

Exercise 2.2

Consider the data on US production of blue and gorgonzola cheeses in Table B.4. a. Find the sample autocorrelation function and the variogram for these data. Is the time series stationary or nonstationary?

Answer: It seems that the variation the US production of blue and gorgonzola cheeses is non-stationary from the time series plot in Figure 1. As we know that a time series can be called stationary if the mean is fixed and the variance is a constant number, but here the values are increasing over time that means the mean is increasing.

Variation of US cheeses production from 1950

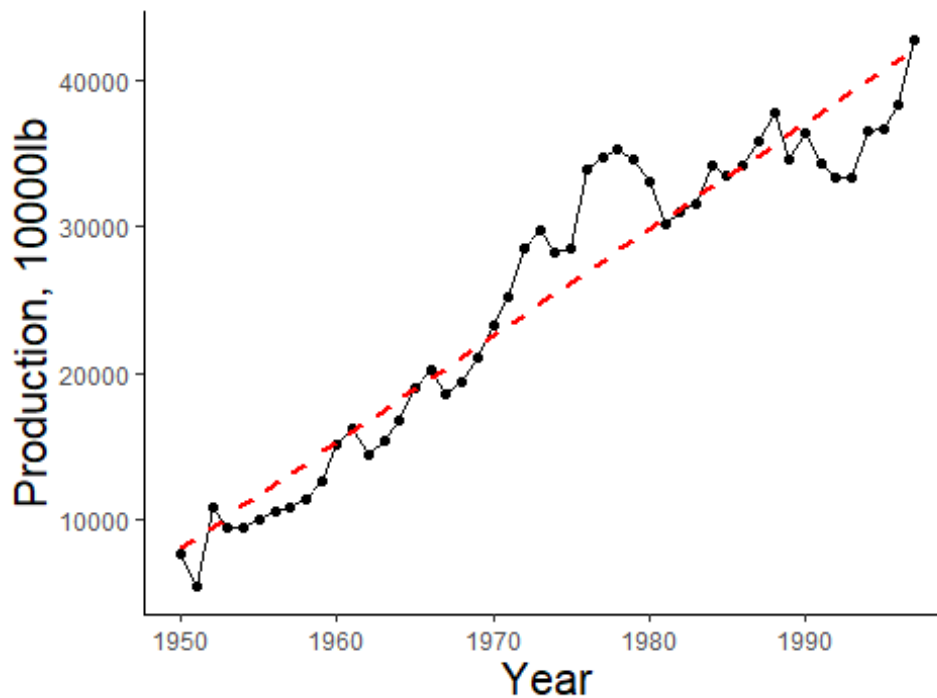


Figure 1: Variation of US blue and gorgonzola cheeses production from 1950 -1997. The red dot line shows the fitted regression line.

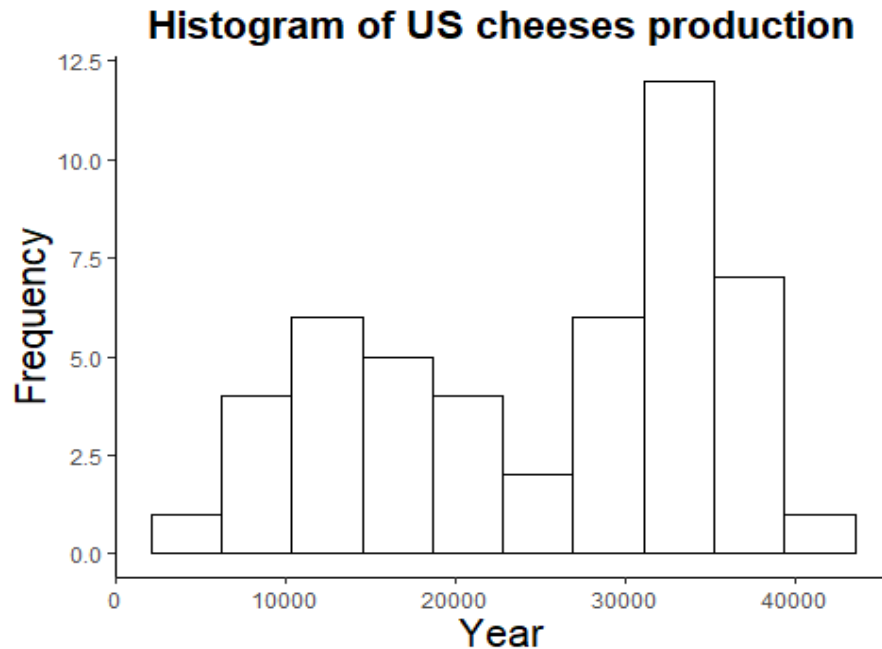


Figure 2: Histogram of US blue and gorgonzola cheeses production for 1950 -1997

ACF of US production of blue and gorgonzola cheeses

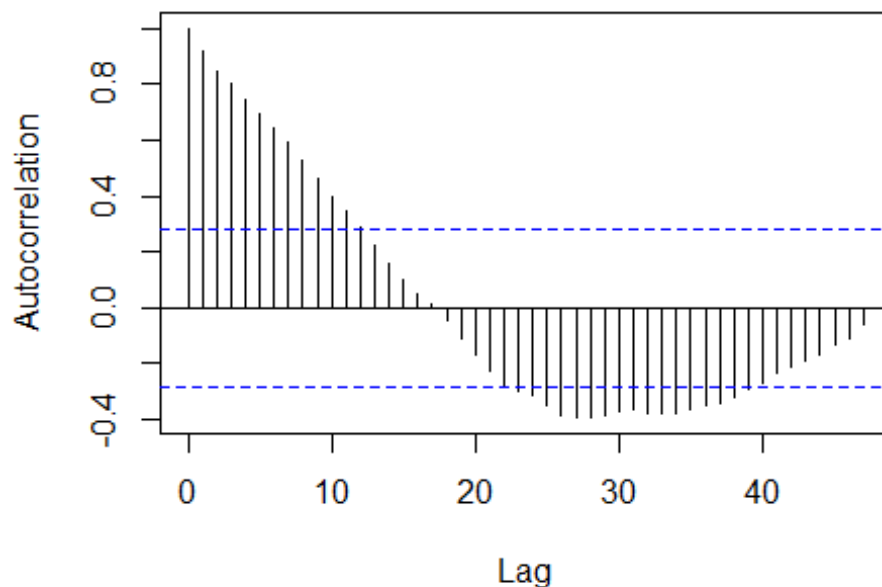


Figure 3: Sample Autocorrelation function (ACF) for the US production of blue and gorgonzola cheeses for 1950 -1997

From Figure 3, the ACF plot depicted above, we can clearly say that, this time series is not stationary as the value of ACF were not decreased to zero over time. In addition, there is no presence of mild sinusoidal pattern. For more clarification, we have checked the variogram for the US production of blue and gorgonzola cheeses (if we are unable to predict the data

to be either stationary or not by means of ACF, then we can analyze further with the help of variogram analysis).

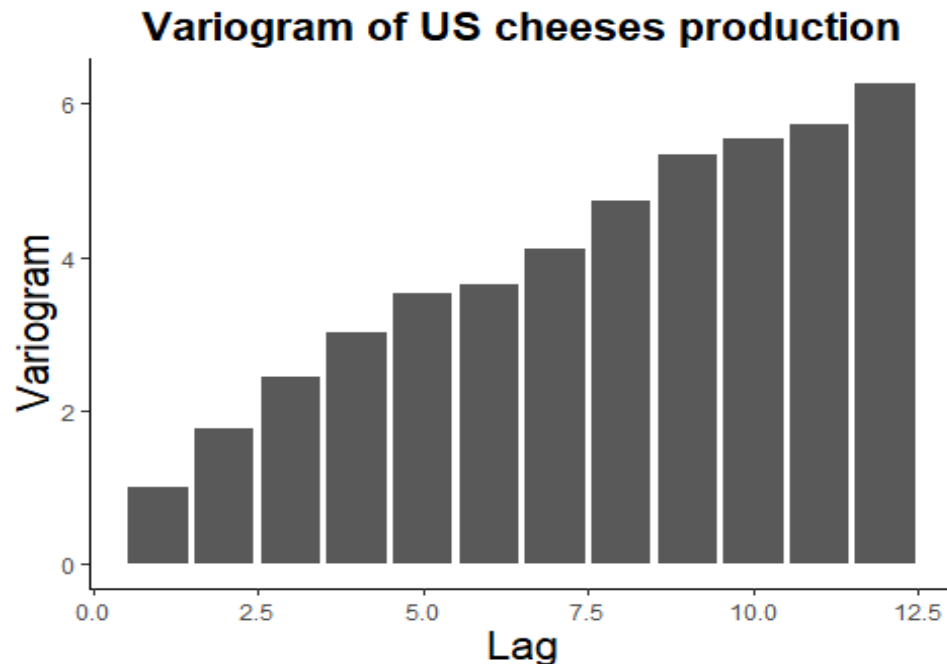
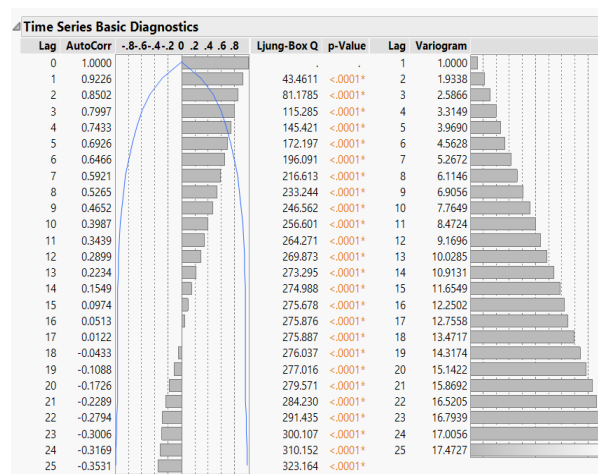


Figure 4: variogram of US blue and gorgonzola cheeses production for 1950 -1997

From Figure 4 and the obtained value of variogram, we can clearly say that the values of variogram were increased over time. So, the time series is not stationary. (Note that the variogram varies around a constant number then we can say that, time series is stationary).

Conclusion: The time series of the US production of blue and gorgonzola cheeses is non-stationary data series.



We have got similar results using JMP software. From ACF value, we assumed that time series was weakly stationary but with further analysis with Variogram, we came to a clear conclusion that, this is a non-stationary time series.

Exercise 2.4

Table B.6 contains two time series: the global mean surface air temperature anomaly and the global CO₂ concentration. Find the sample autocorrelation function and the variogram for both of these time series. Is either one of the time series stationary?

Answer: It seems that the variation of the global mean surface air temperature anomaly in °C from 1880 -2004 is non-stationary from the time series plot in Figure 5. Because, the values are increasing over time.

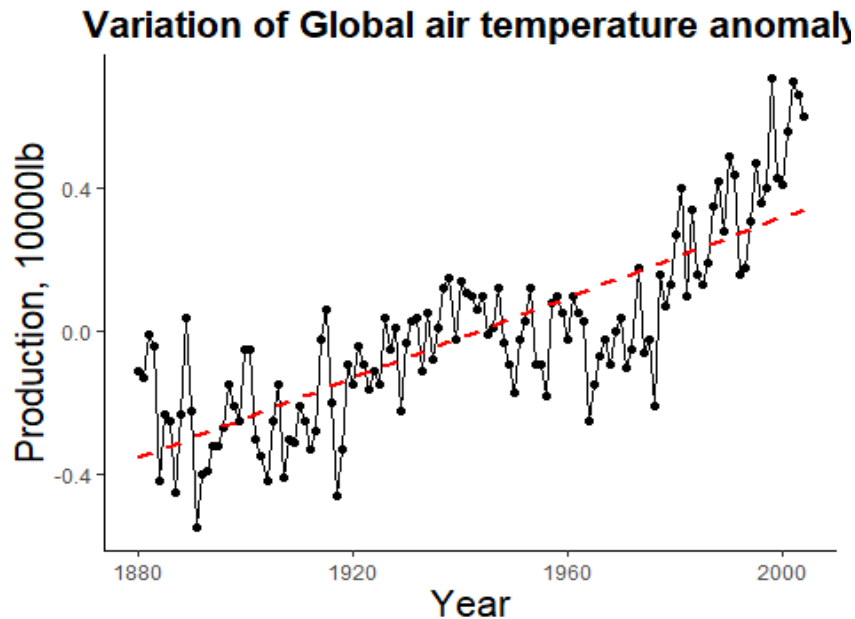


Figure 5: Variation of the global mean surface air temperature anomaly in oC from 1880 - 2004. The red dot line shows the fitted regression line.

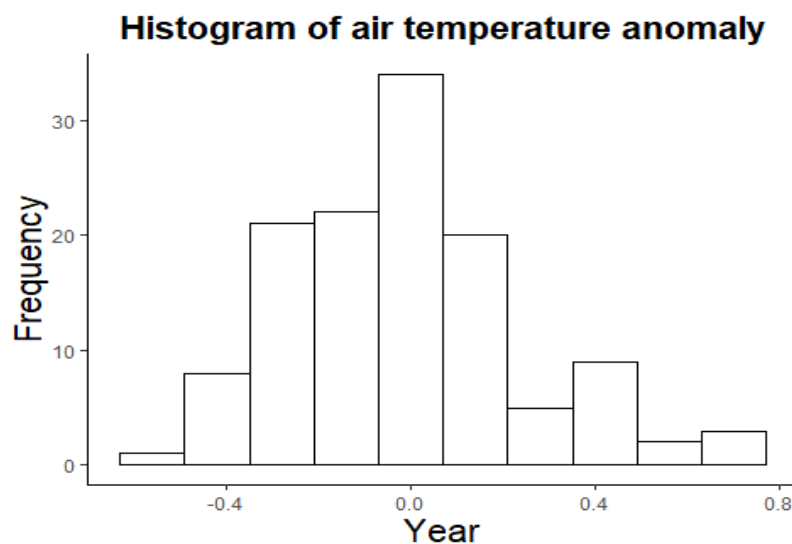


Figure 6: Histogram of Global air temperature anomaly

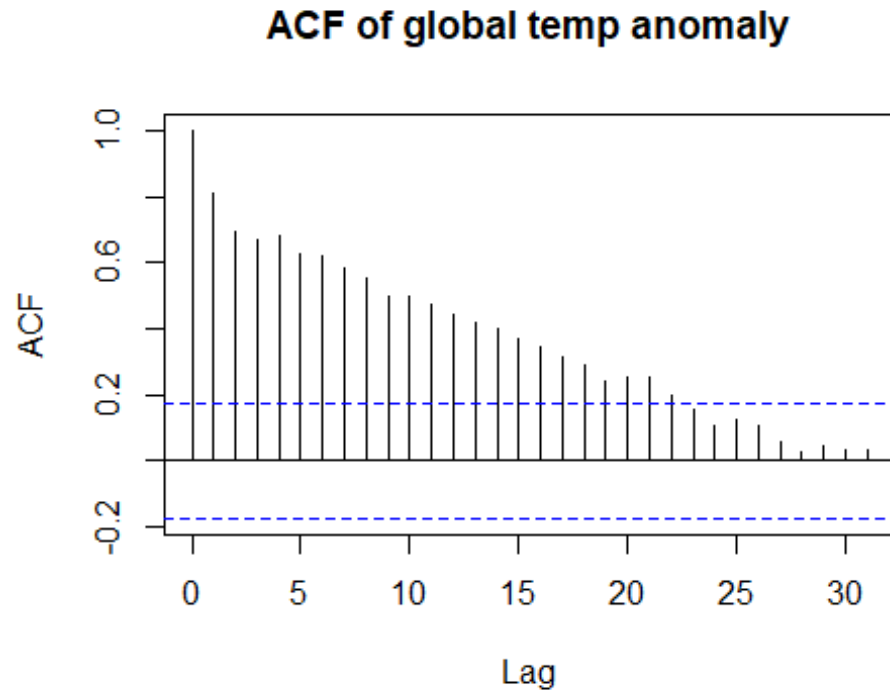


Figure 7: Sample Autocorrelation function (ACF) for the global surface temperature anomaly for 1880 -2004

From Figure 7, the ACF plot depicted above, we can clearly say that this time series is stationary as the value of ACF were decreased to zero over time. In addition, there is a presence of mild sinusoidal pattern in lag 24 and 28 which is one of the criteria of a typical time series plot. But it seems that there is a confusion from time series plot and ACF.

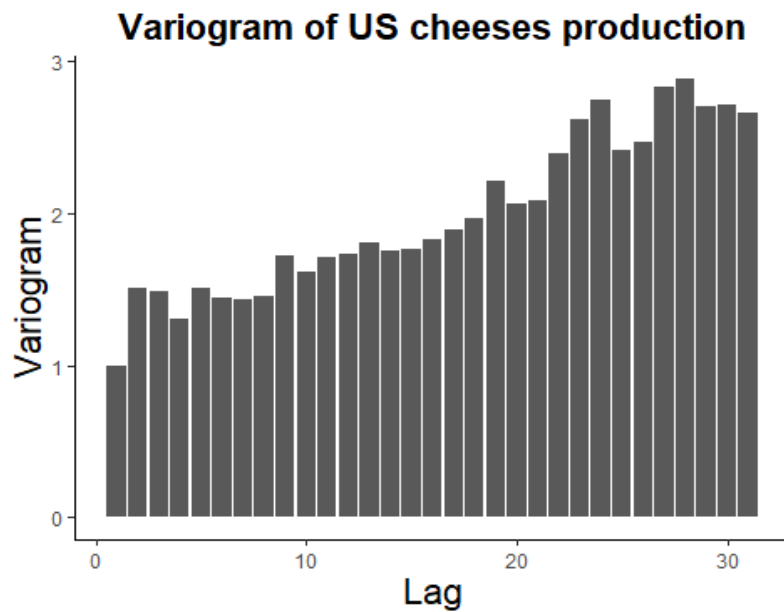
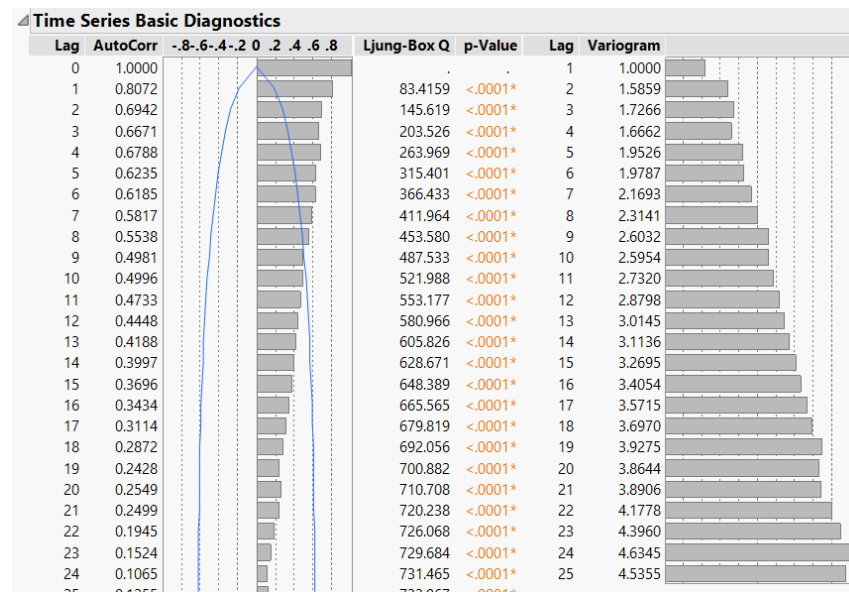


Figure 8: variogram of the global surface temperature anomaly

Therefore, the variogram plot has been analyzed for this data set to predict the data to be either stationary or not as the ACF and visual inspection gives doubt. From Figure 8 and the obtained value of variogram, we can clearly say that the values of variogram were constant over time after lag 28. So, the time series is stationary. However, the values are almost increasing at the beginning up to 25 lag.

Conclusion: We have got similar results using JUMP software. From ACF value, we assumed that time series was stationary and with further analysis with Variogram, we came to a clear conclusion that, this is a stationary time series but **weekly stationary**.



The global CO2 concentration:

It seems that the variation of the global CO2 concentration from 1880 -2004 is non-stationary from the time series plot in Figure 9. Because, the values are increasing over time.

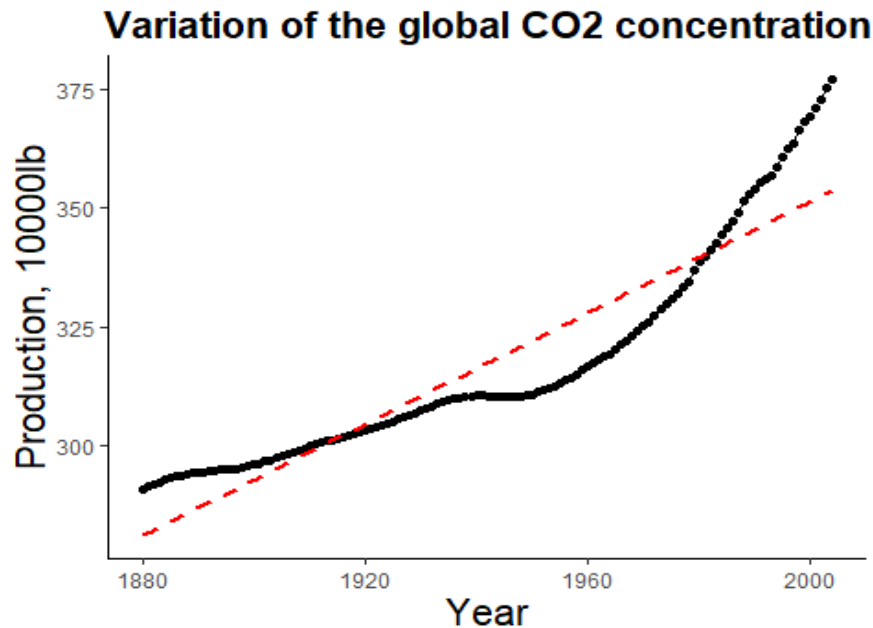


Figure 9: Variation of the global CO2 concentration from 1880 -2004. The red dot line shows the fitted regression line.

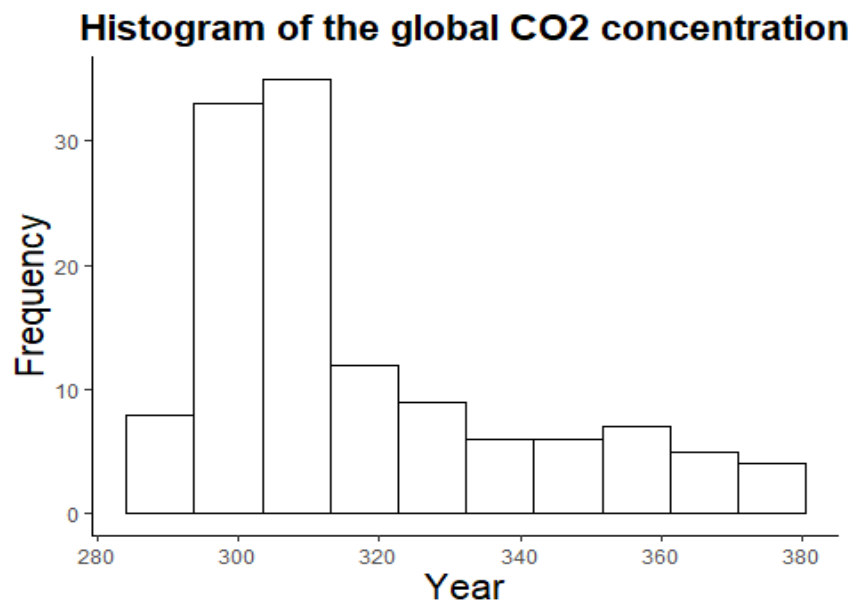


Figure 10: Histogram of the global CO2 concentration

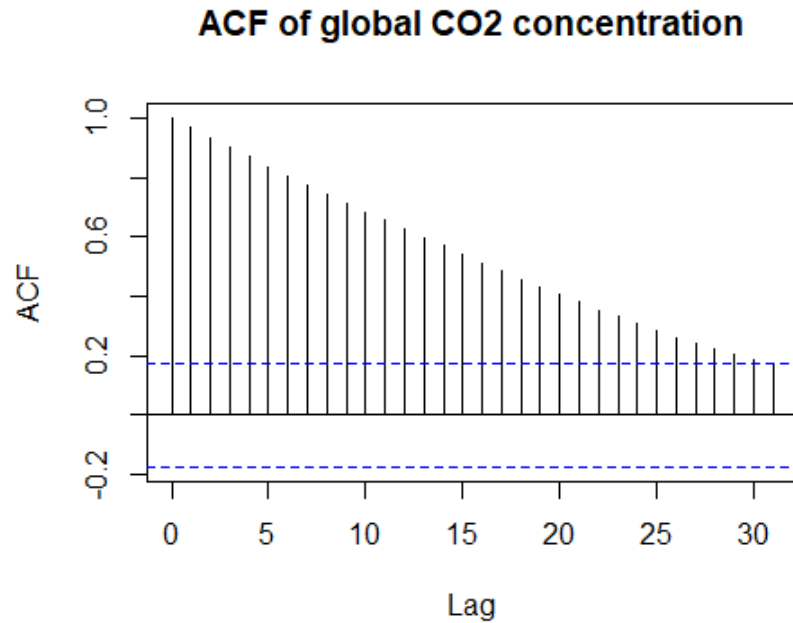


Figure 11: Sample Autocorrelation function (ACF) for the the global CO2 concentration

From Figure 11, the ACF plot depicted above, we can clearly say that this time series is not stationary as the value of ACF were not decreased to zero over lag period up to $\frac{1}{4}$ of the data set. In addition, there is no presence of mild sinusoidal pattern.

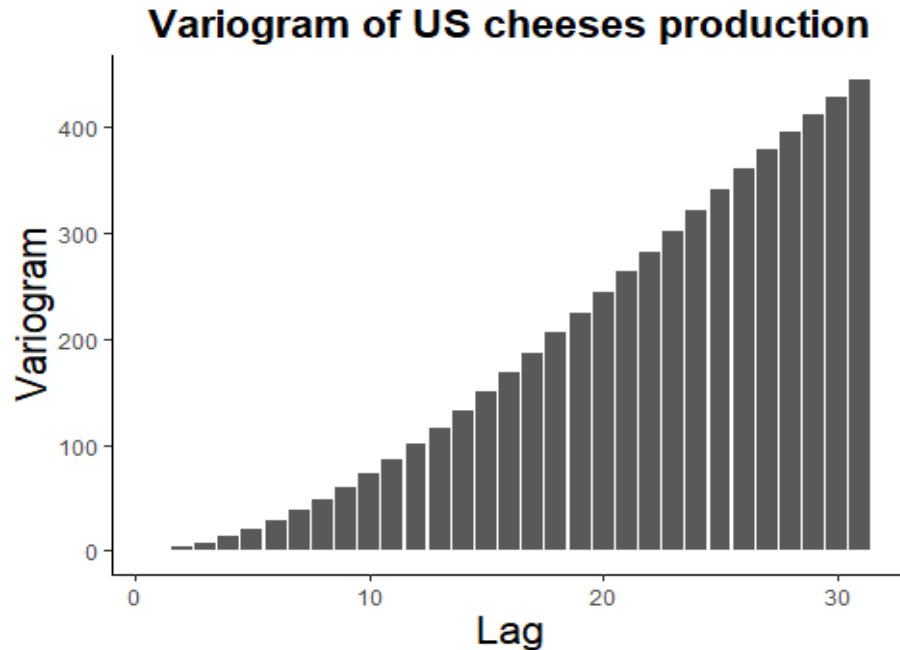


Figure 12: variogram of US blue and gorgonzola cheeses production for 1950 -1997

Moreover, the Figure 12 shows that the variogram values are increasing with increasing the lag value therefore, we can clearly say that the values of variogram were increased over time. So, the time series is not stationary.

Conclusion: From ACF value, we assumed that time series was not stationary and with further analysis with Variogram, we came to a clear conclusion that, this is a non-stationary time series. We have got similar results using JUMP software.

