

# Time Series HW 4

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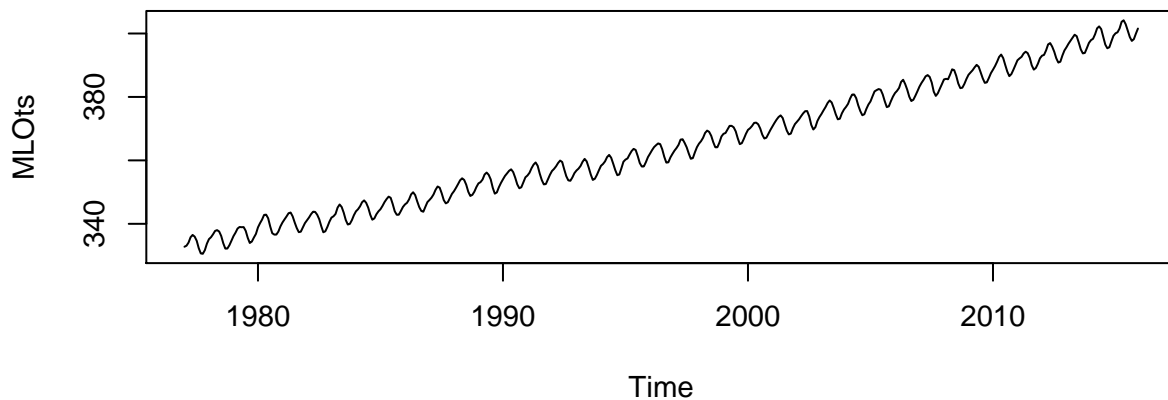
*Due on Wednesday, Sept 28 at noon at my office.*

*You can work alone or in groups of up to three. No bonus. If you are turning in separate assignments, you must use a different site (discussed below).*

*We will now work with modeling monthly average  $CO_2$  concentrations. The next bit of code works with the MLO (Mauna Loa) site's results.*

*For Mauna Loa, my data set looks like following and I subset it to only pertain to results after 1977 where there were no missing values. You can choose to keep years with missing values or cut those years from your analysis somewhat like I did.*

1969	1970	1976	1977	1978	1979	1980	1981	1982	1983	1984	1985	1986	1987	1988	1989
5	12	6	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12
1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12
2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015						
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*In this homework, your group will choose a different site and download the data set. There are 96 different locations to choose from at [http://www.esrl.noaa.gov/gmd/dv/data/index.php?parameter\\_name=Carbon%2BDioxide&frequency=Monthly%2BAverages](http://www.esrl.noaa.gov/gmd/dv/data/index.php?parameter_name=Carbon%2BDioxide&frequency=Monthly%2BAverages). Click the trash can with a green arrow to access a text file that contains the data set. I found it easiest to just*

*copy the rows with data and headers into Excel and use “Data -> Text to columns” to create a more useful csv file. But the conversion details are up to you. Make sure your site has records for at least 6 years.*

*Report all R code either inline or in an appendix.*

1. *Provide a reason for your choice of location. Report any missing observations and the range of years where you are modeling.*

Kenny and I chose to use the High Altitude Global Climate Observation Center, Mexico (MEX) dataset because we thought the High Altitude aspect may show interesting features of  $CO_2$  concentrations not available in other datasets.

The information page on these data indicates measured responses are on the X2007  $CO_2$  mole fraction scale. The excerpt from the information page gives insightful information about  $CO_2$  and the data:

“Carbon dioxide ( $CO_2$ ) in ambient and standard air samples is detected using a non-dispersive infrared (NDIR) analyzer. The measurement of  $CO_2$  in air is made relative to standards whose  $CO_2$  mole fraction is determined with high precision and accuracy. Because detector response is non-linear in the range of atmospheric levels, ambient samples are bracketed during analysis by a set of reference standards used to calibrate detector response. Measurements are reported in units of micromol/mol ( $10^{-6}$  mol  $CO_2$  per mol of dry air or parts per million (ppm)). Measurements are directly traceable to the WMO  $CO_2$  mole fraction scale.

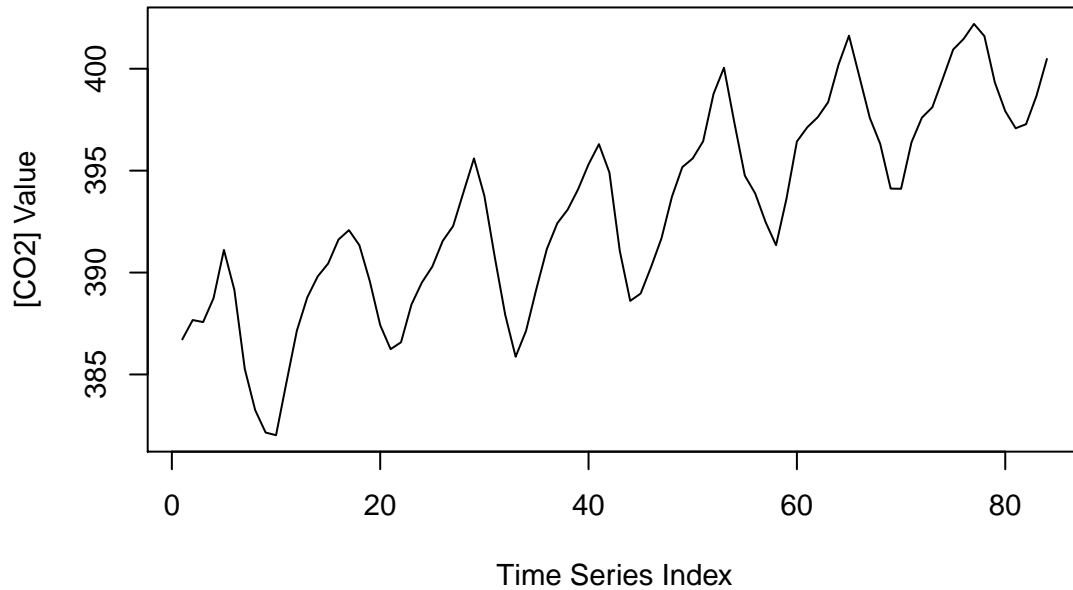
Uncertainty in the measurements of  $CO_2$  from discrete samples has not yet been fully evaluated. Key components of it are our ability to propagate the WMO X $CO_2$  scale to working standards, the repeatability of the analyzers used for sample measurement, and agreement between pairs of samples collected simultaneously. Zhao and Tans (2006) determined that the internal consistency of working standards is  $\pm 0.02$  ppm (68% confidence interval). The typical repeatability of the analyzers, based on repeated measurements of natural air from a cylinder, is  $\pm 0.03$  ppm. Average pair agreement across the entire sampling network is  $\pm 0.1$  ppm.

The Pacific Ocean Cruise (POC, travelling between the US west coast and New Zealand or Australia) data have been merged and grouped into 5 degree latitude bins. For the South China Sea cruises (SCS) the data are grouped in 3 degree latitude bins.

Sampling intervals are approximately weekly for the fixed sites and average one sample every 3 weeks per latitude zone for POC and about one sample every week per latitude for SCS.

Historically, samples have been collected using two general methods: flushing and then pressurizing glass flasks with a pump, or opening a stopcock on an evacuated glass flask; since 28 April 2003, only the former method is used. During each sampling event, a pair of flasks is filled.”

2. *Make a nice looking time series plot of the  $CO_2$  concentrations.*



3. *Fit a linear trend plus seasonal means model to the data. Report and discuss the four panel residual diagnostics. Also make a plot of residuals vs time and discuss any potential missed pattern versus time.*

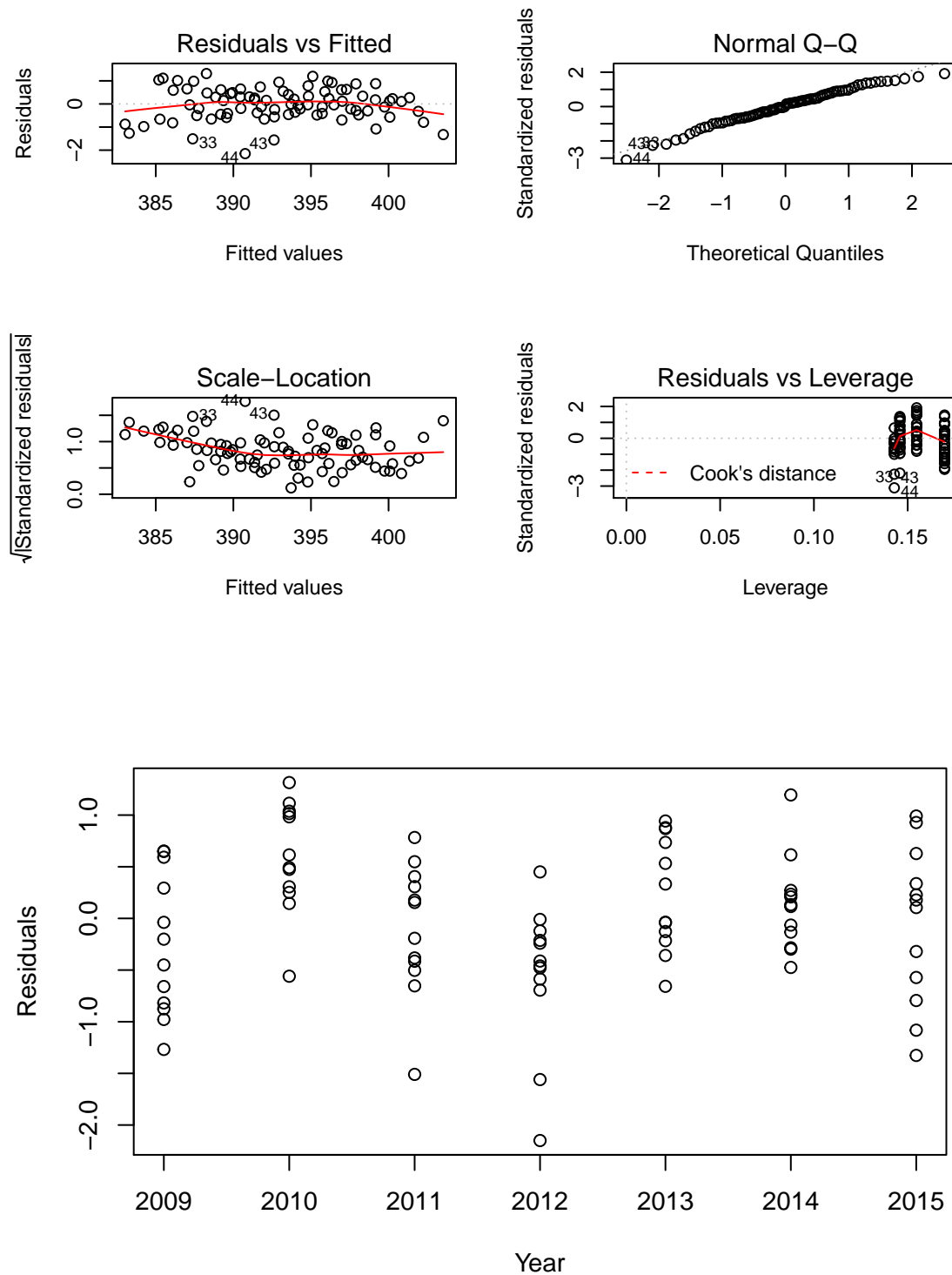
**Residuals vs. Fitted:** The residuals vs. fitted plot shows a slight inverse quadratic trend, less variation in the residuals for extreme fitted CO2 concentrations, and a few outliers.

**Normal QQ:** The standardized residuals fall on the Normal QQ line almost perfectly, making normality of the residuals a reasonable assumption.

**Scale-Location:**

**Residuals vs. Leverage:**

**Residuals vs. Time:** There is slightly more variation in the the residuals associated with years 2012 and 2015.



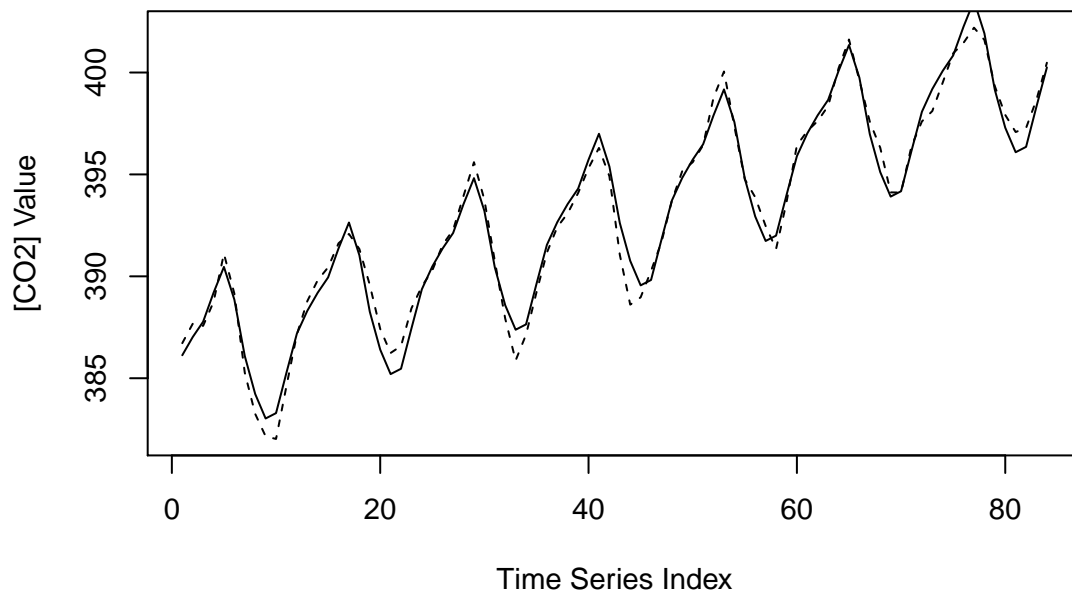
4. Provide tests for the linear and seasonal means components, conditional on each other. Report

*those results in two sentences including all details.*

$H_o : \beta_{year} = 0$   $H_A : \beta_{year} \neq 0$  An F statistic of 2860.44 compared to an F distribution on 1 and 71 degrees of freedom let to a pvalue of 4.151964e-59 which provides strong evidence that after accounting for month, year is linearly associated with mean CO2 measurement.  $H_o : all \beta_{month_i} = 0$   $H_A : at least 1 \beta_{month_i} \neq 0$  An F statistic of 68.79927 compared to an F distribution on 11 and 71 degrees of freedom let to a pvalue of 2.318289e-33 which provides strong evidence that after accounting for linear yearly trends, month is associated with mean CO2 measurement.

5. *For your model, plot the original time series and the model fitted values, both versus time on the same plot. You might consider two line types or colors for the two lines. The easiest way to obtain fitted values in R is using `fitted(modelname)`. Discuss how it appears your model does or does not describe the responses using this plot.*

The dashed line is the original time series plot, and the fitted values are the solid line. The model almost perfectly describes the observed CO2 concentrations because all the points lie almost exactly on the time series line.



6. *Document your R version*

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getRversion()
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[1] '3.3.1'
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## Reference

Dlugokencky, E.J., P.M. Lang, J.W. Mund, A.M. Crotwell, M.J. Crotwell, and K.W. Thoning (2016), Atmospheric Carbon Dioxide Dry Air Mole Fractions from the NOAA ESRL Carbon Cycle Cooperative Global Air Sampling Network, 1968-2015, Version: 2016-08-30, Path: [ftp://aftp.cmdl.noaa.gov/data/trace\\_gases/co2/flask/surface/](ftp://aftp.cmdl.noaa.gov/data/trace_gases/co2/flask/surface/).

## R Code

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1. require(car)
   require(xtable)

   x <- read.csv("mex.csv", as.is = TRUE)
   colnames(x) <- c("year", "month", "value")
   tail(x)#years spanning 2009-2016

2. ts_x <- ts(x)
   plot.ts(ts_x[,3], xlab = "Time Series Index", ylab = "[CO2] Value")

3. lm_x <- lm(value ~ year + as.factor(month), data = x)
   par(mfrow = c(2,2))
   plot(lm_x)

   #Does he want fractional year?

4. #Make sure this means type II SS.
   aov_x <- Anova(lm_x, type = "II")
   #str(aov_x)

   cat("$H_{o}: \\beta_{year} = 0$", "$H_{A}: \\beta_{year} \\neq 0$", "\\n", "An F statistic of", aov_x$`F` value)

   cat("$H_{o}: all \\beta_{month_{i}} = 0$", "$H_{A}:$", "at least 1", "$\\beta_{month_{i}} \\neq 0$", "\\n", "An F statistic of", aov_x$`F` value)

5. # I think it's visually misleading to compare points to lines.
   # I made a solid line for the model so we can see the obvious seasonal
   # variation around the linear trend. It does fit the data astoundingly well.
   par(mfrow = c(1,1))
   plot.ts(ts_x[,3], xlab = "Time Series Index", ylab = "[CO2] Value", lty = 2)
   lines(lm_x$fitted.values, lty = 1)

6. getRversion()
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