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Problems 3.3, 3.4
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Model

We consider a single-component harmonic regression model

$$y_i = a\cos(\omega t_i) + b\sin(\omega t_i) + \epsilon_i, \quad i = 1, \ldots, T$$

where $\epsilon_i \overset{iid}{\sim} N(0, v)$. Let $\boldsymbol{\beta} = (a, b)^\top$ and $\mathbf{f}_i = (\cos(\omega t_i), \sin(\omega t_i))^\top$, then we have $y_i \sim N(\mathbf{f}_i^\top \boldsymbol{\beta}, v)$. Define $\mathbf{y} = (y_1, \ldots, y_T)^\top$ and $\mathbf{F}$ be the $2 \times T$ matrix whose columns are $\mathbf{f}_i$. Then we have

$$\mathbf{y}|\boldsymbol{\beta}, v, \omega \sim N\left(\mathbf{F}^\top \boldsymbol{\beta}, v\mathbf{I}\right).$$

Using the prior $p(\boldsymbol{\beta}, v, \omega) = p(\boldsymbol{\beta}, v|\omega)p(\omega) \propto v^{-1}p(\omega)$, the full conditionals for $\boldsymbol{\beta}$ and v are

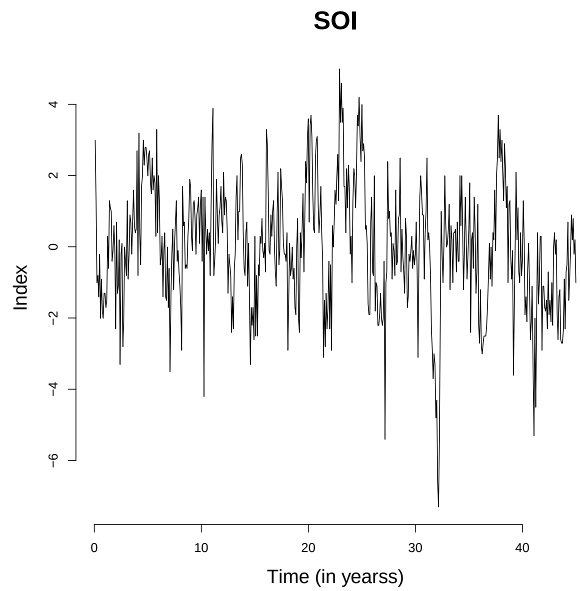
$$\begin{aligned}
\boldsymbol{\beta}|v, \omega, \mathbf{y} &\sim N\left(\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}, v(\mathbf{F}\mathbf{F}^\top)^{-1}\right) \\
v|\boldsymbol{\beta}, \omega, \mathbf{y} &\sim IG\left(T/2, (\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{F}^\top\boldsymbol{\beta})^\top(\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{F}^\top\boldsymbol{\beta})/2\right),
\end{aligned}$$

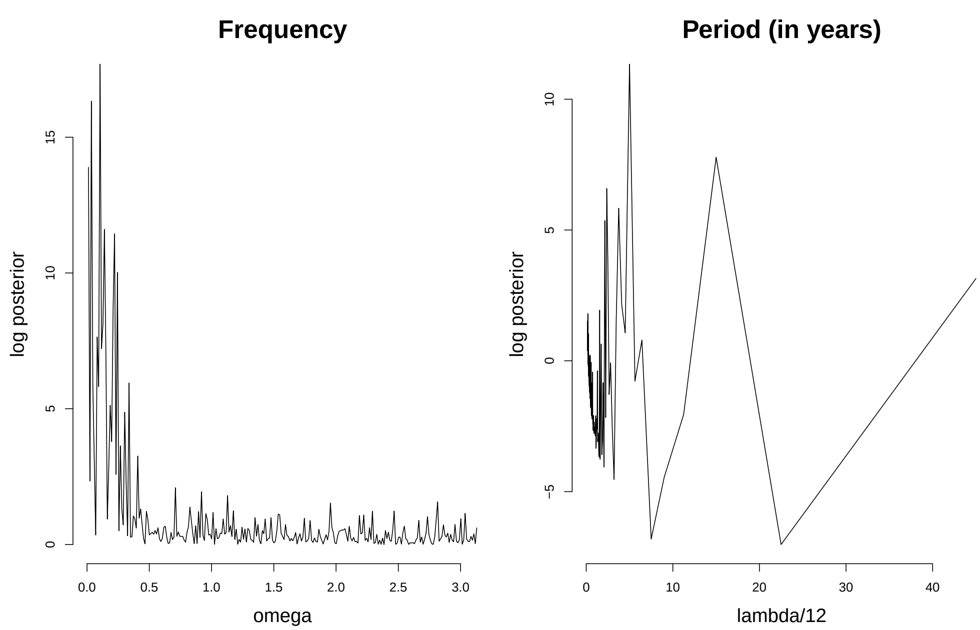
where $\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}} = (\mathbf{F}\mathbf{F}^\top)^{-1}\mathbf{F}\mathbf{y}$ is the maximum likelihood estimate for a fixed ω. For this analysis, interest is primarily in the angular frequency ω (and the corresponding period $\lambda = 2\pi/\omega$). The marginal posterior for ω has the form

$$p(\omega|\mathbf{y}) \propto p(\omega)|\mathbf{F}\mathbf{F}^\top|^{-1/2}\left[1 - \hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}^\top\mathbf{F}\mathbf{F}^\top\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}/(\mathbf{y}^\top\mathbf{y})\right]^{(2-T)/2}.$$

Since $\mathbf{F}$ is a nonlinear function of ω, obtaining posterior samples (and hence sample-based estimates) for ω is difficult. We could still plot ω vs. $p(\omega|\mathbf{y})$ to make inferences.

P&W 3.3 – Southern Oscillation Index





P&W 3.4 – Luteinizing hormone in blood samples