

Beyond mean modelling: multi-parameter GAMs

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Material available at:

https://github.com/mfasiolo/GAM_Workshop_Enbis_EDF_23

Recall GAM model structure:

$$y|\mathbf{x} \sim \text{Distr}\{y|\theta_1 = \mu(\mathbf{x}), \theta_2, \dots, \theta_p\},$$

where

$$g\{\mu(\mathbf{x})\} = \sum_{j=1}^m f_j(\mathbf{x}).$$

Multi-parameter GAM structure:

$$y|\mathbf{x} \sim \text{Distr}\{y|\theta_1 = \mu_1(\mathbf{x}), \theta_2 = \mu_2(\mathbf{x}), \dots, \theta_p = \mu_p(\mathbf{x})\},$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} g_1\{\mu_1(\mathbf{x})\} &= \sum_{j=1}^m f_j^1(\mathbf{x}), \\ &\dots \\ g_p\{\mu_p(\mathbf{x})\} &= \sum_{j=1}^m f_j^p(\mathbf{x}). \end{aligned}$$

Special case are **Generalized Additive Models for Location Scale and Shape** (GAMLSS) (Rigby and Stasinopoulos, 2005).

See appendix for complete list of distributions in `mgcv`.

Example: **Gaussian location-scale model**

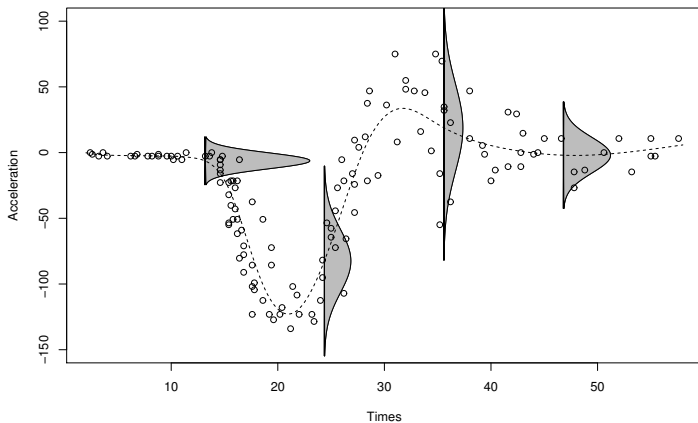
Model is

$$y|\mathbf{x} \sim N\{y|\mu(\mathbf{x}), \sigma^2(\mathbf{x})\}$$

where

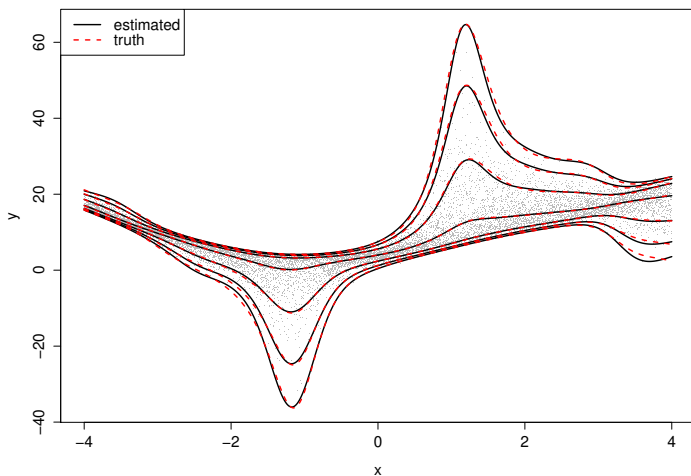
$$\mu(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_{j=1}^m f_j^1(\mathbf{x})$$

$$\log \sigma(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_{j=1}^m f_j^2(\mathbf{x})$$



In mgcv: `gam(list(y ~ s(x), ~ s(x)), family=gaulss).`

Example: **Sinh-arcsinh (shash) distribution** (Jones and Pewsey, 2009)



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gam(list(y~s(x), ~s(x), ~s(x), ~s(x)), family=shash).
```

Non-GAMLSS example: **multivariate normal GAMs**

$$\mathbf{y} = \begin{pmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \\ y_3 \\ \vdots \\ y_d \end{pmatrix} \sim N \left(\begin{pmatrix} \mu_1(\mathbf{x}) \\ \mu_2(\mathbf{x}) \\ \mu_3(\mathbf{x}) \\ \vdots \\ \mu_d(\mathbf{x}) \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} \Sigma_{11} & \Sigma_{12} & \cdots & \cdots & \Sigma_{1d} \\ \Sigma_{12} & \Sigma_{22} & \cdots & \cdots & \Sigma_{2d} \\ \Sigma_{13} & \Sigma_{23} & \cdots & \cdots & \Sigma_{3d} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \Sigma_{1d} & \Sigma_{2d} & \cdots & \cdots & \Sigma_{dd} \end{pmatrix} \right).$$

In mgcv: `gam(list(y~s(x1), ~s(x3), ~s(x3)), family = mvn(3))`

With the SCM package we can model Σ as well

$$\mathbf{y} \sim N(\boldsymbol{\mu}(\mathbf{x}), \boldsymbol{\Sigma}(\mathbf{x})).$$

$\boldsymbol{\Sigma}(\mathbf{x})$ must be positive definite so we can **not** write $\Sigma_{jk} = \sum_j f_j(\mathbf{x})$.

One option is the modified Cholesky decomposition (Pourahmadi, 1999)

$$\Sigma^{-1} = \mathbf{T}^{\top} \mathbf{D}^{-2} \mathbf{T},$$

where \mathbf{D}^2 is a diagonal matrix and \mathbf{T} is upper triangular.

Available via the SCM package

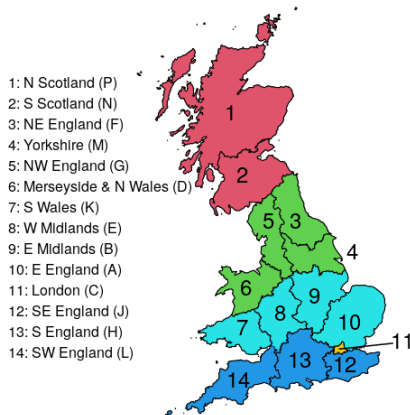
<https://github.com/VinGioia90/SCM>

To install type:

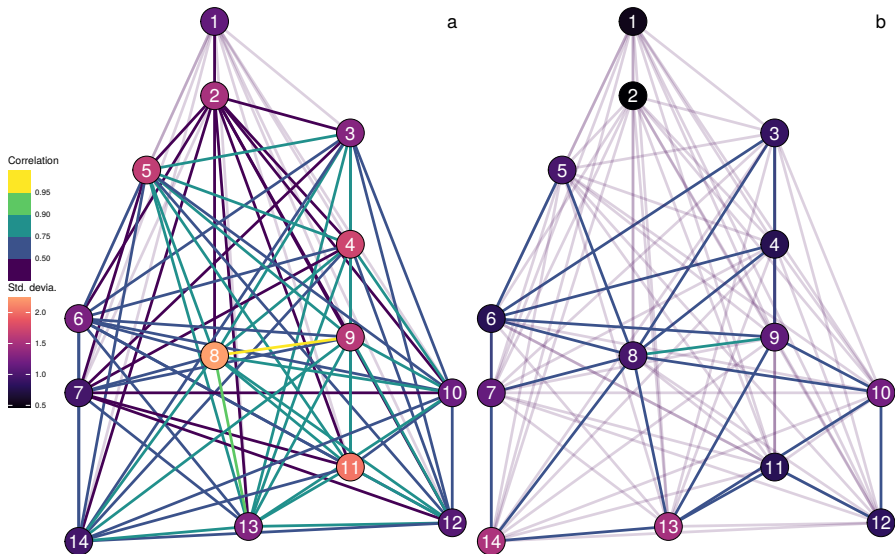
```
library(devtools)
install_github("VinGioia90/SCM")
install_github("mfasiolo/mgcViz") # For visualisation
```

See Gioia et al. (2022) for details.

The UK electricity grid is divided into 14 grid supply groups (GSP).



Gioia et al. (2022) produce **joint** probabilistic forecasts of net-demand.



Left: 7am 31/12/2018. Right: midnight 20/08/2018.

Non-GAMLSS example: **additive stacking** or **aggregation of experts**

We want to predict $y|\mathbf{x}$ and we have models $p_1(y|\mathbf{x}), \dots, p_K(y|\mathbf{x})$.

Build mixture with covariate dependent weights

$$p_{\text{mix}}(y|\mathbf{x}) = \sum_{k=1}^K w_k(\mathbf{x}) p_k(y|\mathbf{x});$$

where $0 \leq w_k \leq 1$ and $\sum_k w_k = 1$.

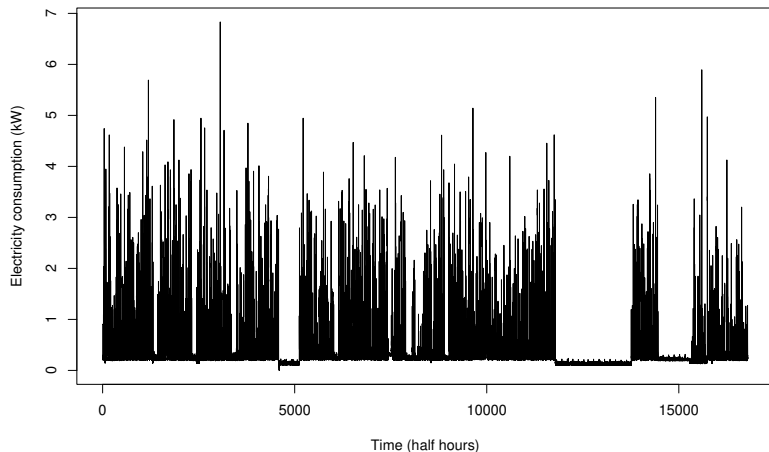
Capezza et al. (2021) use the multinomial parametrisation

$$w_k = \frac{e^{\eta_k}}{\sum_j e^{\eta_j}},$$

with $\eta_1 = 0$ and $\eta_k = \sum_l f_{lk}(\mathbf{x})$ for $k = 2, \dots, K$.

Available via the gamFactory:

```
install_github("mfasiolo/gamFactory")
```



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List of distributions in mgcv

Type `?mgcv::family` on the R console to see a list of distributions from the exponential family.

Wood et al. (2016) allows $\text{Distr} \not\in$ exponential family (**extended GAMs**):

- ① `scat` \rightarrow scaled Student-t;
- ② `betar` \rightarrow beta for $y \in (0, 1)$;
- ③ `ziP` \rightarrow zero-inflated Poisson;
- ④ `tw` \rightarrow Tweedie;
- ⑤ `ocat` \rightarrow order categorical;
- ⑥ `nb` \rightarrow negative binomial.

Note that these EGAMs have one linear predictor, i.e.

$$y_i | \mathbf{x}_i \sim \text{Distr}\{y_i | \theta_1(\mathbf{x}), \theta_2, \dots, \theta_p\}.$$

hence are not GAMLSSs.

Available GAMLSS families:

- ① `gammals` → 2-par gamma;
- ② `gaulss` → 2-par Gaussian;
- ③ `shash` → 4-par sinh-arsinh;
- ④ `ziplss` → 2-par zero-inflated Poisson;
- ⑤ `gevlss` → 3-par generalised extreme value distribution (GEV);
- ⑥ `gumb1s` → 2-par Gumbel (special case of GEV);
- ⑦ `twlss` → 3-par Tweedie.

For extreme value GAMs, see also the `evgam` package (Youngman, 2022).

Further models are:

- ① `multinom` → multinomial categorical;
- ② `cox.ph` → Cox Proportional Hazards model;
- ③ `mvn` → multivariate Gaussian model (fixed covariance).