Supplementary details on experiments

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Experimental design

Synthetic data with Poisson incidence

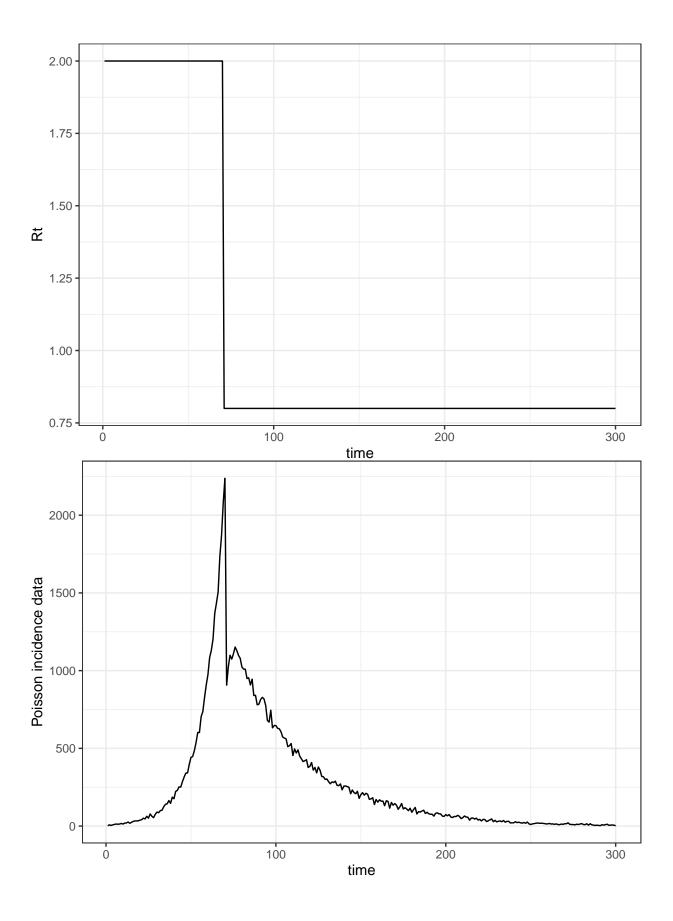
Overall, we argue our estimator is accurate, robust in model misspecification and computationally efficient. We can do a series of tests for each property. We may consider the following curvature of efficient reproduction numbers, and test the accuracy of our estimators compared to EpiEstim and EpiLPS.

We may consider arbitrary reproduction numbers in a few scenarios: a) piecewise-constant epidemics with a drop at a certain time point to measure the effect of control measures, b) exponentially rising and falling epidemics with a change point, c) piecewise-constant with multiple segments to measure the initially controlled and resurged and the suppressed epidemics, d) periodic waves.

We may simulate the epidemics (with length T=300) 10 times for each scenario, estimate Rt, and compute the averaged KL divergence.

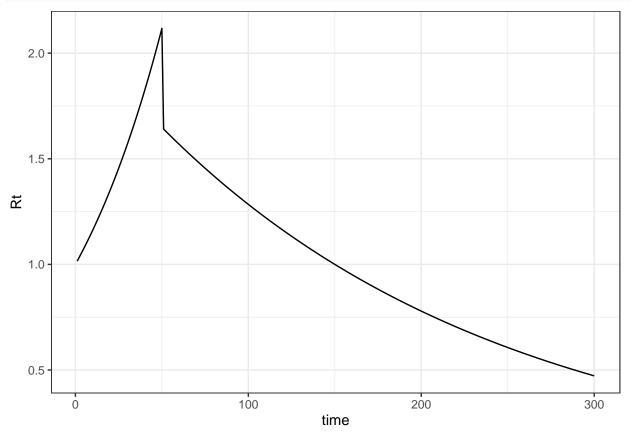
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# General settings:
N1 = 2 # first incidence data
len = 300 # number of evenly spaced time points
library(rtestim)
# Get Poisson incidence cases:
get_pois_incidence <- function(N1, Rt, gamma_pars = c(2.5, 2.5)){</pre>
  len <- length(Rt)</pre>
  incidence <- numeric(len) # N_1:n</pre>
  poisson_count <- numeric(len) # y_1:n</pre>
  incidence[1] <- N1</pre>
  poisson_count[1] <- rpois(1, N1)</pre>
  if(poisson_count[1] == 0) poisson_count[1]=1
  for(t in 2:len){
    pi <- discretize_gamma(1:(t-1), gamma_pars[1], gamma_pars[2])</pre>
    incidence[t] <- Rt[t] * sum(rev(pi) * poisson_count[1:(t-1)])</pre>
    poisson_count[t] <- rpois(1, incidence[t])</pre>
  return(poisson_count)
# Display the synthetic data:
library(ggplot2)
display dat <- function(counts, Rt){</pre>
  len <- length(counts)</pre>
  if(length(counts) != length(Rt)) cli::cli_abort("Data lengths do not match.")
  dat <- data.frame(time = 1:len, count = counts, Rt = Rt)</pre>
  fig1 <- dat %>%
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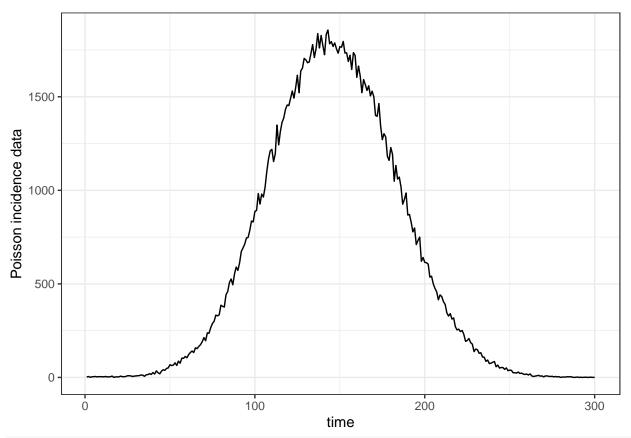
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ggplot(aes(y = Rt, x = time)) +
    geom line() +
    theme_bw()
  print(fig1)
  fig2 <- dat %>%
    ggplot(aes(y = count, x = time)) +
    geom_line() +
    #scale y log10() + # axis of incidence in log scale
    ylab("Poisson incidence data") + #(in log scale)
    theme bw()
  print(fig2)
# Check data quality:
check_dat <- function(incidence, Rt){</pre>
  if(min(Rt) < 0) {cli::cli_abort("`Rt` must be non-negative.")}</pre>
  if(min(incidence) < 0) {cli::cli_abort("`incidence` cases must be nonnegative.")}</pre>
  if(max(incidence) > 1e4L) {cli::cli_alert_warning("`incidence` cases are too large.")}
  if(sum(incidence == 0) > 30) {cli::cli_warn("`incidence` data has more than 10% 0s.")}
}
# Scenario 1: two-stage piecewise constant with one dropping point (similar as in EpiFilter)
Rt1 <- c(rep(2, 70), rep(0.8, len-70)) # extend first segment from 50 to 70
# to avoid too many Os in the tail
gamma_pars1 <- c(3, 3) # serial interval distribution parameters</pre>
seed <- 420
set.seed(seed)
incidence1 <- get_pois_incidence(N1, Rt1, gamma_pars1)</pre>
display_dat(incidence1, Rt1)
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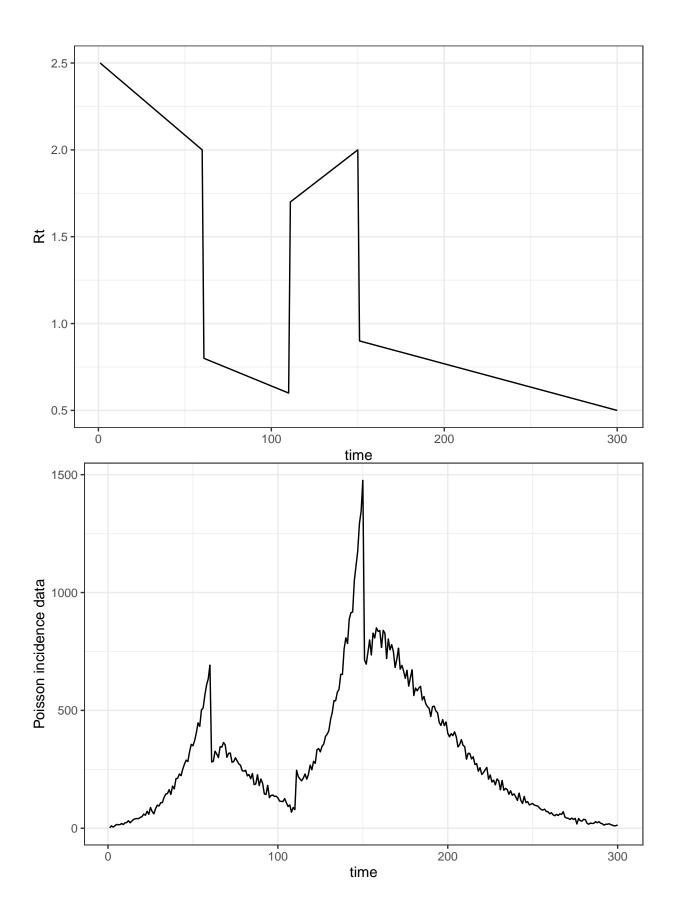
check_dat(incidence1, Rt1)

```
# Scenario 2: two-stage exponential growth and decay (similar as in EpiFilter)
rate <- c(.015, -.005)
Rt2 <- numeric(len)
knot <- 50
Rt2[1:knot] <- exp(rate[1] * (1:knot))
Rt2[(knot+1):len] <- exp((rate[2]) * ((knot+1):len))* Rt2[knot]
gamma_pars2 <- c(2.5, 2.5) # serial interval distribution parameters
set.seed(seed)
incidence2 <- get_pois_incidence(N1, Rt2, gamma_pars2)
display_dat(incidence2, Rt2)</pre>
```

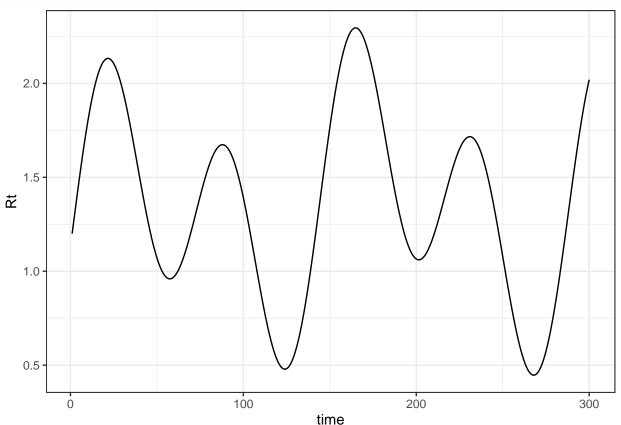


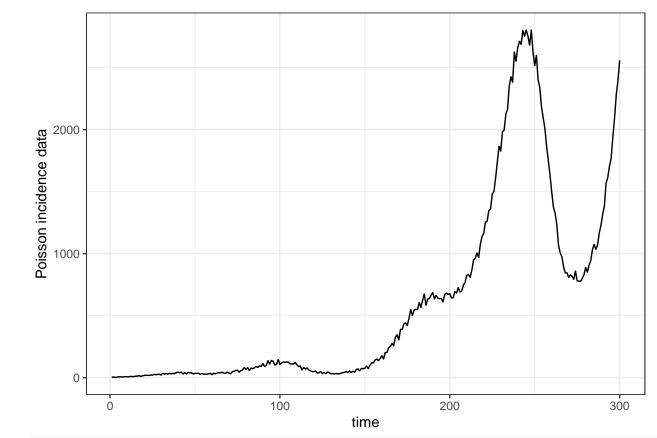


check_dat(incidence2, Rt2)



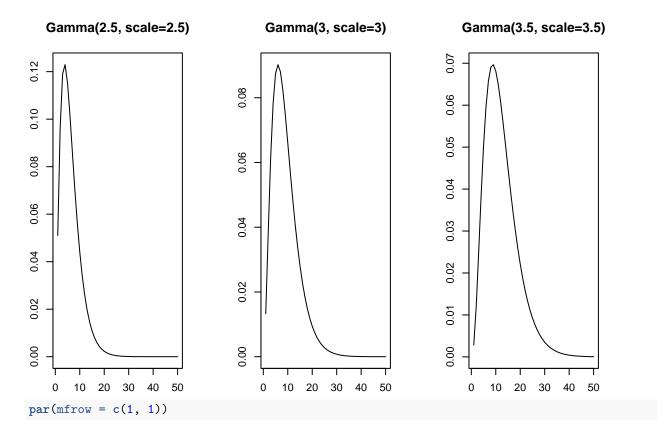
check_dat(incidence3, Rt3)





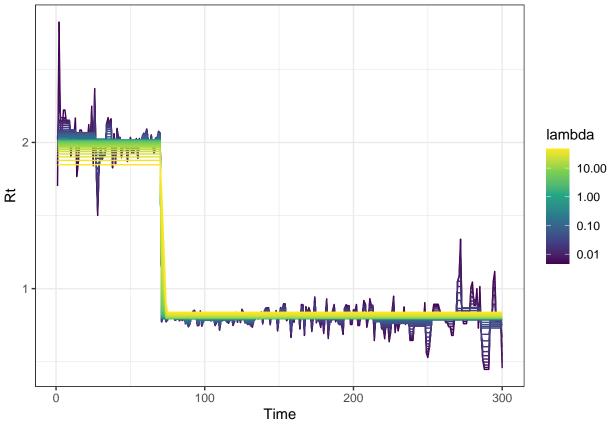
check_dat(incidence4, Rt4)

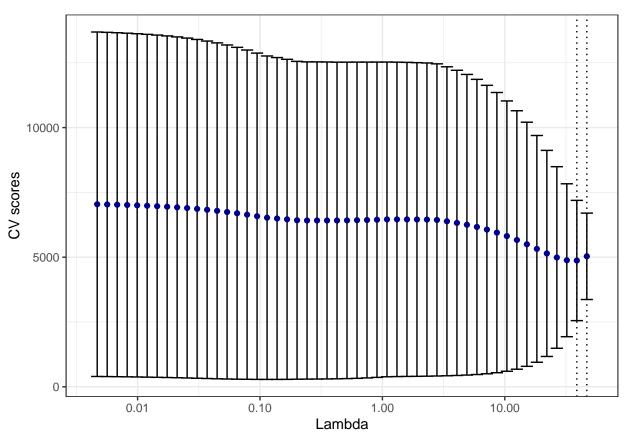
Parameters of the serial interval distribution, i.e., shapes and scale/rates of Gamma distribution, can significantly influence the peak values of incidences and the smoothness of incidence curves. Here is a comparison of the densities of Gamma distribution with shape 2.5 and scale 2.5 and Gamma distribution with shape 5 and scale 5.

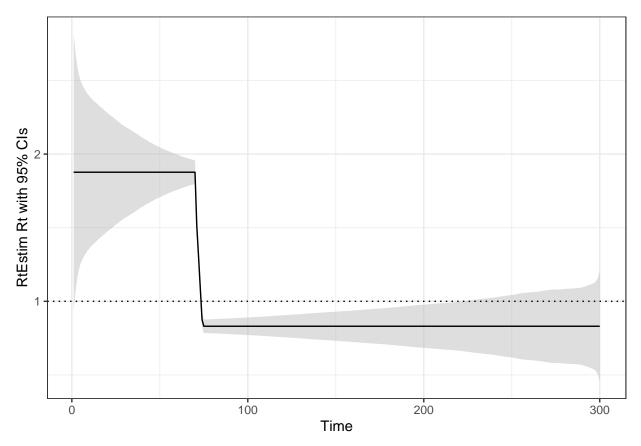


Rt estimates using three methods

Fit our poisson trend filtering using RtEstim. See an example of the first scenario. We first see an demonstration of estimates using 50 hyperparameters, and use cross validation to choose the "best" hyperparameter with the lowest score. The last plot of this scenario displays the Rt estimates using the chosen hyperparameter.



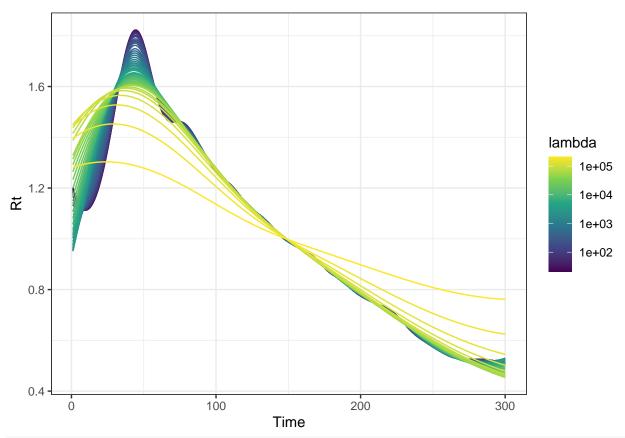


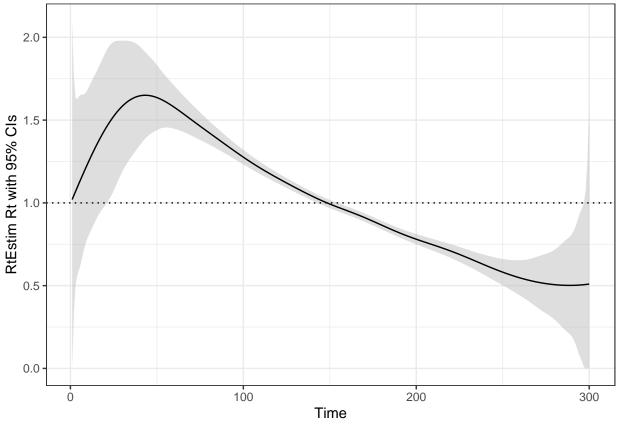


The Rt estimates for the other three scenarios are given in the following figures.

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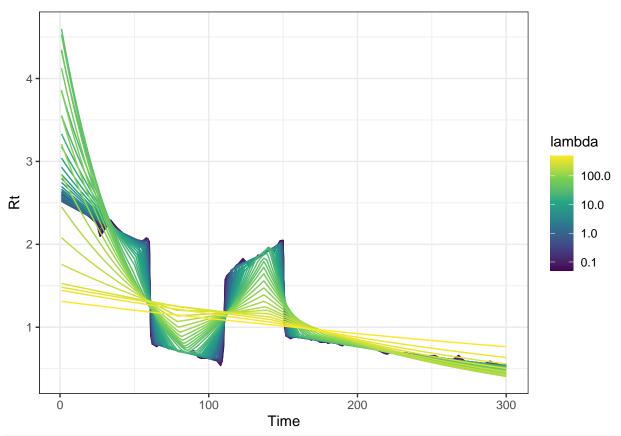
plot(rtestim_mod2)

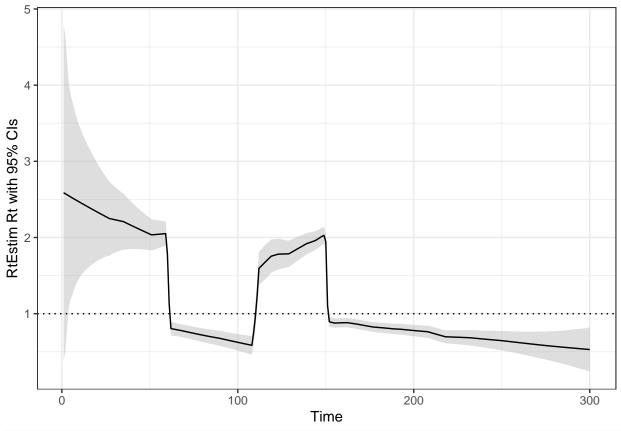




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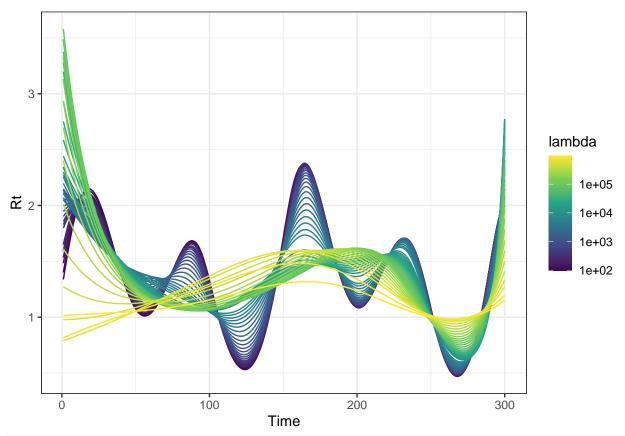
plot(rtestim_mod3)

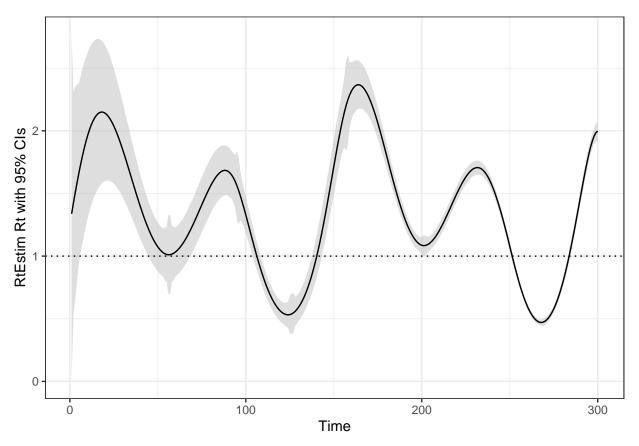




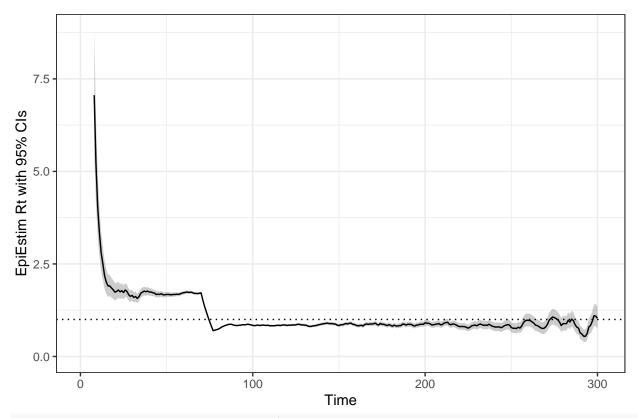
[1] TRUE

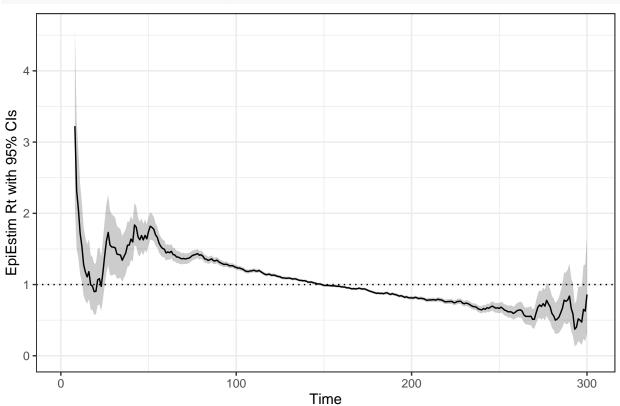
plot(rtestim_mod4)





Fit EpiEstim with "true" serial interval.





```
method = method)

plot(mod_epiEstim3, "R") + labs(y="EpiEstim Rt with 95% CIs", title="") + theme_bw() + theme(legend.pos

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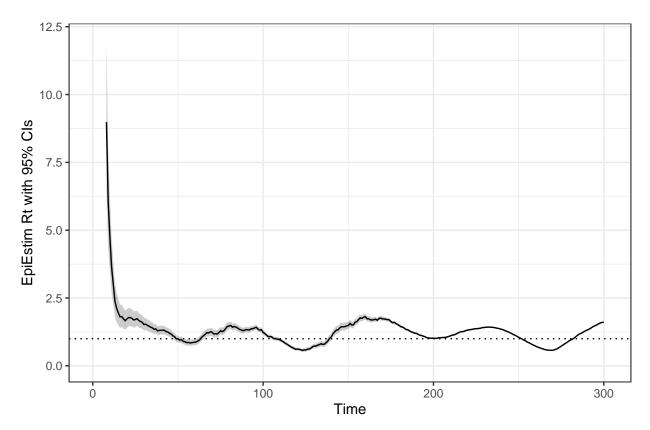
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Time

mod_epiEstim4 <- EpiEstim::estimate_R(incid = incidence4, config = config3, method = method)

plot(mod_epiEstim4, "R") + labs(y="EpiEstim Rt with 95% CIs", title="") + theme_bw() + theme(legend.pos
```

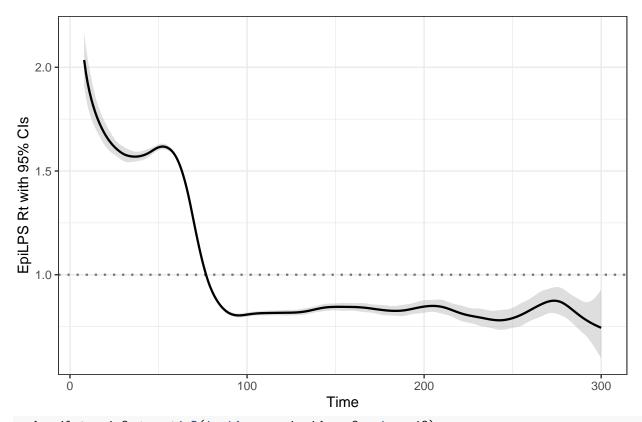
mod_epiEstim3 <- EpiEstim::estimate_R(incid = incidence3, config = config3,</pre>



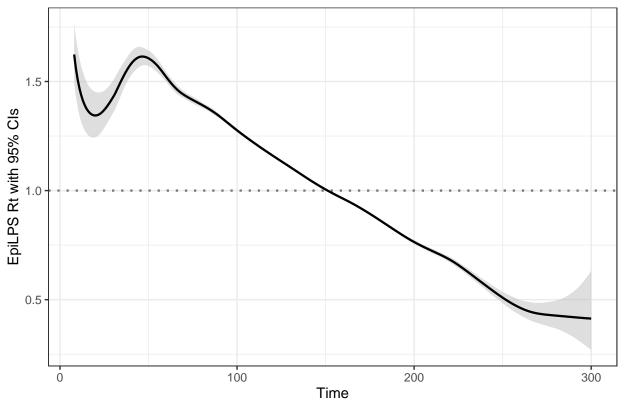
Fit EpiLPS using "true" serial interval.

```
library(EpiLPS)
si1 <- Idist(mean = 9, sd = 27, dist="gamma")$pvec[1:30]
si1 <- si1 / sum(si1)
si2 <- Idist(mean = 2.5^2, sd = 2.5^3, dist="gamma")$pvec[1:30]
si2 <- si2 / sum(si2)
si3 <- Idist(mean = 3.5^2, sd = 3.5^3, dist="gamma")$pvec[1:30]
si3 <- si3 / sum(si3)
si4 <- si3

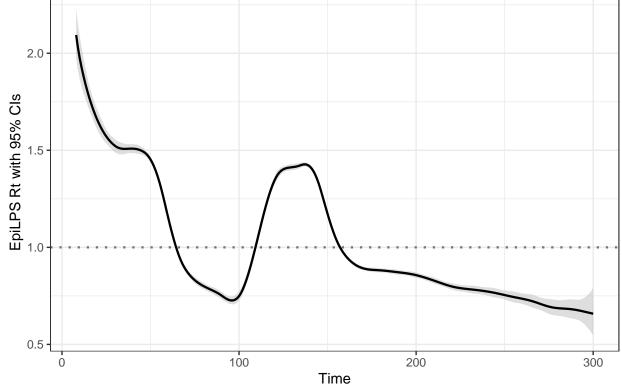
mod_epilst_pois1 <- estimR(incidence = incidence1, si = si1)
plot(mod_epilst_pois1) + labs(y="EpiLPS Rt with 95% CIs", title="") + theme_bw() + theme(legend.position)</pre>
```



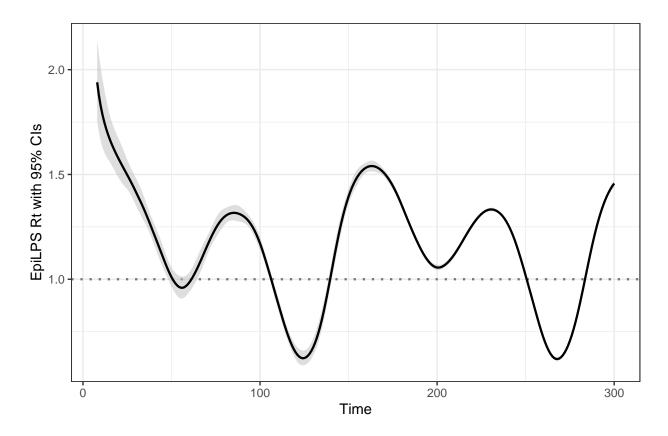
mod_epilst_pois2 <- estimR(incidence = incidence2, si = si2)
plot(mod_epilst_pois2) + labs(y="EpiLPS Rt with 95% CIs", title="") + theme_bw() + theme(legend.position)</pre>



```
mod_epilst_pois3 <- estimR(incidence = incidence3, si = si3)
plot(mod_epilst_pois3) + labs(y="EpiLPS Rt with 95% CIs", title="") + theme_bw() + theme(legend.position)</pre>
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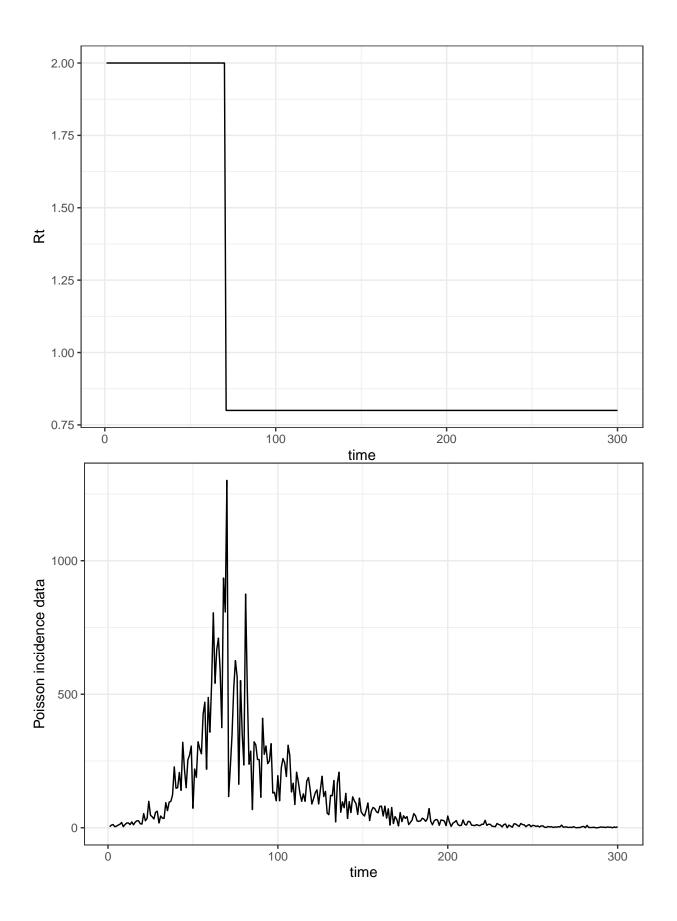


```
mod_epilst_pois4 <- estimR(incidence = incidence4, si = si4)
plot(mod_epilst_pois4) + labs(y="EpiLPS Rt with 95% CIs", title="") + theme_bw() + theme(legend.position)</pre>
```



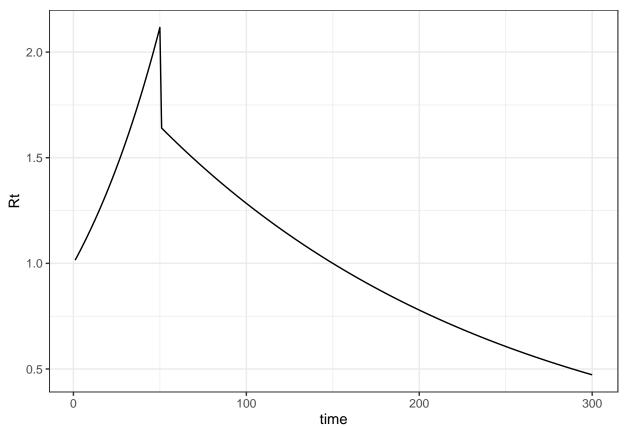
Synthetic data with negative Binomial incidence

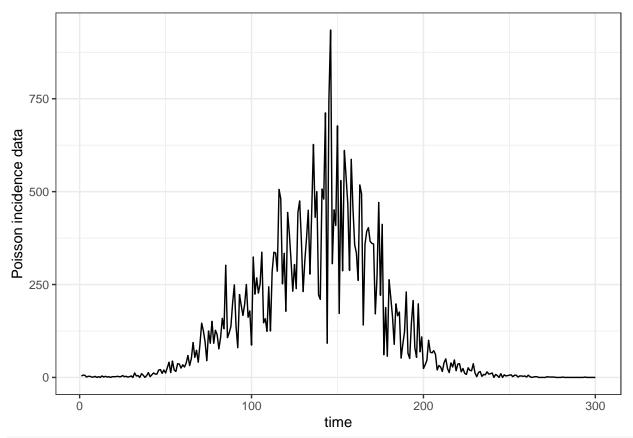
```
get_nb_incidence <- function(N1, Rt, gamma_pars = c(2.5, 2.5)){</pre>
  len <- length(Rt)</pre>
  incidence <- numeric(len) # N_1:n</pre>
  NB_count <- numeric(len) # y_1:n</pre>
  incidence[1] <- N1</pre>
  size = 5
  NB_count[1] <- rnbinom(1, mu=N1, size=size)</pre>
  if(NB_count[1] == 0) NB_count[1] = 1
  for(t in 2:len){
    pi <- discretize_gamma(1:(t-1), gamma_pars[1], gamma_pars[2])</pre>
    incidence[t] <- Rt[t] * sum(rev(pi) * NB_count[1:(t-1)])</pre>
    NB_count[t] <- rnbinom(1, mu = incidence[t], size=size)</pre>
  }
  return(NB_count)
}
# case 1
seed <- 629
set.seed(seed)
nb_incidence1 <- get_nb_incidence(N1, Rt1, gamma_pars1)</pre>
display_dat(nb_incidence1, Rt1)
```



```
check_dat(nb_incidence1, Rt1)

# case 2
set.seed(seed)
nb_incidence2 <- get_nb_incidence(N1, Rt2, gamma_pars2)
display_dat(nb_incidence2, Rt2)</pre>
```

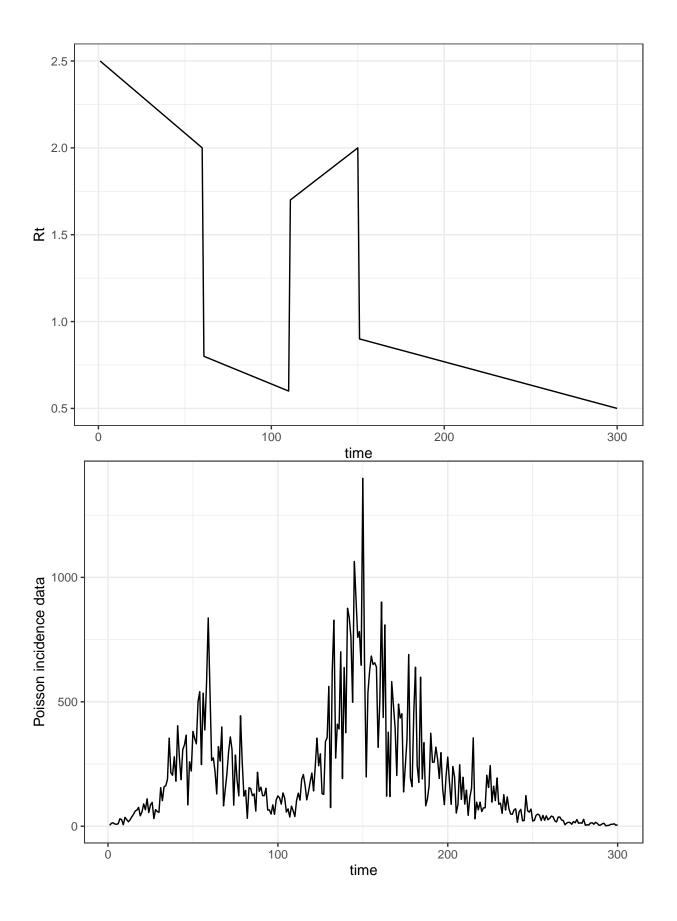




check_dat(nb_incidence2, Rt2)

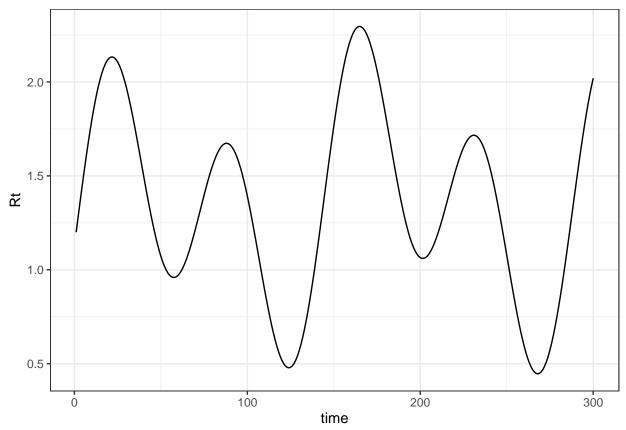
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## Warning: `incidence` data has more than 10% Os.
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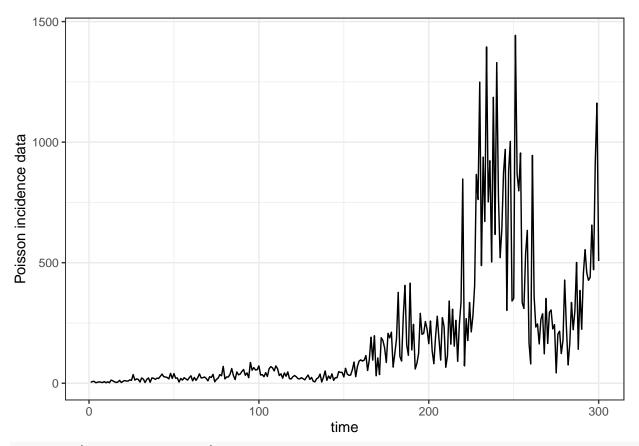
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# case 3
set.seed(seed)
nb_incidence3 <- get_nb_incidence(N1, Rt3, gamma_pars3)
display_dat(nb_incidence3, Rt3)</pre>
```



```
check_dat(nb_incidence3, Rt3)

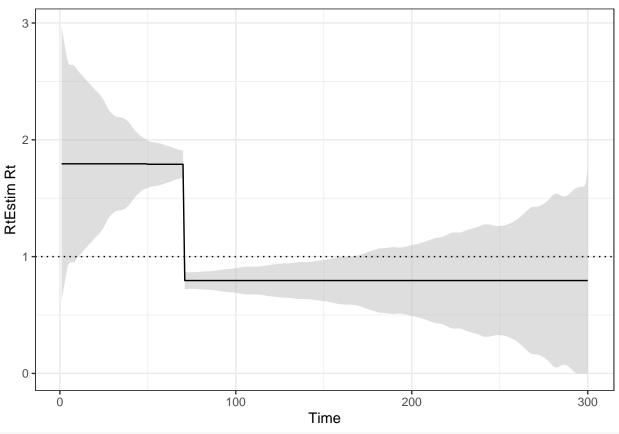
# case 4
set.seed(seed)
nb_incidence4 <- get_nb_incidence(N1, Rt4, gamma_pars4)
display_dat(nb_incidence4, Rt4)</pre>
```

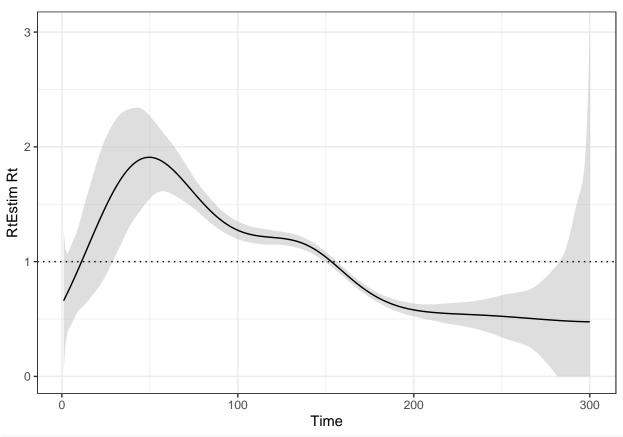


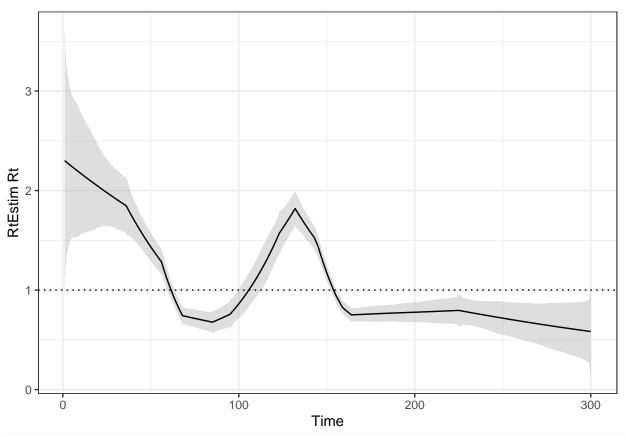


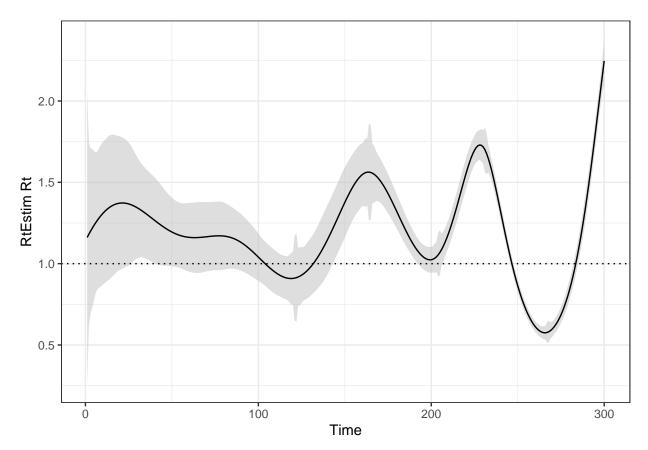
check_dat(nb_incidence4, Rt4)

Estimate Rt using our Poisson trend filtering using RtEstim.



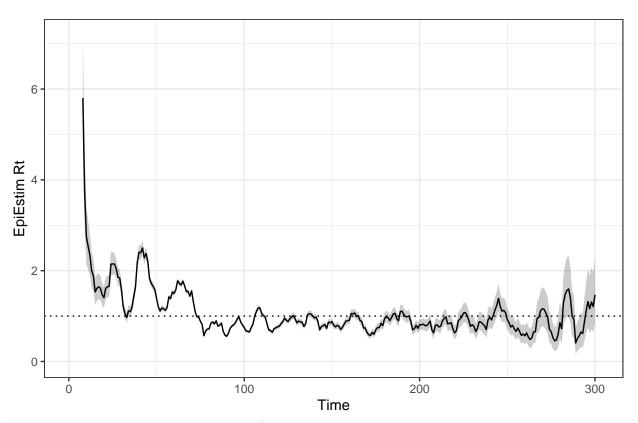


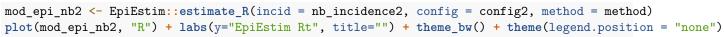


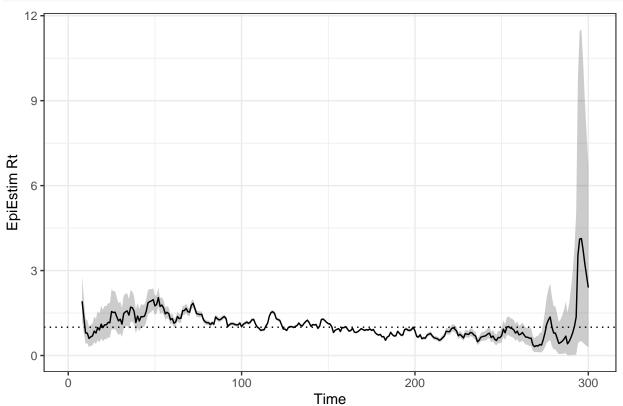


Estimate Rt using ${\tt EpiEstim}.$

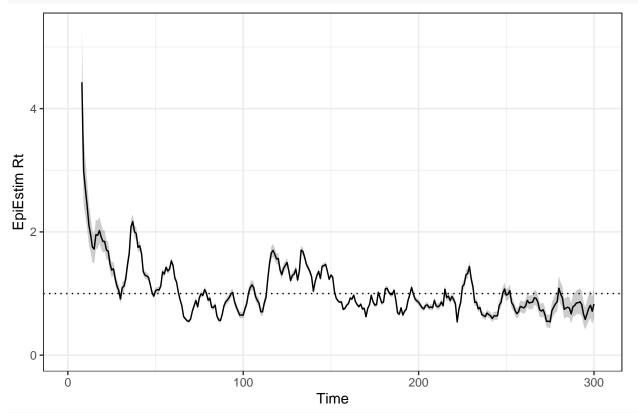
```
mod_epi_nb1 <- EpiEstim::estimate_R(incid = nb_incidence1, config = config1, method = method)
plot(mod_epi_nb1, "R")  + labs(y="EpiEstim Rt", title="") + theme_bw() + theme(legend.position = "none")</pre>
```



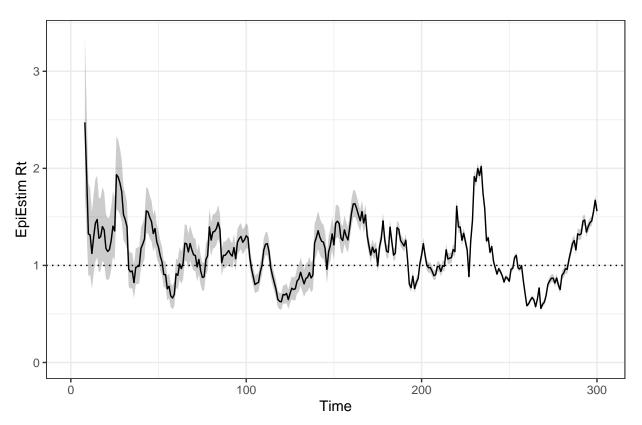




```
mod_epi_nb3 <- EpiEstim::estimate_R(incid = nb_incidence3, config = config2, method = method)
plot(mod_epi_nb3, "R") + labs(y="EpiEstim Rt", title="") + theme_bw() + theme(legend.position = "none")</pre>
```

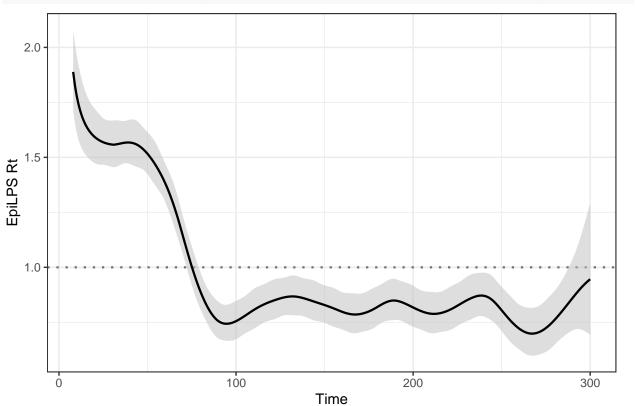


```
mod_epi_nb4 <- EpiEstim::estimate_R(incid = nb_incidence4, config = config2, method = method)
plot(mod_epi_nb4, "R") + labs(y="EpiEstim Rt", title="") + theme_bw() + theme(legend.position = "none")</pre>
```



Estimate Rt using EpiLPS.

```
mod_epilst_nb1 <- estimR(incidence = nb_incidence1, si = si1, CoriR = TRUE)
plot(mod_epilst_nb1) + labs(y="EpiLPS Rt", title="") + theme_bw() + theme(legend.position = "none")</pre>
```



```
mod_epilst_nb2 <- estimR(incidence = nb_incidence2, si = si2, CoriR = TRUE)
plot(mod_epilst_nb2) + labs(y="EpiLPS Rt", title="") + theme_bw() + theme(legend.position = "none")

1.5

2.5

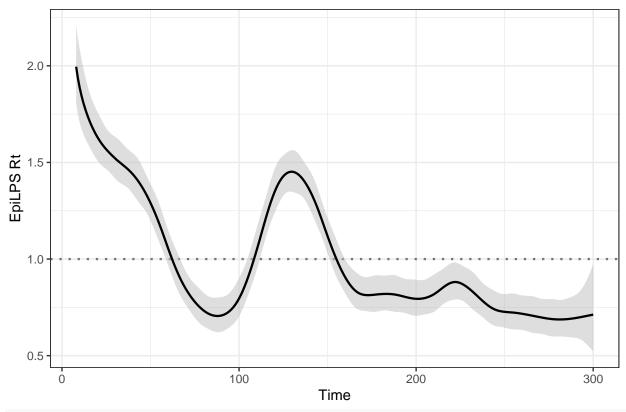
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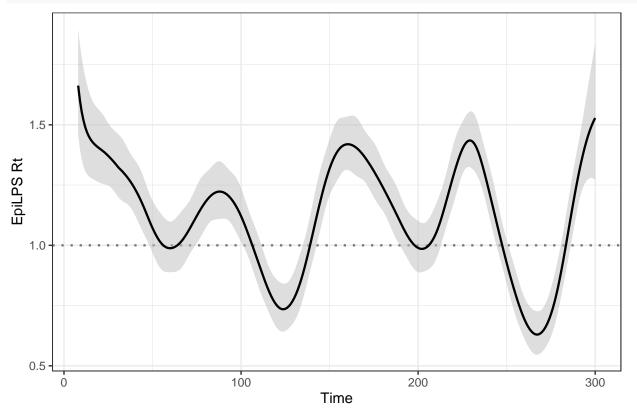
1.5

Time

mod_epilst_nb3 <- estimR(incidence = nb_incidence3, si = si2, CoriR = TRUE)
plot(mod_epilst_nb3) + labs(y="EpiLPS Rt", title="") + theme_bw() + theme(legend.position = "none")
```



mod_epilst_nb4 <- estimR(incidence = nb_incidence4, si = si2, CoriR = TRUE)
plot(mod_epilst_nb4) + labs(y="EpiLPS Rt", title="") + theme_bw() + theme(legend.position = "none")</pre>



Display and save results for synthetic data

Create a results table to save all Rt and incidence samples, and Rt estimates using three methods. Save the results table.

```
res_dat <- data.table(time = 1:len, Rt1 = Rt1, Rt2 = Rt2, Rt3 = Rt3, Rt4 = Rt4,
                      Pois_count1 = incidence1, Pois_count2 = incidence2,
                      Pois_count3 = incidence3, Pois_count4 = incidence4,
                      NB_count1 = nb_incidence1, NB_count2 = nb_incidence2,
                      NB_count3 = nb_incidence3, NB_count4 = nb_incidence4,
                      Pois_Epi1 = c(rep(mod_epiEstim1$R$`Mean(R)`[1], 7),
                                    mod_epiEstim1$R$`Mean(R)`),
                      Pois_Epi2 = c(rep(mod_epiEstim2$R$`Mean(R)`[1], 7),
                                    mod_epiEstim2$R$`Mean(R)`),
                      Pois_Epi3 = c(rep(mod_epiEstim3$R$`Mean(R)`[1], 7),
                                    mod_epiEstim3$R$`Mean(R)`),
                      Pois_Epi4 = c(rep(mod_epiEstim4\$R\$`Mean(R)`[1], 7),
                                    mod_epiEstim4$R$`Mean(R)`),
                      Pois_Rtestim1 = rtestim_tuned_mod1,
                      Pois_Rtestim2 = rtestim_tuned_mod2,
                      Pois_Rtestim3 = rtestim_tuned_mod3,
                      Pois Rtestim4 = rtestim tuned mod4,
                      Pois_EpiLPS1 = mod_epilst_pois1$RLPS$R,
                      Pois_EpiLPS2 = mod_epilst_pois2$RLPS$R,
                      Pois_EpiLPS3 = mod_epilst_pois3$RLPS$R,
                      Pois_EpiLPS4 = mod_epilst_pois4$RLPS$R,
                      NB_{Epi1} = c(rep(mod_{epi_nb1}R_{R}^*Mean(R)^[1], 7),
                                  mod_epi_nb1$R$`Mean(R)`),
                      NB_Epi2 = c(rep(mod_epi_nb2\$R\$`Mean(R)`[1], 7),
                                  mod_epi_nb2$R$`Mean(R)`),
                      NB_Epi3 = c(rep(mod_epi_nb3\$R\$`Mean(R)`[1], 7),
                                  mod_epi_nb3$R$`Mean(R)`),
                      NB_Epi4 = c(rep(mod_epi_nb4\$R\$`Mean(R)`[1], 7),
                                  mod_epi_nb4$R$`Mean(R)`),
                      NB_Rtestim1 = rtestim_tuned_mod_nb1,
                      NB_Rtestim2 = rtestim_tuned_mod_nb2,
                      NB_Rtestim3 = rtestim_tuned_mod_nb3,
                      NB Rtestim4 = rtestim tuned mod nb4,
                      NB_EpiLPS1 = mod_epilst_nb1$RLPS$R,
                      NB_EpiLPS2 = mod_epilst_nb2$RLPS$R,
                      NB_EpiLPS3 = mod_epilst_nb3$RLPS$R,
                      NB_EpiLPS4 = mod_epilst_nb4$RLPS$R
)
# save Rt, incidence and estimates
saveRDS(res_dat, here::here("dat/def_examples.RDS"))
Display results of Poisson incidence.
```

```
mutate(Rt_type = fct_recode(Rt_type, "True Rt" = "Rt1",
                              "RtEstim" = "Pois_Rtestim1",
                              "EpiEstim" = "Pois_Epi1",
                              "EpiLPS" = "Pois EpiLPS1"
                              )) %>%
  mutate(Rt_type = fct_relevel(Rt_type, "True Rt" ,
                              "RtEstim",
                              "EpiEstim",
                              "EpiLPS"
                              )) %>%
  group_by(Rt_type) %>%
  ggplot(aes(x = time, y = Rt_value, col=Rt_type)) +
  geom_line() +
  scale_colour_manual(values = cbPalette) +
  labs(y="", color = "Rt methods", x="", title="Scenario 1") +
  theme_bw()
fig2 <- res_dat %>%
  select(time, Rt2, Pois_Epi2, Pois_Rtestim2, Pois_EpiLPS2) %>%
  pivot_longer(!time, names_to = "Rt_type", values_to = "Rt_value") %>%
  mutate(Rt_type = fct_recode(Rt_type, "True Rt" = "Rt2",
                              "RtEstim" = "Pois_Rtestim2",
                              "EpiEstim" = "Pois Epi2",
                              "EpiLPS" = "Pois_EpiLPS2"
                              )) %>%
  mutate(Rt_type = fct_relevel(Rt_type, "True Rt" ,
                              "RtEstim",
                              "EpiEstim",
                              "EpiLPS"
                              )) %>%
  group_by(Rt_type) %>%
  ggplot(aes(x = time, y = Rt_value, col=Rt_type)) +
  geom_line() +
  scale_colour_manual(values = cbPalette) +
  labs(y="", color="Rt methods", x="", title="Scenario 2") +
  theme_bw()
fig3 <- res_dat %>%
  select(time, Rt3, Pois_Epi3, Pois_Rtestim3, Pois_EpiLPS3) %>%
  pivot_longer(!time, names_to = "Rt_type", values_to = "Rt_value") %>%
  mutate(Rt_type = fct_recode(Rt_type, "True Rt" = "Rt3",
                              "RtEstim" = "Pois Rtestim3",
                              "EpiEstim" = "Pois Epi3",
                              "EpiLPS" = "Pois EpiLPS3"
                              )) %>%
  mutate(Rt_type = fct_relevel(Rt_type, "True Rt" ,
                              "RtEstim",
                              "EpiEstim",
                              "EpiLPS"
                              )) %>%
  group_by(Rt_type) %>%
  ggplot(aes(x = time, y = Rt_value, col=Rt_type)) +
  geom_line() +
```

```
scale_colour_manual(values = cbPalette) +
  labs(y="", color="Rt methods", x="", title="Scenario 3") +
  theme_bw()
fig4 <- res_dat %>%
  select(time, Rt4, Pois_Epi4, Pois_Rtestim4, Pois_EpiLPS4) %>%
  pivot_longer(!time, names_to = "Rt_type", values_to = "Rt_value") %>%
  mutate(Rt_type = fct_recode(Rt_type, "True Rt" = "Rt4",
                               "RtEstim" = "Pois_Rtestim4",
                               "EpiEstim" = "Pois_Epi4",
                               "EpiLPS" = "Pois_EpiLPS4"
                               )) %>%
  mutate(Rt type = fct relevel(Rt type, "True Rt" ,
                               "RtEstim",
                               "EpiEstim",
                               "EpiLPS"
                               )) %>%
  group_by(Rt_type) %>%
  ggplot(aes(x = time, y = Rt_value, col=Rt_type)) +
  geom_line() +
  scale_colour_manual(values = cbPalette) +
  labs(y="", color="Rt methods", x="", title="Scenario 4") +
  theme bw()
library(ggpubr)
fig_Pois_res <- ggpubr::ggarrange(</pre>
  fig1, fig2, fig3, fig4, ncol=2, nrow=2,
  common.legend = TRUE, legend = "bottom",
  font.label = list(size = 14)
  )
fig_Pois_res <- ggpubr::annotate_figure(</pre>
  fig_Pois_res,
  left = grid::textGrob("Rt estimates for Poisson incidences",
                        rot = 90, vjust = 1, gp = grid::gpar(cex = 1)))
ggsave(here::here("fig/Pois-res-plot.png"), fig_Pois_res, width = 5.71, height = 5.41)
Display results of negative Binomial incidence.
fig21 <- res_dat %>%
  select(time, Rt1, NB_Epi1, NB_Rtestim1, NB_EpiLPS1) %>%
  pivot_longer(!time, names_to = "Rt_type", values_to = "Rt_value") %>%
  mutate(Rt_type = fct_recode(Rt_type, "EpiEstim" = "NB_Epi1",
                               "RtEstim" = "NB_Rtestim1",
                               "EpiLPS" = "NB_EpiLPS1",
                               "True Rt" = "Rt1")) %>%
  mutate(Rt_type = fct_relevel(Rt_type, "True Rt" ,
                               "RtEstim",
                               "EpiEstim",
                               "EpiLPS"
                               )) %>%
  group_by(Rt_type) %>%
  ggplot(aes(x = time, y = Rt_value, col=Rt_type)) +
```

```
geom_line() +
  scale_colour_manual(values = cbPalette) +
  labs(y="", color="Rt methods", x="", title="Scenario 1") +
  theme bw()
fig22 <- res dat %>%
  select(time, Rt2, NB_Epi2, NB_Rtestim2, NB_EpiLPS2) %>%
  pivot longer(!time, names to = "Rt type", values to = "Rt value") %>%
  mutate(Rt_type = fct_recode(Rt_type, "EpiEstim" = "NB_Epi2",
                              "RtEstim" = "NB_Rtestim2",
                              "EpiLPS" = "NB EpiLPS2",
                              "True Rt" = "Rt2")) %>%
  mutate(Rt_type = fct_relevel(Rt_type, "True Rt" ,
                              "RtEstim",
                              "EpiEstim",
                              "EpiLPS"
                              )) %>%
  group_by(Rt_type) %>%
  ggplot(aes(x = time, y = Rt_value, col=Rt_type)) +
  geom_line() +
  scale_colour_manual(values = cbPalette) +
  labs(y="", color="Rt methods", x="", title="Scenario 2") +
  theme bw()
fig23 <- res dat %>%
  select(time, Rt3, NB_Epi3, NB_Rtestim3, NB_EpiLPS3) %>%
  pivot_longer(!time, names_to = "Rt_type", values_to = "Rt_value") %>%
  mutate(Rt_type = fct_recode(Rt_type, "EpiEstim" = "NB_Epi3",
                              "RtEstim" = "NB_Rtestim3",
                              "EpiLPS" = "NB_EpiLPS3",
                              "True Rt" = "Rt3")) %>%
  mutate(Rt_type = fct_relevel(Rt_type, "True Rt" ,
                              "RtEstim",
                              "EpiEstim",
                              "EpiLPS"
                              )) %>%
  group_by(Rt_type) %>%
  ggplot(aes(x = time, y = Rt_value, col=Rt_type)) +
  geom_line() +
  scale colour manual(values = cbPalette) +
  labs(y="", color="Rt methods", x="", title="Scenario 3") +
  theme bw()
fig24 <- res dat %>%
  select(time, Rt4, NB_Epi4, NB_Rtestim4, NB_EpiLPS4) %>%
  pivot_longer(!time, names_to = "Rt_type", values_to = "Rt_value") %>%
  mutate(Rt_type = fct_recode(Rt_type, "EpiEstim" = "NB_Epi4",
                              "RtEstim" = "NB_Rtestim4",
                              "EpiLPS" = "NB EpiLPS4",
                              "True Rt" = "Rt4")) %>%
  mutate(Rt_type = fct_relevel(Rt_type, "True Rt" ,
                              "RtEstim",
                              "EpiEstim",
```

```
"EpiLPS"
                              )) %>%
  group by(Rt type) %>%
  ggplot(aes(x = time, y = Rt_value, col=Rt_type)) +
  geom_line() +
  scale_colour_manual(values = cbPalette) +
  labs(y="", color="Rt methods", x="", title="Scenario 4") +
  theme_bw()
#library(cowplot)
#nb_res_plot <- plot_grid(fig21, fig22, fig23, fig24)</pre>
fig_NB_res <- ggarrange(fig21, fig22, fig23, fig24, ncol=2, nrow=2,
          common.legend = TRUE, legend = "bottom",
          font.label = list(size = 14))
fig_NB_res <- ggpubr::annotate_figure(</pre>
 fig_NB_res,
  left = grid::textGrob("Rt estimates for negative Binomial incidences",
                        rot = 90, vjust = 1, gp = grid::gpar(cex = 1)))
ggsave(here::here("fig/NB-res-plot.png"), fig_NB_res, width = 5.71, height = 5.41)
```

Save graphical display of estimates across all Rt scenarios for both incidence distributional assumptions.

Save graphical display of all Rt and incidence samples across both incidence distributional assumptions.

```
cbPalette <- c("#999999", "#E69F00", "#56B4E9", "#009E73",
               "#F0E442", "#0072B2", "#D55E00", "#CC79A7")
save_example <- function(res_dat, palette = cbPalette){</pre>
  len <- dim(res_dat)[1]</pre>
  fig1 <- res_dat %>%
   ggplot(aes(y = Rt1, x = time)) +
    geom line() +
   labs(y = "case 1", title = "Rt", x="") +
   theme(plot.title = element_text(hjust = 0.5)) +
    theme_bw()
  fig2 <- res_dat %>%
    ggplot(aes(y = Pois_count1, x = time)) +
    geom line() +
    #scale_y_log10() + # axis of incidence in log scale
   labs(title = "Poisson incidence", y=" ", x="") + #(in log scale)
   theme(plot.title = element_text(hjust = 0.5)) +
   theme bw()
  fig3 <- res dat %>%
   ggplot(aes(y = NB_count1, x = time)) +
    geom_line() +
    #scale_y_log10() + # axis of incidence in log scale
    labs(title = "Negative Binomial incidence", y=" ", x="") + #(in log scale)
```

```
theme(plot.title = element_text(hjust = 0.5)) +
  theme_bw()
fig21 <- res_dat %>%
 ggplot(aes(y = Rt2, x = time)) +
 geom_line() +
 labs(y = "case 2", x="") +
 theme bw()
fig22 <- res_dat %>%
 ggplot(aes(y = Pois_count2, x = time)) +
  geom line() +
  #scale_y_log10() + # axis of incidence in log scale
 labs(y=" ", x="") + #(in log scale)
 theme_bw()
fig23 <- res_dat %>%
 ggplot(aes(y = NB_count2, x = time)) +
  geom_line() +
  #scale_y_log10() + # axis of incidence in log scale
 labs(y=" ", x="") + #(in log scale)
 theme_bw()
fig31 <- res_dat %>%
 ggplot(aes(y = Rt3, x = time)) +
 geom_line() +
 labs(y = "case 3", x="") +
 theme_bw()
fig32 <- res_dat %>%
 ggplot(aes(y = Pois_count3, x = time)) +
  geom_line() +
  #scale_y_log10() + # axis of incidence in log scale
 labs(y =" ", x="") + #(in log scale)
 theme_bw()
fig33 <- res_dat %>%
 ggplot(aes(y = NB_count3, x = time)) +
 geom_line() +
  #scale_y_log10() + # axis of incidence in log scale
 labs(y =" ", x="") + #(in log scale)
 theme_bw()
fig41 <- res_dat %>%
 ggplot(aes(y = Rt4, x = time)) +
 geom_line() +
 labs(y = "case 4") +
 theme_bw()
fig42 <- res_dat %>%
 ggplot(aes(y = Pois_count4, x = time)) +
  geom_line() +
  #scale_y_log10() + # axis of incidence in log scale
 labs(y="") + #(in log scale)
 theme_bw()
fig43 <- res_dat %>%
  ggplot(aes(y = NB_count4, x = time)) +
  geom_line() +
```

```
labs(y=""") + #(in log scale)
   theme_bw()
 figfull <- ggpubr::ggarrange(fig1, fig2, fig3,</pre>
           fig21, fig22, fig23,
           fig31, fig32, fig33,
           fig41, fig42, fig43,
           ncol=3, nrow=4,
         common.legend = TRUE, legend = "bottom")
 ggplot2::ggsave(here::here("fig/plot_samples.png"), figfull,
                 width = 9.04, height = 10.47)
}
head(res_dat)
     time Rt1
                   Rt2
                            Rt3
                                     Rt4 Pois_count1 Pois_count2 Pois_count3
        1
            2 1.015113 2.500000 1.200000
                                                  2
## 2:
            2 1.030455 2.491525 1.271725
                                                  8
                                                              5
                                                                         10
## 3:
           2 1.046028 2.483051 1.343015
                                                  4
                                                              1
                                                                          5
            2 1.061837 2.474576 1.413436
                                                              3
## 4:
        4
                                                  8
                                                                         10
## 5:
            2 1.077884 2.466102 1.482563
                                                 11
                                                              4
                                                                         16
## 6:
            2 1.094174 2.457627 1.549978
                                                 13
                                                              5
                                                                         15
     Pois_count4 NB_count1 NB_count2 NB_count3 NB_count4 Pois_Epi1 Pois_Epi2
                                                      4 7.059698 3.224088
## 1:
                        4
                                4
                                     4
               2
## 2:
                        10
                                   6
                                           12
                                                      7 7.059698 3.224088
               6
## 3:
               2
                        12
                                   6
                                           14
                                                      8 7.059698 3.224088
## 4:
                         4
                                   1
                                           9
                                                      2 7.059698 3.224088
## 5:
                         6
                                                      4 7.059698 3.224088
               6
                                   3
                                            8
                        10
                                   3
                                                      6 7.059698 3.224088
## 6:
               8
                                           10
     Pois_Epi3 Pois_Epi4 Pois_Rtestim1 Pois_Rtestim2 Pois_Rtestim3 Pois_Rtestim4
## 1: 12.11352 8.985446
                            1.876867
                                           1.020317
                                                        2.588113
                                                                       1.337800
## 2: 12.11352 8.985446
                              1.876867
                                           1.045198
                                                         2.574192
                                                                       1.420209
## 3: 12.11352 8.985446
                              1.876867
                                           1.069970
                                                         2.560348
                                                                       1.500582
## 4: 12.11352 8.985446
                             1.876867
                                           1.094601
                                                         2.546581
                                                                       1.578264
## 5: 12.11352 8.985446
                              1.876867
                                           1.119059
                                                         2.532891
                                                                       1.652640
## 6: 12.11352 8.985446
                              1.876867
                                           1.143310
                                                         2.519275
                                                                       1.723146
     Pois_EpiLPS1 Pois_EpiLPS2 Pois_EpiLPS3 Pois_EpiLPS4 NB_Epi1 NB_Epi2
##
## 1:
         5.956857
                      2.577492
                                  7.211589
                                               3.594243 5.803456 1.918394
## 2:
         4.578125
                      4.161077
                                   4.606643
                                               4.435372 5.803456 1.918394
## 3:
         3.157738
                      2.772014
                                   3.206680
                                               3.054421 5.803456 1.918394
## 4:
                                   2.709453
                                               2.558458 5.803456 1.918394
         2.652835
                      2.266517
## 5:
         2.389542
                      1.996772
                                   2.449661
                                               2.297065 5.803456 1.918394
## 6:
         2.226892
                      1.826883
                                   2.288177
                                               2.133985 5.803456 1.918394
      NB Epi3 NB Epi4 NB Rtestim1 NB Rtestim2 NB Rtestim3 NB Rtestim4 NB EpiLPS1
## 1: 4.427581 2.474002
                         1.794514 0.6593982 2.301004
                                                             1.161091
                                                                        6.703414
## 2: 4.427581 2.474002
                          1.794514 0.6902454
                                                 2.286578
                                                             1.181212
                                                                       4.418239
                                   0.7217602
## 3: 4.427581 2.474002
                                                 2.272249
                                                             1.200461
                          1.794514
                                                                        3.015958
## 4: 4.427581 2.474002
                          1.794514 0.7539066
                                                 2.258016
                                                             1.218800
                                                                       2.512148
## 5: 4.427581 2.474002
                          1.794514
                                   0.7866459
                                                 2.243880
                                                             1.236198
                                                                       2.246999
## 6: 4.427581 2.474002
                          1.794514
                                    0.8199357
                                                 2.229840
                                                             1.252622
                                                                        2.082266
##
     NB_EpiLPS2 NB_EpiLPS3 NB_EpiLPS4
## 1:
       2.831848
                 8.974085
                            4.176513
## 2:
       3.915898
                 4.545046
                           4.188413
```

#scale_y_log10() + # axis of incidence in log scale

```
## 3:
       2.557328
                3.113151
                           2.797712
## 4:
       2.054081 2.607131
                           2.293761
                2.344918
## 5:
       1.780714
                           2.026428
       1.605661
## 6:
                 2.183943
                           1.859368
save_example(res_dat)
```

Real case

Covid-19 Canada

Get latest Covid-19 incidence data in Canada.

```
library(CanCovidData)
dat <- get_british_columbia_case_data() %>%
  rename(HA = `Health Authority`, Date = `Reported Date`,
         Age = `Age group`) %>%
 filter(Date >= ymd("2020-03-01"))
cases <- dat %>%
  count(Date, name = "Cases")
time_diff <- difftime(cases$Date, min(cases$Date), units = "days")</pre>
natural_numbers <- as.numeric(time_diff) + 1</pre>
covid_cases <- data.table(cases, x = natural_numbers)</pre>
covid_dat <- covid_cases %>%
  ggplot(aes(x=Date)) +
  geom_line(aes(y=Cases), col="black") +
  labs(x="Date", y='Observed counts') +
  scale_x_date(date_breaks = "6 month") +
  theme_bw() +
  theme(plot.title = element_text(hjust = 0.5),
        axis.title = element_text(hjust = 0.5),
        panel.spacing = unit(0.8, "lines"),
        text = element_text(size = 12))
ggsave(here::here("fig/covid dat.png"), covid dat, width = 6.67, height = 4.06)
n <- length(covid_cases$Cases)</pre>
```

Estimate Rt using RtEstim.

```
geom_hline(yintercept = 1, linetype = "dotted") +
  labs(x="Date", y = "Piecewise linear Rt") +
  theme_bw()
\# k=2
mod_rt_covid <- estimate_rt(x=cases$Date, covid_cases$Cases, korder = 2, nsol = 50,</pre>
                             maxiter=1e7L)
covid_fig2 <- plot(mod_rt_covid) + labs(y="", x="Date")</pre>
cv_mod_covid <- cv_estimate_rt(x=cases$Date, covid_cases$Cases, korder = 2, nfold = 3,</pre>
                                maxiter=1e7L, nsol = 50)
mod_rtestim_covid <- cv_mod_covid$full_fit$Rt[ ,which.min(cv_mod_covid$cv_scores)]</pre>
rt_ci_covid <- confband(cv_mod_covid, "lambda.min") # get 95% confidence band
covid_fig_cv2 <- rt_ci_covid %>%
  ggplot(aes(x = covid_cases$Date)) +
  geom_line(aes(y = Rt)) +
 geom_ribbon(aes(ymin = 2.5\%), ymax = 97.5\%),
              fill = "gray", alpha = 0.5) +
  geom_hline(yintercept = 1, linetype = "dotted") +
  labs(x="Date", y = "Piecewise quadratic Rt") +
 theme_bw()
\# k=3
mod_rt_covid <- estimate_rt(x=cases$Date, covid_cases$Cases, korder = 3, nsol = 50,</pre>
                             maxiter=1e7L)
covid fig3 <- plot(mod rt covid) + labs(y="", x="Date")</pre>
cv_mod_covid <- cv_estimate_rt(x=cases$Date, covid_cases$Cases, korder = 3, nfold = 3,</pre>
                                maxiter=1e7L, nsol = 50)
mod_rtestim_covid <- cv_mod_covid$full_fit$Rt[ ,which.min(cv_mod_covid$cv_scores)]</pre>
rt_ci_covid <- confband(cv_mod_covid, "lambda.min") # get 95% confidence band
covid_fig_cv3 <- rt_ci_covid %>%
  ggplot(aes(x = covid_cases$Date)) +
  geom_line(aes(y = Rt)) +
  geom_ribbon(aes(ymin = ^2.5\%), ymax = ^97.5\%),
              fill = "gray", alpha = 0.5) +
  geom_hline(yintercept = 1, linetype = "dotted") +
  labs(x="Date", y = "Piecewise cubic Rt") +
  theme_bw()
covid_all <- ggarrange(covid_fig_cv1, covid_fig1, covid_fig_cv2, covid_fig2,</pre>
          covid_fig_cv3, covid_fig3, ncol=2, nrow=3,
          common.legend = TRUE, legend = "bottom")
ggsave(here::here("fig/covid_full_res.png"), covid_all, width = 6.91, height = 6.17)
```

1918 H1N1 influenza in the USA

Obtain 1918 H1N1 influenza data in the US from EpiEtim package.

```
# grab the flu data from EpiEstim package
data("Flu1918")
n <- length(Flu1918$incidence)
flu_dat <- data.frame(Flu_incidence = Flu1918$incidence, Time = 1:n)
flu_fig <- flu_dat %>%
    ggplot(aes(y=Flu_incidence, x=Time)) +
```

```
geom_line() +
  theme bw()
ggsave(here::here("fig/flu_dat.png"), flu_fig, width = 5.18, height = 3.34)
mod_rt <- estimate_rt(Flu1918$incidence, korder = 3, nsol = 50)</pre>
fig_flu3 <- plot(mod_rt) + labs(y="", x="Date")</pre>
cv_mod_flu <- cv_estimate_rt(Flu1918$incidence, korder = 3,</pre>
                              nfold = 3, nsol = 50)
mod_rtestim_flu <- cv_mod_flu$full_fit$Rt[ ,which.min(cv_mod_flu$cv_scores)]
rt_ci_flu <- confband(cv_mod_flu, "lambda.1se") # get 95% confidence band
fig_flu_cv3 <- rt_ci_flu %>%
  ggplot(aes(x = 1:n, y = Rt)) +
  geom_line() +
  geom_ribbon(aes(ymin = `2.5%`, ymax = `97.5%`), fill = "gray", alpha = 0.5) +
 geom hline(vintercept = 1, linetype = "dotted") +
 labs(x="Date", y = "Piecewise cubic Rt") +
 theme_bw()
\# k=2
mod_rt <- estimate_rt(Flu1918$incidence, korder = 2, nsol = 50)</pre>
fig_flu2 <- plot(mod_rt) + labs(y="", x="Date")</pre>
cv_mod_flu <- cv_estimate_rt(Flu1918$incidence, korder = 2,</pre>
                              nfold = 3, nsol = 50)
mod_rtestim_flu <- cv_mod_flu$full_fit$Rt[ ,which.min(cv_mod_flu$cv_scores)]</pre>
rt ci flu <- confband(cv mod flu, "lambda.1se") # get 95% confidence band
fig flu cv2 <- rt ci flu %>%
  ggplot(aes(x = 1:n, y = Rt)) +
  geom_line() +
  geom_ribbon(aes(ymin = `2.5%`, ymax = `97.5%`), fill = "gray", alpha = 0.5) +
  geom hline(yintercept = 1, linetype = "dotted") +
  labs(x="Date", y = "Piecewise quadratic Rt") +
  theme_bw()
mod_rt <- estimate_rt(Flu1918$incidence, korder = 1, nsol = 50)</pre>
fig_flu1 <- plot(mod_rt) + labs(y="", x="Date")</pre>
cv_mod_flu <- cv_estimate_rt(Flu1918$incidence, korder = 1,</pre>
                              nfold = 3, nsol = 50)
mod_rtestim_flu <- cv_mod_flu$full_fit$Rt[ ,which.min(cv_mod_flu$cv_scores)]</pre>
rt_ci_flu <- confband(cv_mod_flu, "lambda.1se") # get 95% confidence band
fig_flu_cv1 <- rt_ci_flu %>%
  ggplot(aes(x = 1:n, y = Rt)) +
  geom line() +
  geom_ribbon(aes(ymin = `2.5%`, ymax = `97.5%`), fill = "gray", alpha = 0.5) +
  geom_hline(yintercept = 1, linetype = "dotted") +
  labs(x="Date", y = "Piecewise linear Rt") +
  theme_bw()
flu_all <- ggarrange(fig_flu_cv1, fig_flu1, fig_flu_cv2, fig_flu2,</pre>
```