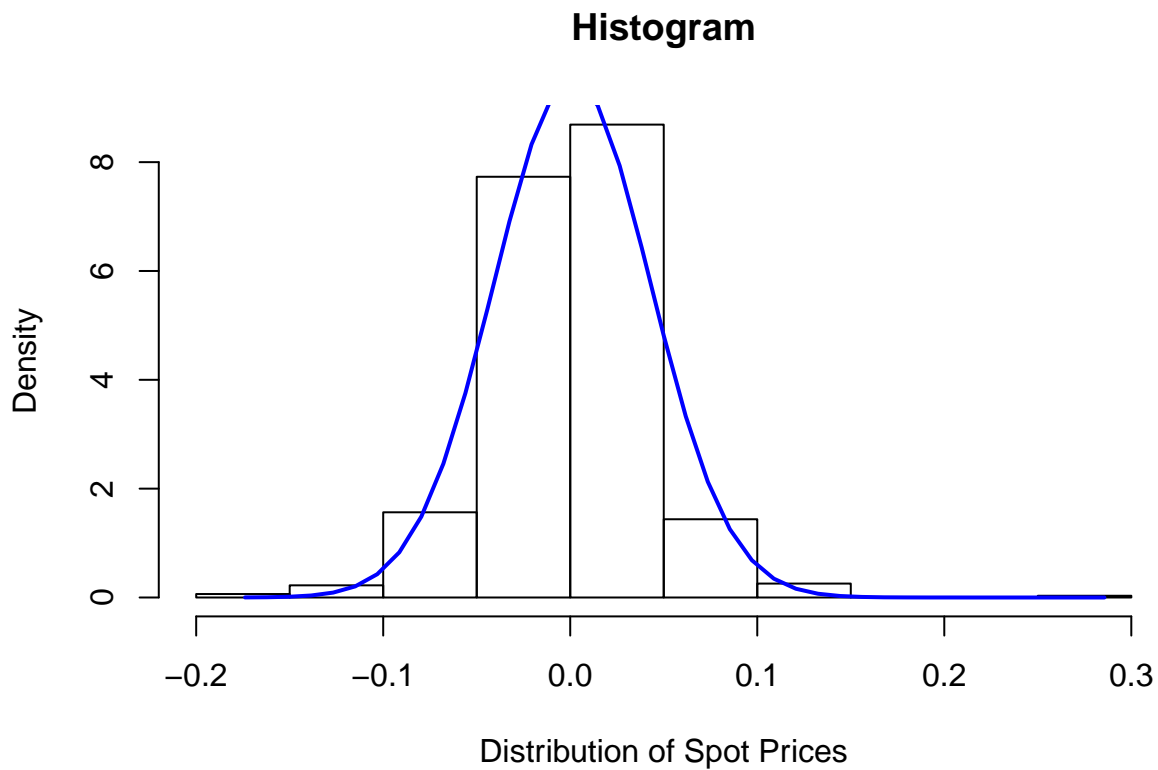
```
tail(rate,20)
```

```
##      2015-08-21      2015-08-28      2015-09-04      2015-09-11      2015-09-18
## -0.0430555556 -0.0147556846 0.1473115640 -0.0335972609 0.0070859167
##      2015-09-25      2015-10-02      2015-10-09      2015-10-16      2015-10-23
## 0.0019788918 -0.0125082291 0.0746666667 -0.0318444996 -0.0354549338
##      2015-10-30      2015-11-06      2015-11-13      2015-11-20      2015-11-27
## -0.0037643933 0.0220048900 -0.0713353632 -0.0487119438 0.0002461841
##      2015-12-04      2015-12-11      2015-12-18      2015-12-25      2016-01-01
```

```
## -0.0056608417 -0.0858910891 -0.0311399946 0.0209614310 0.0134136326
```

C) Analyze the distribution of rate using a histogram and a normal quantile plot.

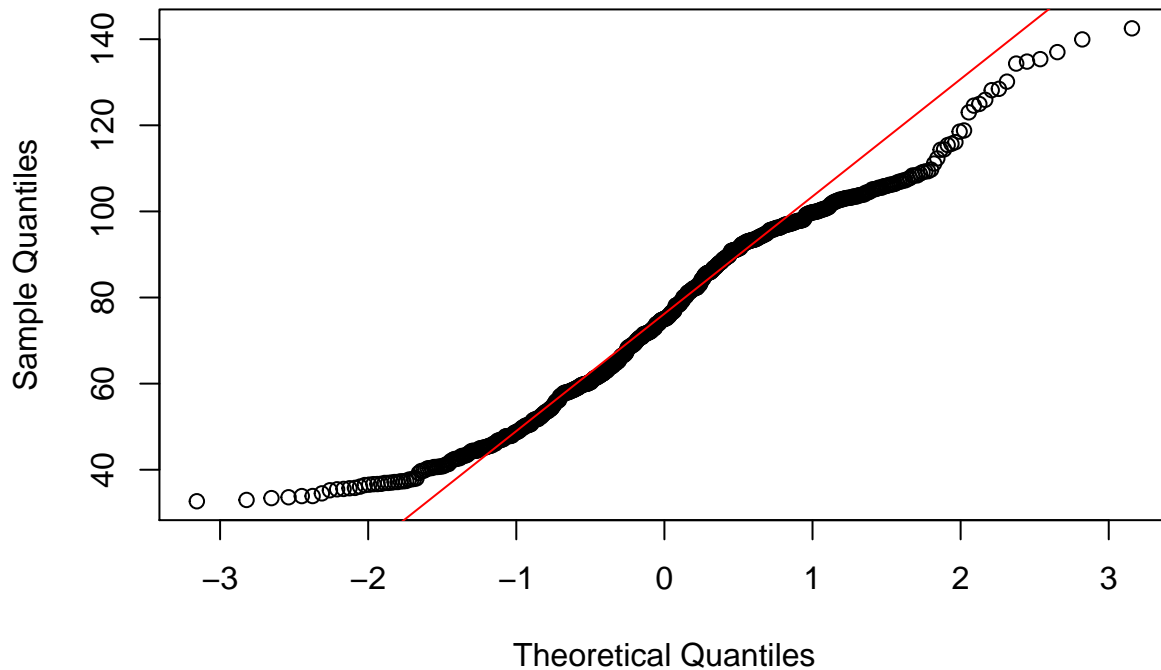
```
#histogram  
par(mfcol = c(1,1))  
hist(rate, xlab = "Distribution of Spot Prices", prob = TRUE, main = "Histogram")  
#add approximating normal density curve  
xfit <- seq(min(rate), max(rate), length = 40)  
yfit <- dnorm(xfit, mean = mean(rate), sd = sd(rate))  
lines(xfit, yfit, col = "blue", lwd = 2)
```



Based on the graph above, the distribution is little bit skewed to the right.

```
#Normal quantile plot  
qqnorm(TSprice)  
qqline(TSprice, col = 2)
```

## Normal Q-Q Plot



Based on the qq plot, although every single black circle does not meet with the red line, it looks like it is close to a normal distribution.

d) Test the null Hypothesis of perfect symmetry for the distribution of rate at 5% significance level.

```
skew_test = skewness(rate) / sqrt(6/length(rate))
skew_test
```

```
## [1] 2.642198
## attr(,"method")
## [1] "moment"
```

Since the absolute value of skew\_test is 2.642198 which is larger than 1.96, we can reject the null hypothesis of a symmetric distribution.

```
# p-value
2 * (1 - pnorm(abs(skew_test)))
```

```
## [1] 0.008236978
## attr(,"method")
## [1] "moment"
```

Since the p-value of the test is 0.008 which is less than 0.05, we can reject the null hypothesis

e) Test the null hypothesis of excess kurtosis equal to zero (normal tails) at 5% significance level.

```
k_stat = kurtosis(rate) / sqrt(24 / length(rate))
k_stat
```

```
## [1] 23.63411
## attr(,"method")
## [1] "excess"
```

since the absolute value of `k_stat` is 23.63411 which is larger than 1.96, we can reject the null hypothesis of normal tails.

```
# p-value
2 * (1-pnorm(abs(k_stat)))
```

```
## [1] 0
## attr(,"method")
## [1] "excess"
```

since the p-value of the Kurtosis test is 0.0001005426, we can reject the null hypothesis

f) Test the hypothesis of normality for the distribution of rate using the Jarque-Bera test at 5% level.

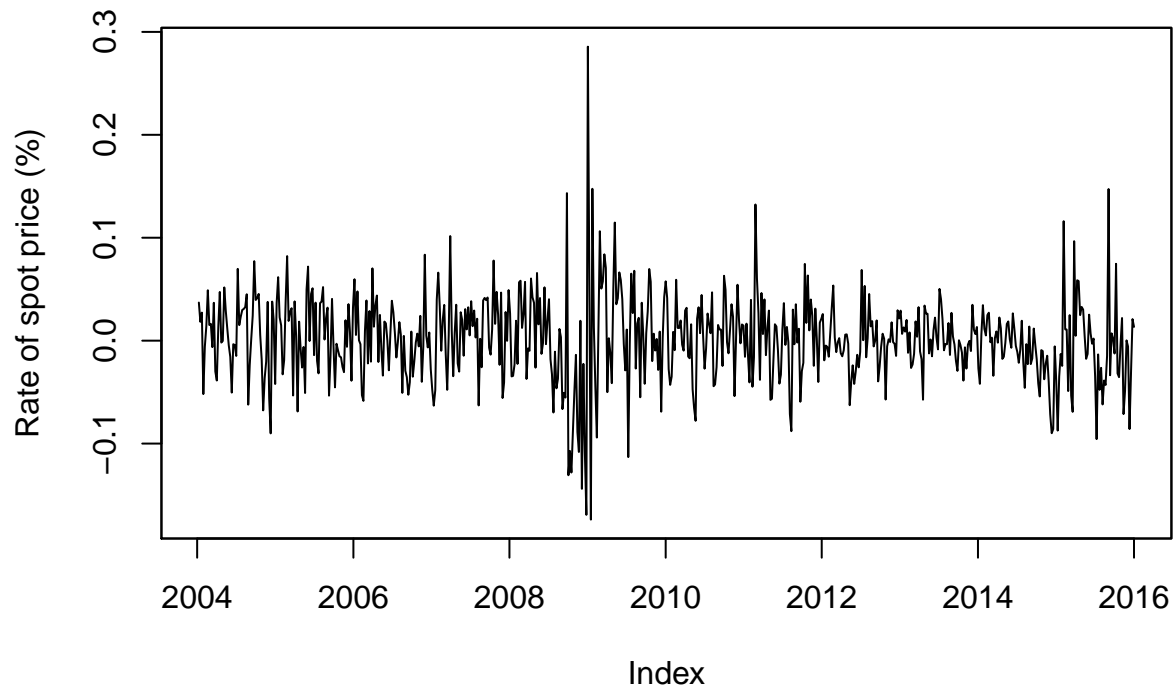
```
normalTest(rate, method = c("jb"))
```

```
##
## Title:
##  Jarque - Bera Normalality Test
##
## Test Results:
##  STATISTIC:
##    X-squared: 571.4988
##    P VALUE:
##    Asymptotic p Value: < 2.2e-16
##
## Description:
##  Wed Sep 27 14:12:27 2017 by user:
```

since the p-value of the JB is 2.2e-16 which is less than 0.05, we can reject the null hypothesis of normal distribution.

g) Create a time plot for the time series of rate.

```
plot(rate, ylab = 'Rate of spot price (%)')
```



Based on the time plot above, the plot has a fluctuation over the time. I do not see clear seasonality in this plot. It has a more likely random variation. Meanwhile, there is a sudden shift in 2009. This is because of the effect from the financial crisis in 2008.

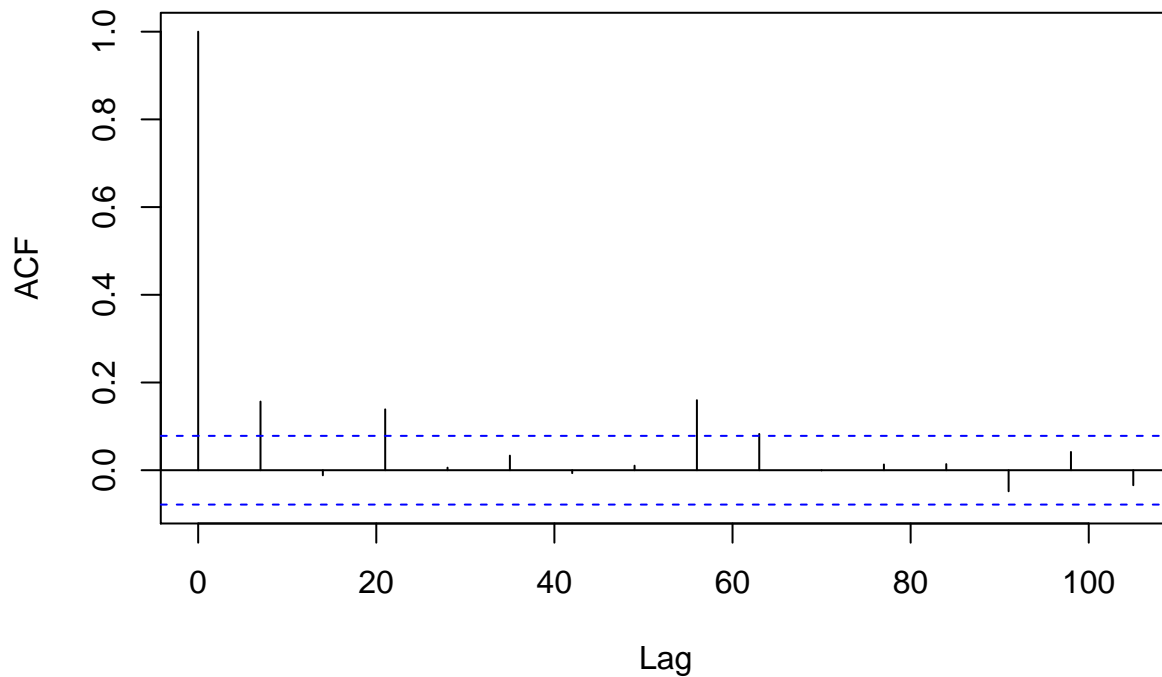
h) compute and plot the first 15 lags of the autocorrelation function and discuss if the series shows evidence of serial correlation.

```
# print acf to console
acf(rate, lag = 15, plot = F)

##
## Autocorrelations of series 'rate', by lag
##
##      0      7     14     21     28     35     42     49     56     63
## 1.000 0.157 -0.012 0.139 0.006 0.033 -0.007 0.010 0.160 0.083
##     70     77     84     91     98    105
## 0.000 0.013 0.014 -0.048 0.042 -0.034

# plot acf
acf(rate, lag = 15, plot = T)
```

## Series rate



The autocorrelation plot shows that most of the bar are not statistically significant, except first, second, fourth, and ninth lag-15. Which means that they are independent.

## Problem 2

Load the data

```
groc = read.table("groceries.csv", header = T, sep = ',')
groc
```

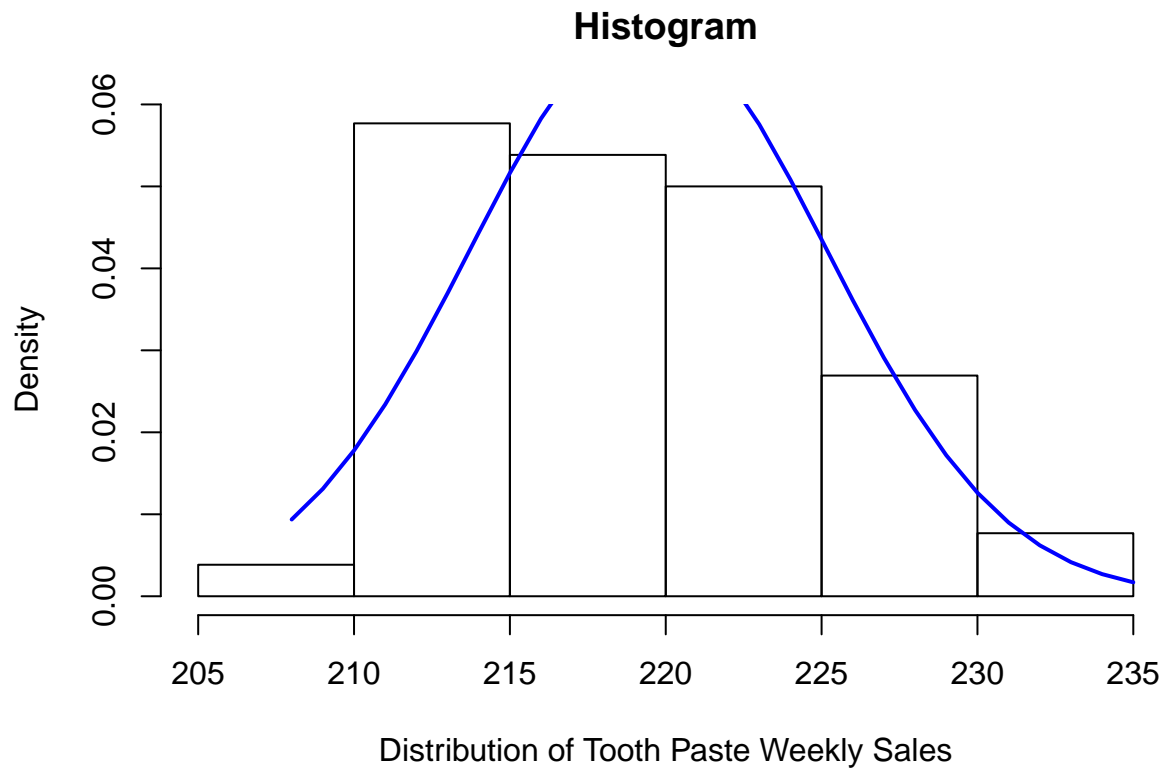
##	Date	ToothPaste	PeanutButter	Biscuits
## 1	6-Jan-08	224	462	381
## 2	13-Jan-08	235	488	398
## 3	20-Jan-08	226	431	349
## 4	27-Jan-08	226	495	397
## 5	3-Feb-08	222	439	367
## 6	10-Feb-08	215	452	366
## 7	17-Feb-08	221	475	397
## 8	24-Feb-08	213	413	347
## 9	2-Mar-08	213	470	387
## 10	9-Mar-08	220	455	388
## 11	16-Mar-08	223	449	367
## 12	23-Mar-08	214	433	360
## 13	30-Mar-08	216	471	394
## 14	6-Apr-08	223	458	383
## 15	13-Apr-08	221	439	359
## 16	20-Apr-08	219	462	382



## 17	27-Apr-08	215	443	372
## 18	4-May-08	216	456	377
## 19	11-May-08	220	454	380
## 20	18-May-08	217	441	366
## 21	25-May-08	227	490	403
## 22	1-Jun-08	228	442	365
## 23	8-Jun-08	224	464	372
## 24	15-Jun-08	212	431	363
## 25	22-Jun-08	208	453	380
## 26	29-Jun-08	213	446	380
## 27	6-Jul-08	211	428	361
## 28	13-Jul-08	217	468	392
## 29	20-Jul-08	216	430	364
## 30	27-Jul-08	215	453	374
## 31	3-Aug-08	212	437	372
## 32	10-Aug-08	216	461	385
## 33	17-Aug-08	215	430	363
## 34	24-Aug-08	223	480	396
## 35	31-Aug-08	222	437	366
## 36	7-Sep-08	217	452	369
## 37	14-Sep-08	212	442	374
## 38	21-Sep-08	217	464	388
## 39	28-Sep-08	226	462	384
## 40	5-Oct-08	224	445	364
## 41	12-Oct-08	219	457	376
## 42	19-Oct-08	229	492	406
## 43	26-Oct-08	231	447	364
## 44	2-Nov-08	223	457	367
## 45	9-Nov-08	215	449	375
## 46	16-Nov-08	215	457	381
## 47	23-Nov-08	215	441	370
## 48	30-Nov-08	223	474	393
## 49	7-Dec-08	226	448	371
## 50	14-Dec-08	218	443	362
## 51	21-Dec-08	220	476	395
## 52	28-Dec-08	223	450	374

a) Analyze the distribution of ToothPaste weekly sales using a histogram and normal quantile plot.

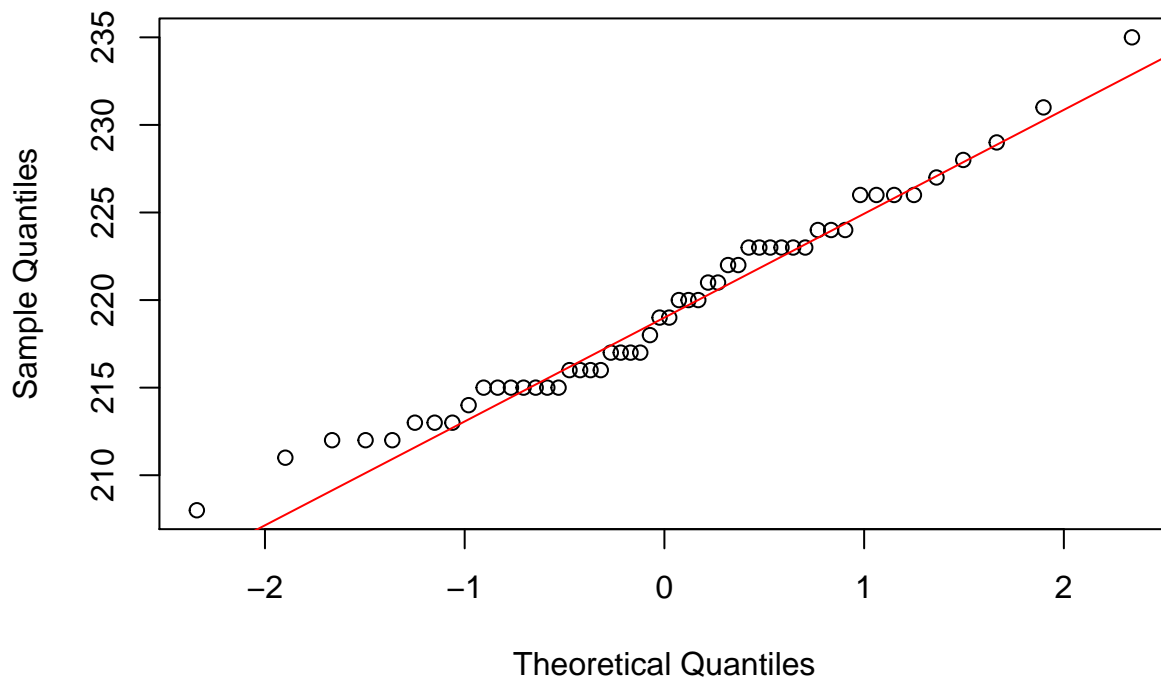
```
# histogram
par(mfcol = c(1,1))
hist(groc$ToothPaste, xlab = "Distribution of Tooth Paste Weekly Sales", prob = TRUE, main = "Histogram")
xfit <- seq(min(groc$ToothPaste), max(groc$ToothPaste))
yfit <- dnorm(xfit, mean = mean(groc$ToothPaste), sd = sd(groc$ToothPaste))
lines(xfit, yfit, col = "blue", lwd = 2)
```



Based on the result, it is more likely skewed to the right rather than symmetric due to the fact that the tail at the right side is longer.

```
# quantile plot  
qqnorm(groc$ToothPaste)  
qqline(groc$ToothPaste, col = 2)
```

## Normal Q-Q Plot



it is not a perfect normal distribution, but it is very close to the normal distribution.

b) Test the hypothesis of normality for the distribution of ToothPaste weekly sales using the Jarque Bera test at 5% significance level.

```
normalTest(groc$ToothPaste, method = c("jb"))
```

```
##
## Title:
##  Jarque - Bera Normalality Test
##
## Test Results:
##  STATISTIC:
##    X-squared: 1.6157
##    P VALUE:
##      Asymptotic p Value: 0.4458
##
## Description:
##  Wed Sep 27 14:12:30 2017 by user:
```

Based on the normal test, p-value is 0.4458 which is much larger than 0.05 so that we fail to reject the hypothesis.

c) Create a time plot for the time series of ToothPaswte weekly sales.

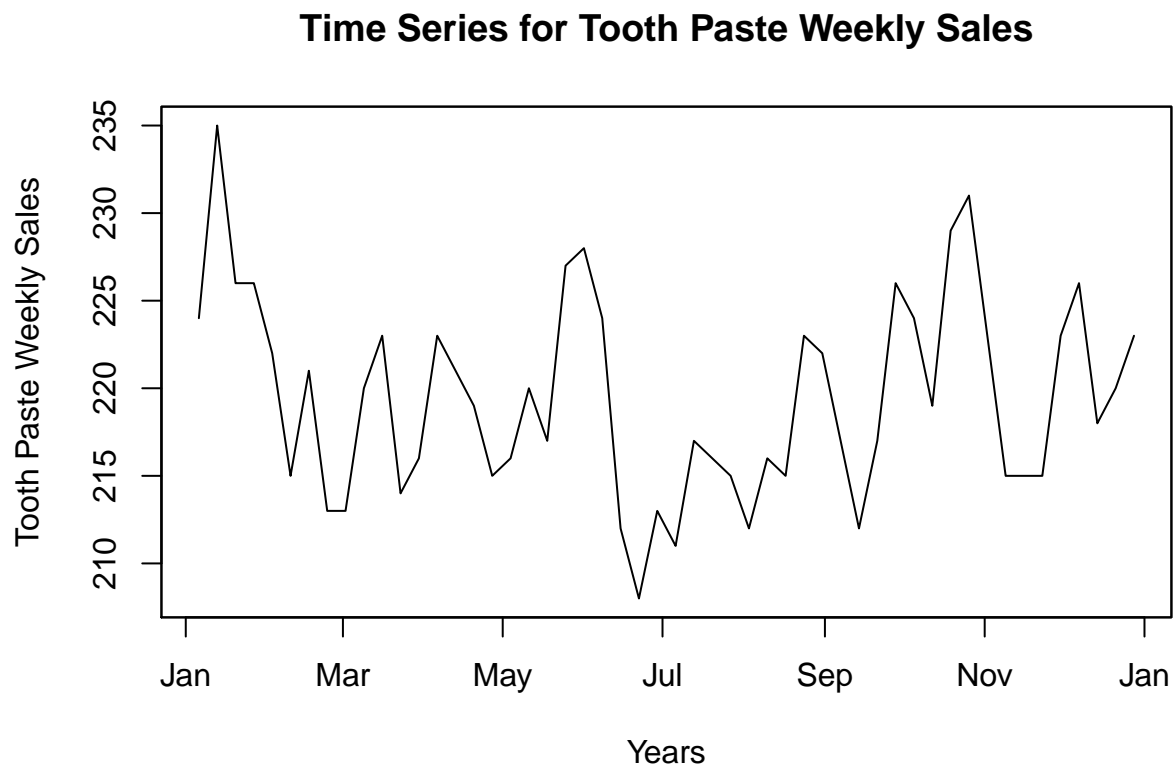
```
#Time Series
```

```
TStooth = zoo(groc[,2], as.Date(as.character(groc[,1]), format = "%d-%b-%y"))
TStooth
```

```
## 2008-01-06 2008-01-13 2008-01-20 2008-01-27 2008-02-03 2008-02-10
##          224          235          226          226          222          215
## 2008-02-17 2008-02-24 2008-03-02 2008-03-09 2008-03-16 2008-03-23
##          221          213          213          220          223          214
## 2008-03-30 2008-04-06 2008-04-13 2008-04-20 2008-04-27 2008-05-04
##          216          223          221          219          215          216
## 2008-05-11 2008-05-18 2008-05-25 2008-06-01 2008-06-08 2008-06-15
##          220          217          227          228          224          212
## 2008-06-22 2008-06-29 2008-07-06 2008-07-13 2008-07-20 2008-07-27
##          208          213          211          217          216          215
## 2008-08-03 2008-08-10 2008-08-17 2008-08-24 2008-08-31 2008-09-07
##          212          216          215          223          222          217
## 2008-09-14 2008-09-21 2008-09-28 2008-10-05 2008-10-12 2008-10-19
##          212          217          226          224          219          229
## 2008-10-26 2008-11-02 2008-11-09 2008-11-16 2008-11-23 2008-11-30
##          231          223          215          215          215          223
## 2008-12-07 2008-12-14 2008-12-21 2008-12-28
##          226          218          220          223
```

```
#plot
```

```
plot(TStooth, xlab = "Years", ylab = "Tooth Paste Weekly Sales", main = "Time Series for Tooth Paste Weekly Sales")
```



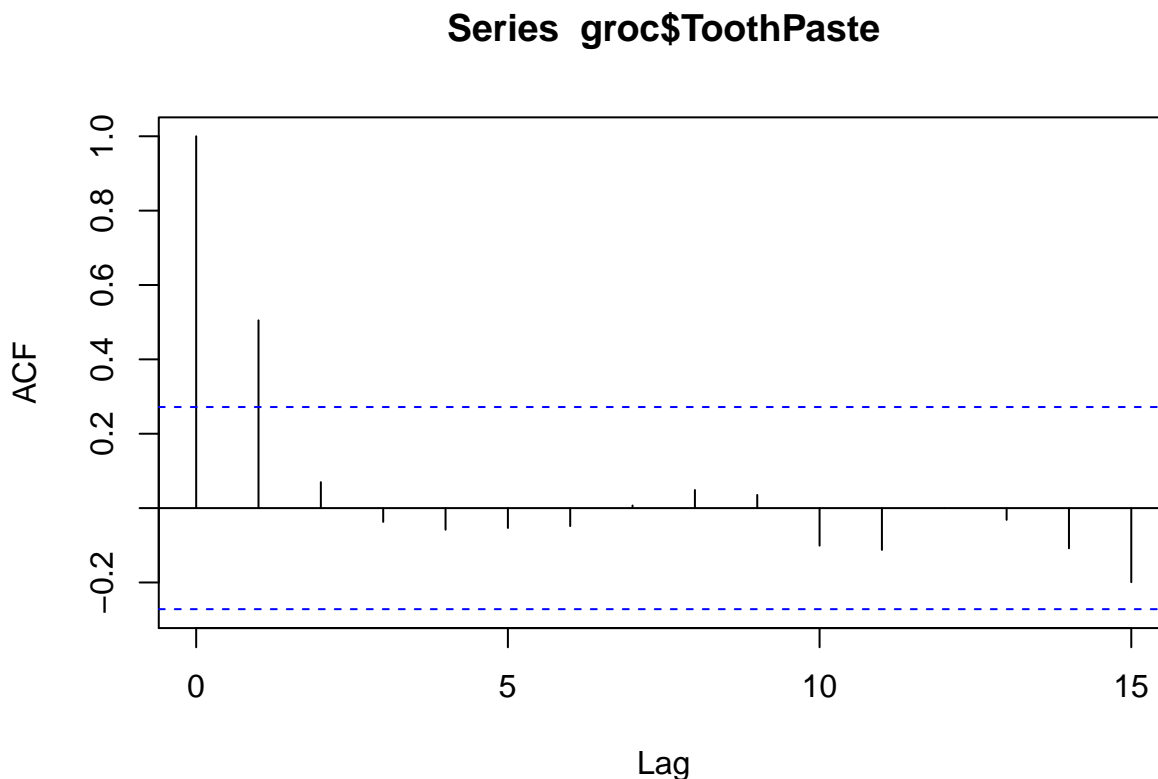
This data shows that it does not have any patterns. However, I see that biggest sales of toothpaste occurred in January, June, and November.

d) Compute and plot the first 15 lags of the autocorrelation function for ToothPaste weekly sales and discuss if the series shows evidence of serial correlation.

```
acf(groc$ToothPaste, lag = 15, plot = F)
```

```
##
## Autocorrelations of series 'groc$ToothPaste', by lag
##
##      0      1      2      3      4      5      6      7      8      9
## 1.000 0.505 0.070 -0.037 -0.058 -0.053 -0.048 0.007 0.049 0.035
##     10     11     12     13     14     15
## -0.101 -0.112 0.000 -0.032 -0.108 -0.199
```

```
acf(groc$ToothPaste, lag = 15, plot = T)
```



The graph shows autocorrelations and all bars fall in the boundaries except for bar at 1 ( $k=1$ ). Therefore, I can conclude with this is a serial correlation due to  $k=1$ .

e) Use the Ljung Box test to hypothesis that ToothPaste weekly sales have significant serial correlation.

```
# To lag 6
Box.test(groc$ToothPaste, lag = 6, type = 'Ljung')
```

```
##
## Box-Ljung test
##
## data:  groc$ToothPaste
## X-squared = 14.902, df = 6, p-value = 0.02103
```

since the p-value is 0.02103 when lag is 6, so we can conclude that we can reject the hypothesis

```
# To lag 12
Box.test(groc$ToothPaste, lag = 12, type = 'Ljung')
```

```
##
## Box-Ljung test
##
## data:  groc$ToothPaste
## X-squared = 16.685, df = 12, p-value = 0.1619
```

The p-value is 0.16 which is larger than 0.05. Thus, fail to reject the hypothesis when lag is 12

f) Discuss in general the importance of weak stationarity for time series analysis, and explain the methods that are used to analyze whether a TS is stationary

The most important thing for weak stationarity for time series is a constant mean and acf (variance). The method that you can detect if TS is stationary is to use acf. ACF depends on lag and does not change with time. The easiest way to check is to plot the time series. The time series is stationary if they do not have trends and seasonality.