

Ecological forecasting in R

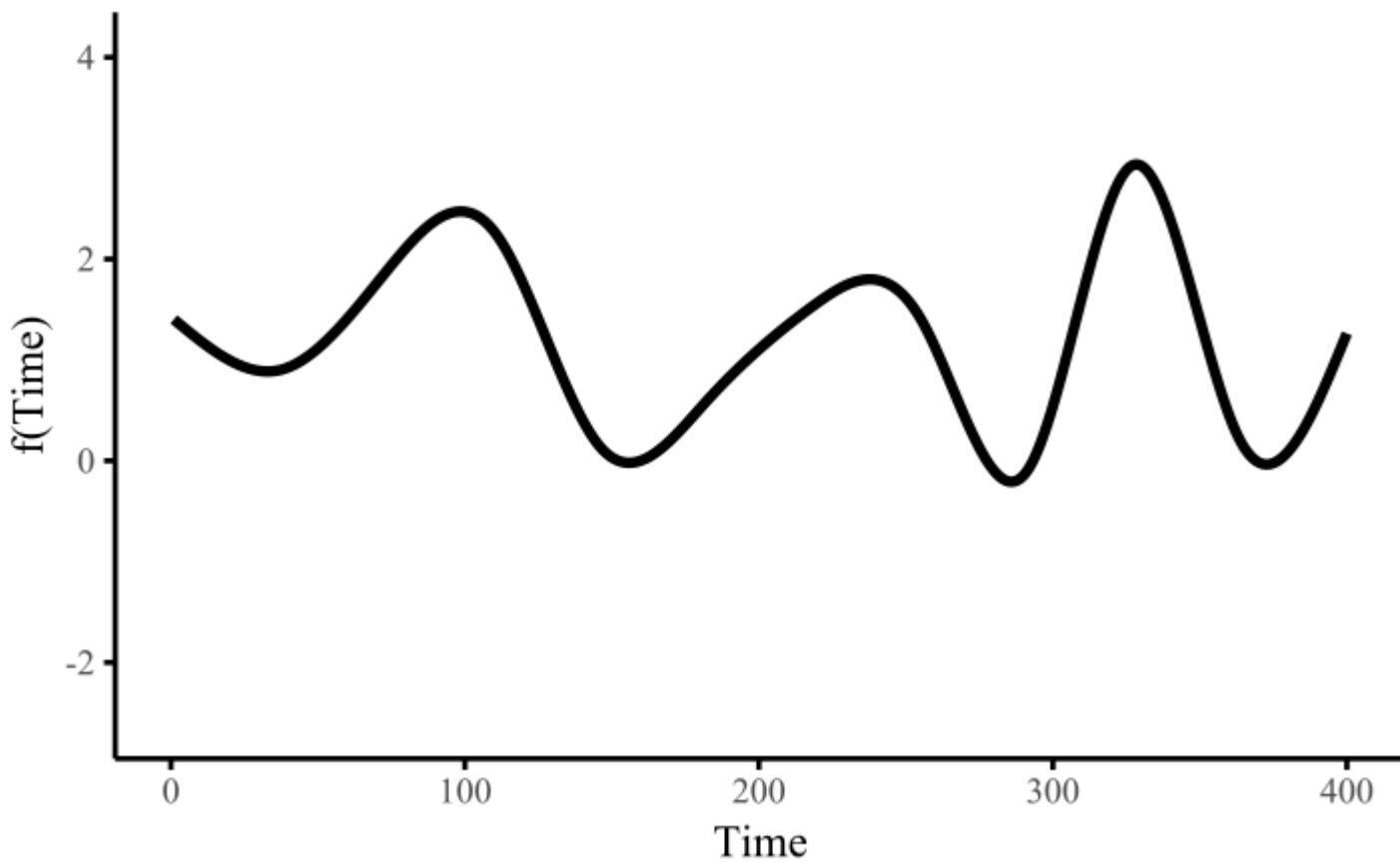
Lecture 2: dynamic GLMs and GAMs

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Workflow

Press the "o" key on your keyboard to navigate among slides

Access the [tutorial html here](#)

Download the data objects and exercise  script from the html file

Complete exercises and use Slack to ask questions

Relevant open-source materials include:

[An introduction to Bayesian multilevel modeling with `brms`](#)

[Introduction to Generalized Additive Models with !\[\]\(ec9132f1d27c8919987d92907322654d_img.jpg\) and `mgcv`](#)

[Forecasting with Dynamic Generalized Additive Models](#)

[Statistical Rethinking 2023 - 12 - Multilevel Models](#)

This lecture's topics

Useful probability distributions for ecologists

Generalized Linear and Additive Models

Temporal random effects

Temporal residual correlation structures

When applying statistical modelling to a time series, we aim to estimate parameters for a collection of probability distributions

These distributions are indexed by *time* (i.e. the observations are random draws from a set of time-varying distributions)

Usually we allow the mean of these distributions to vary over time. But what kinds of distributions are available to us?

Useful probability distributions

Normal (Gaussian)

$$Y_t \sim \text{Normal}(\mu_t, \sigma)$$

Properties

Real-valued continuous observations (including any decimal)

Unbounded (supports $-\infty$ to ∞)

Symmetric spread, controlled by σ , about the mean (μ_t)

Nearly all common time series models assume this data distribution

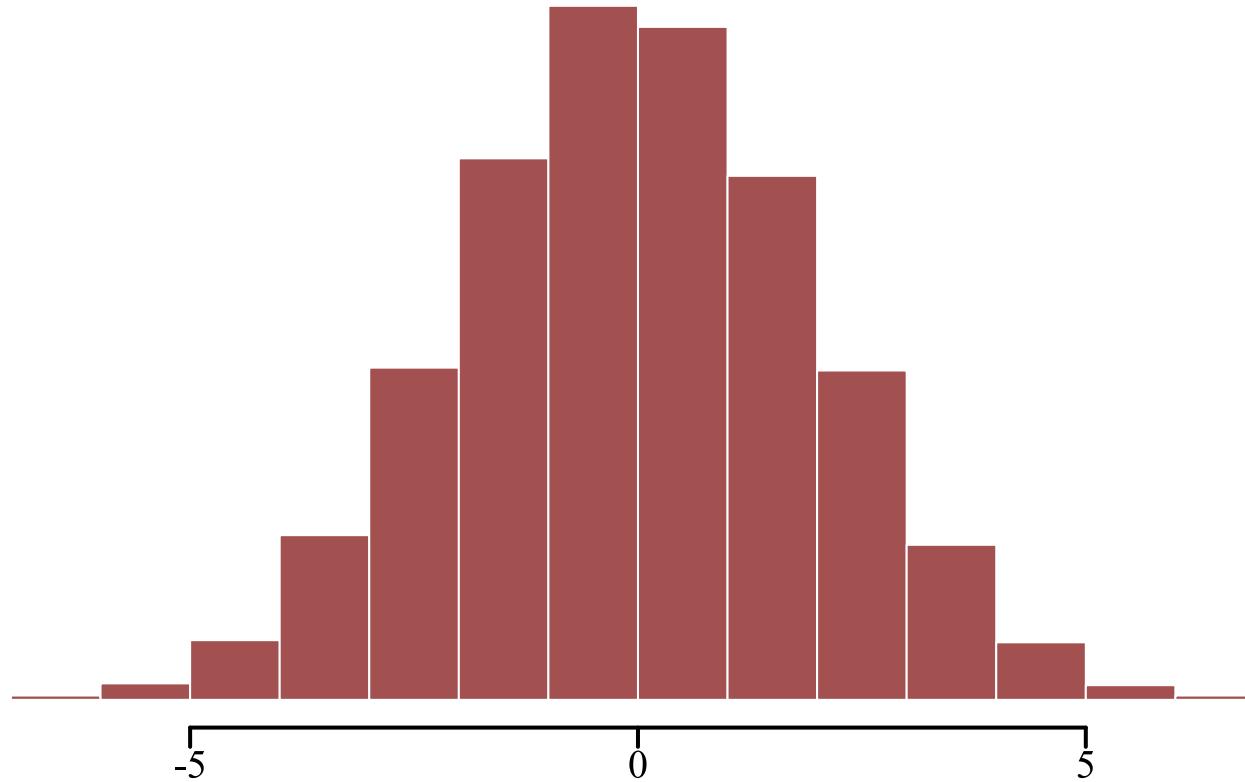
RW, AR, and ARIMA

ETS and TBATS

Meta's Prophet 

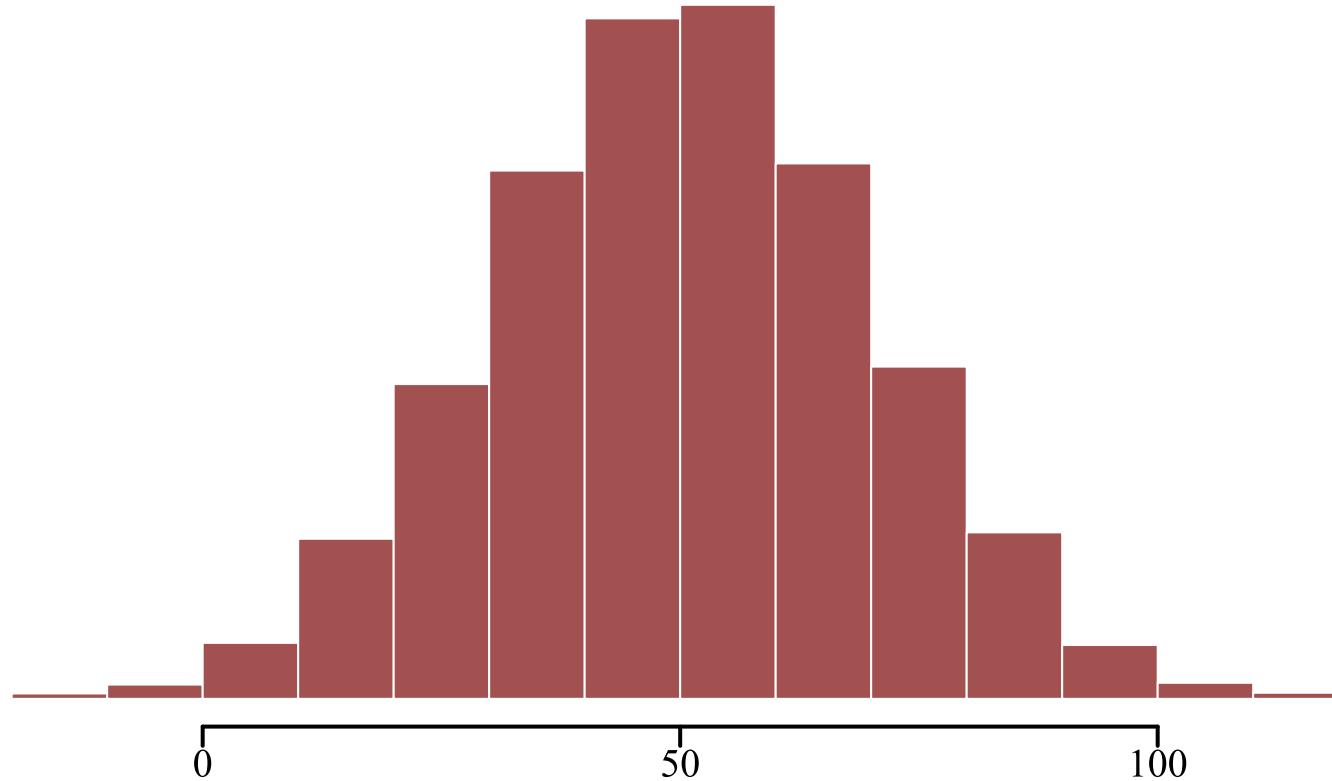
Normal (Gaussian)

$$Y_t \sim \text{Normal}(0, 2)$$



Normal (Gaussian)

$$Y_t \sim \text{Normal}(50, 20)$$



Linear regression

It is common to estimate linear predictors of μ with **regression**

$$\mathbf{Y}_t \sim \text{Normal}(\alpha + \beta * \mathbf{X}_t, \sigma)$$

Where:

\mathbf{X}_t represents a design matrix of covariates that contribute linearly to variation in μ_t

α is an intercept coefficient

β is a vector of regression coefficients

σ controls the spread of the errors about μ_t

ETS(A,A,A) *skip*

Exponential smoothing with additive components for trend, seasonality and error assumes a Normal (Gaussian) distribution

$$Y_t \sim \text{Normal}(l_{t-1} + b_{t-1} + s_{t-m}, \sigma)$$

Where:

l gives the value of the level

b gives the value of the trend

s gives the value of the seasonality

m represents the seasonal period

ARMA(p, q) skip

ARMA processes also assume Normality

$$Y_t \sim \text{Normal}(c + \sum_{k=1}^p \phi_k(Y_{t-k} - c) + \sum_{i=1}^q \theta_i \epsilon_{t-i}, \sigma)$$

Where:

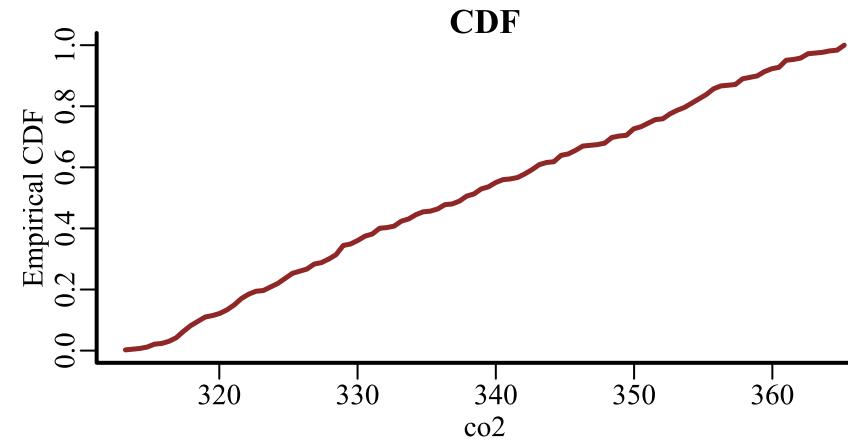
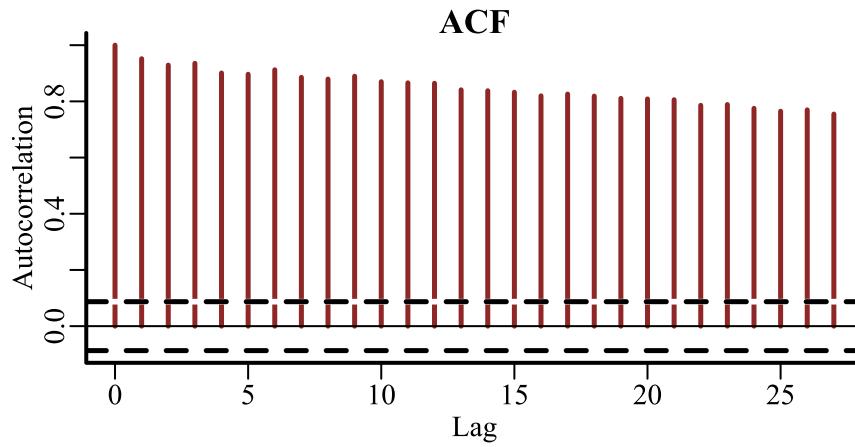
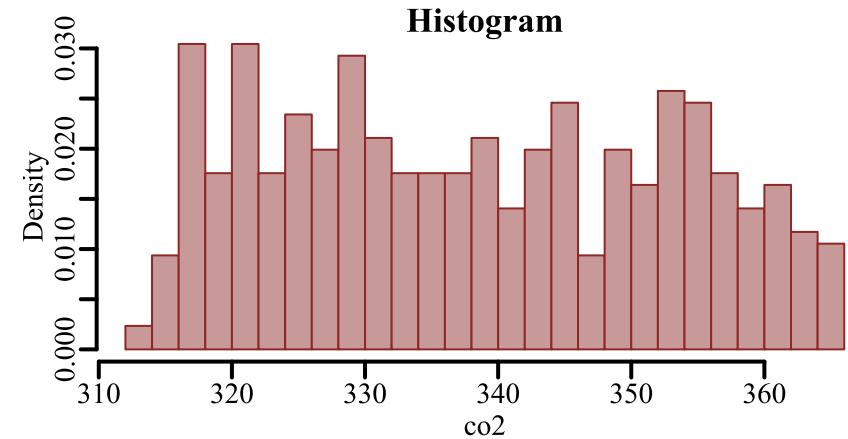
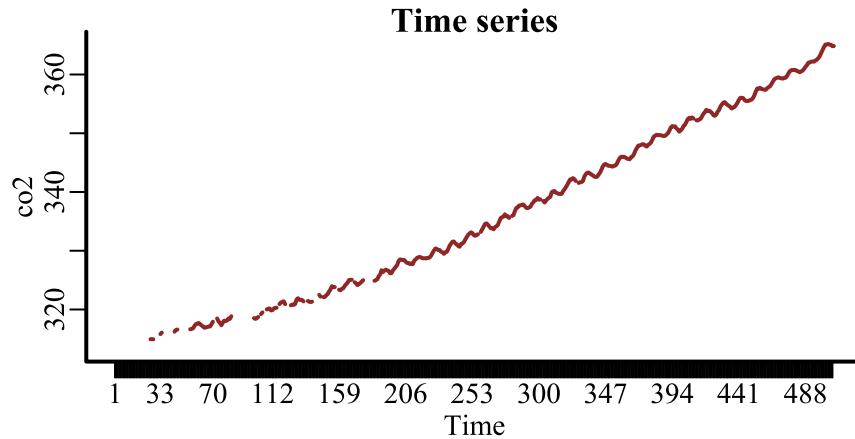
c is a constant (drift parameter)

p and q gives orders of AR and MA processes

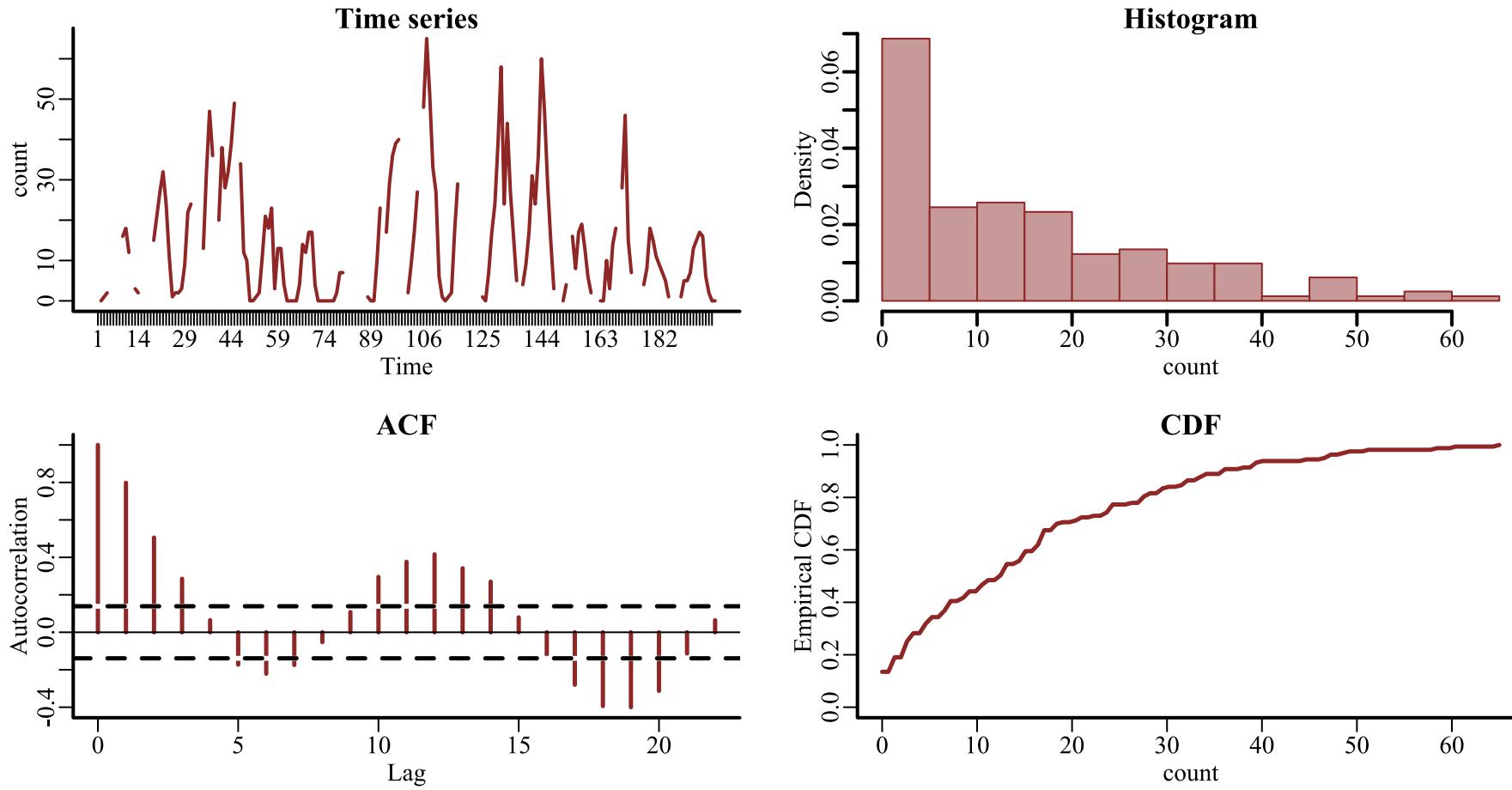
ϕ and θ are AR and MA coefficients

ϵ are historical errors (which are $\text{Normal}(0, \sigma)$)

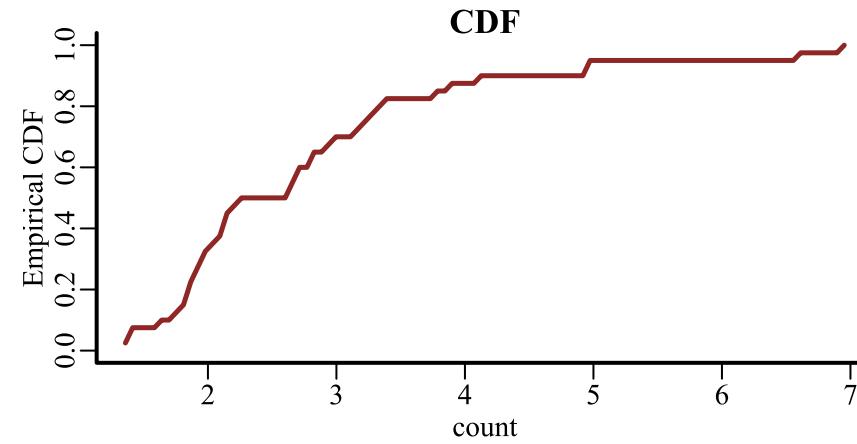
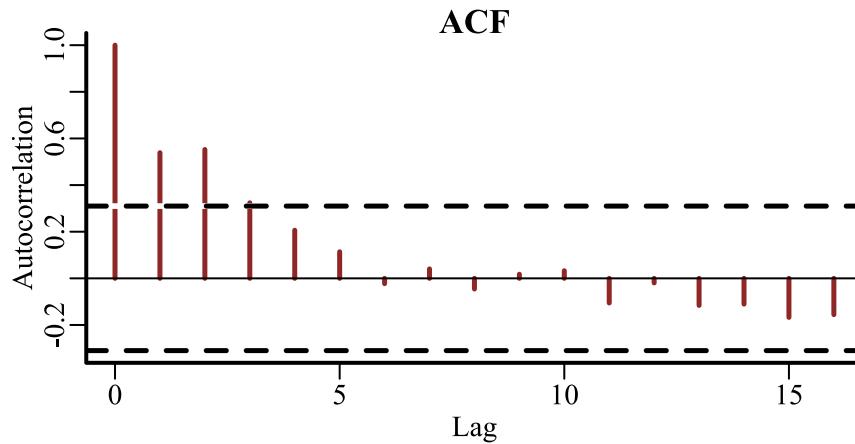
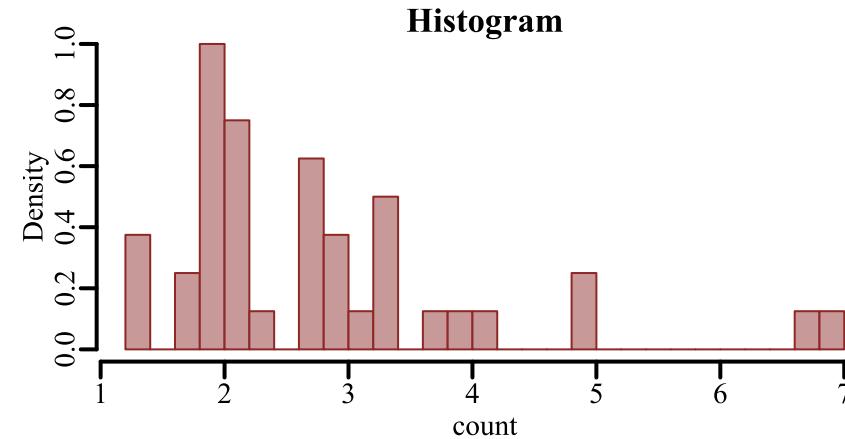
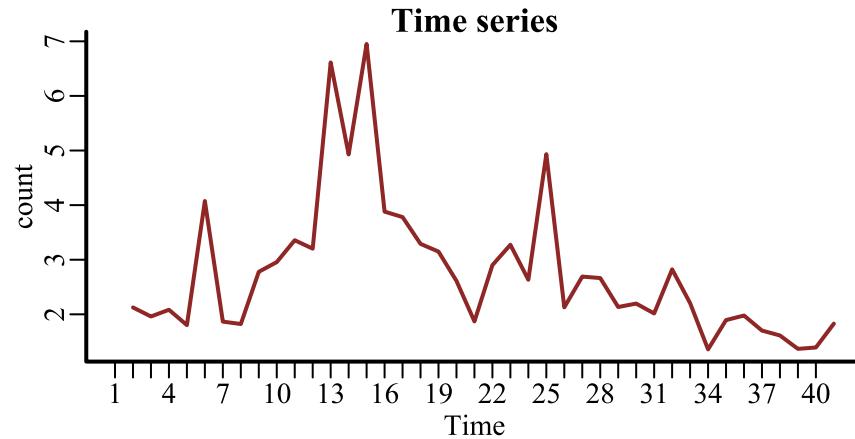
But most real-world ecological observations, including time series, *are not Gaussian*



Properties of monthly CO₂ measurement time series at the South Pole



Properties of lunar monthly Desert Pocket Mouse capture time series from a long-term monitoring study in
Portal, Arizona, USA



Properties of annual American kestrel abundance time series in British Columbia, Canada

“If our data contains small counts (0,1,2,...), then we need to use forecasting methods that are more appropriate for a sample space of non-negative integers.

Such models are beyond the scope of this book”

Hyndman and Athanasopoulos, Forecasting Principles and Practice

Ok. So now what?



Poisson

$$Y_t \sim \text{Poisson}(\lambda_t)$$

Properties

Discrete, integer-valued observations (including 0)

Lower bound (supports 0 to ∞)

mean = variance = λ_t

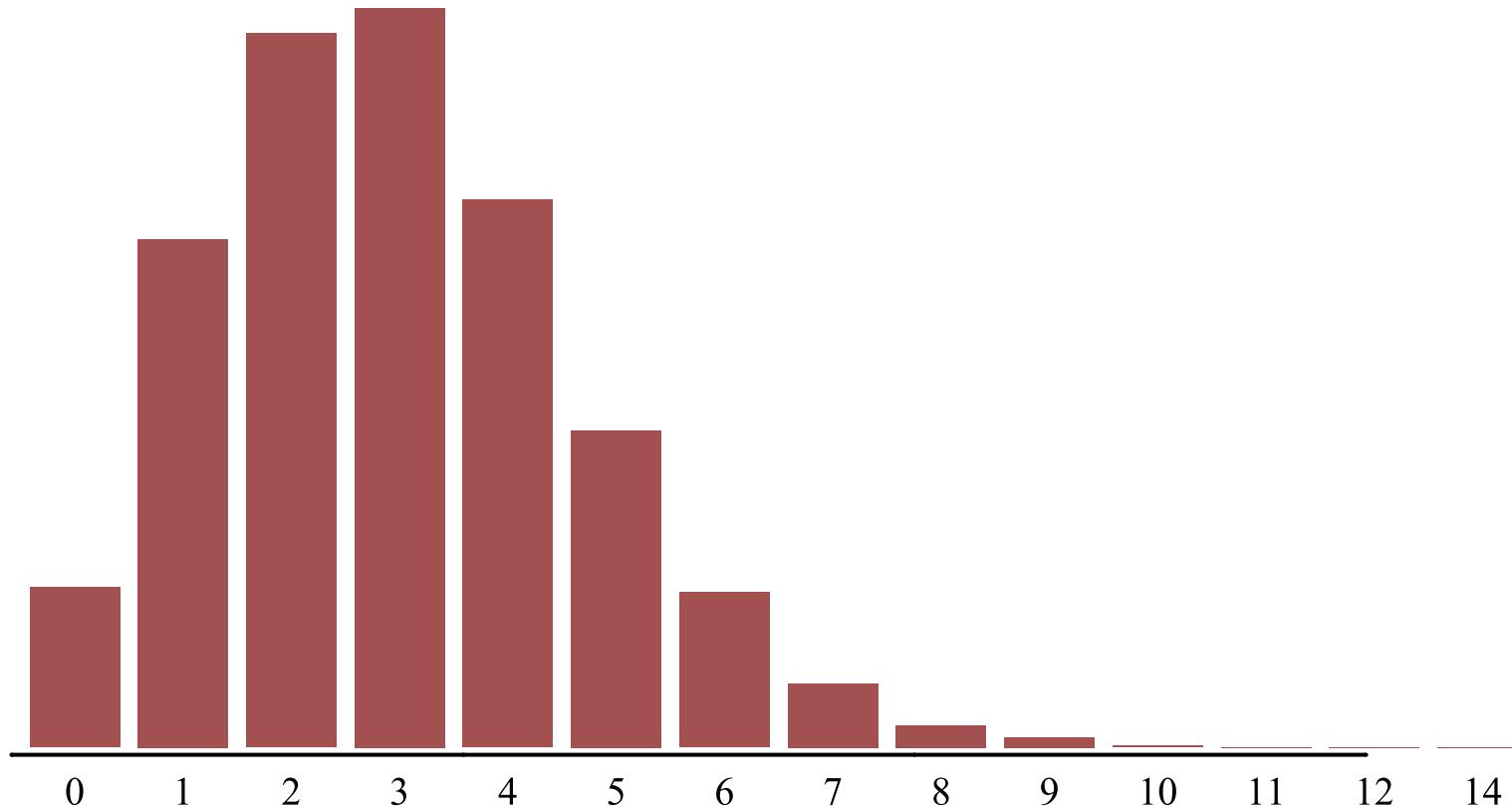
Virtually no time series models support this distribution

Most analysts use [log](#) or [Box-Cox](#) transformation

But see the [tscount](#) 

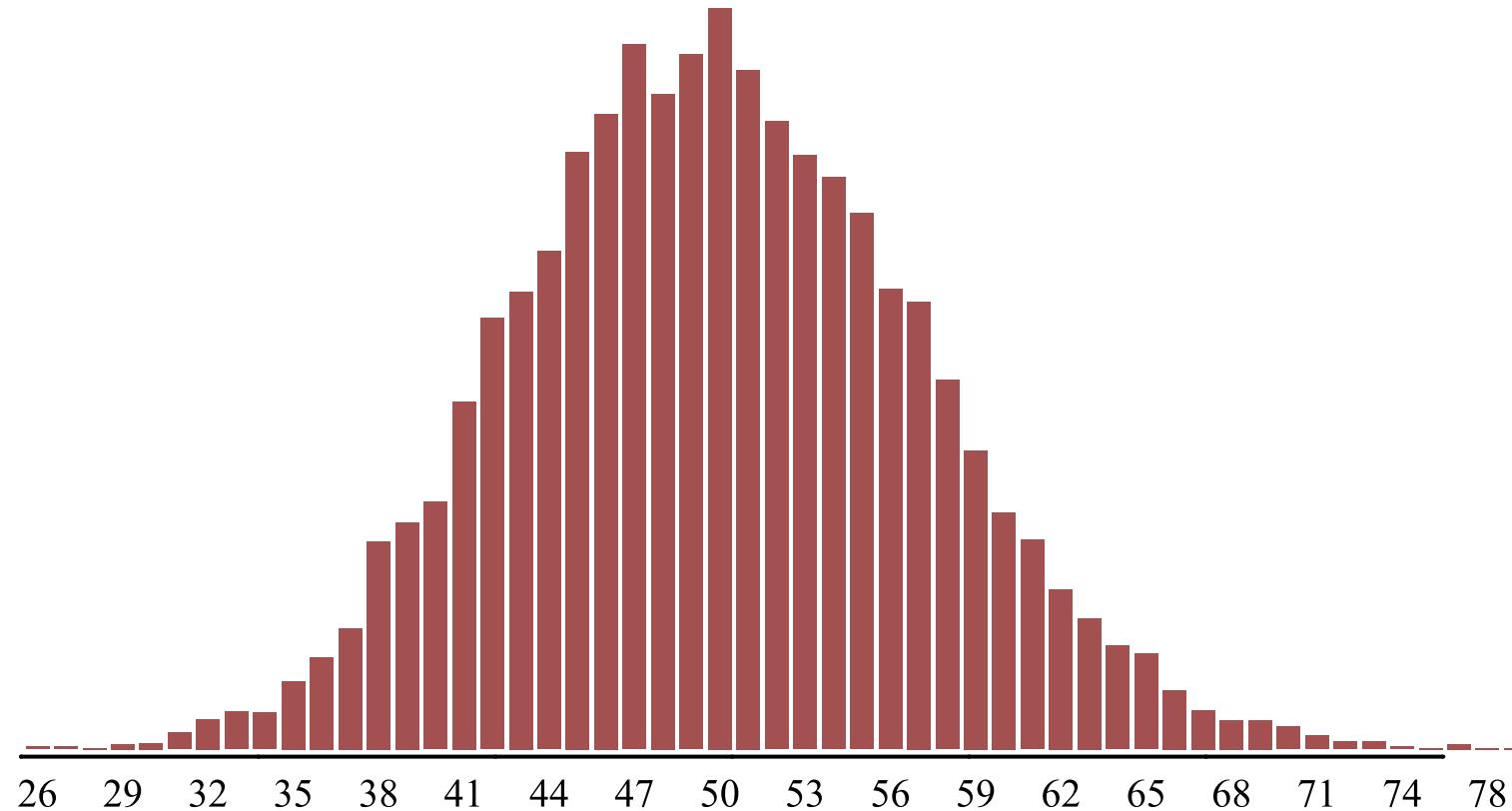
Poisson

$$Y_t \sim \text{Poisson}(3)$$



Poisson

$$Y_t \sim \text{Poisson}(50)$$



How can we model non-Normal data using regression?

Generalized linear models

Linear regression can't be trusted to give sensible predictions for non-negative count data (or other types of bounded / discrete / non-Normal data)

We can do better by choosing distributions that obey the constraints on our outcome variables

The idea is to **generalize** the linear regression by replacing parameters from other probability distributions with linear models

This requires a **link function** that transforms from the unbounded scale of the linear predictor to a scale that is appropriate for the parameters being modeled

Modelling the mean

Most GLMs are used to model the conditional mean (μ_t)

$$\mathbb{E}(\mathbf{Y}_t | \mathbf{X}_t) = \mu_t = g^{-1}(\alpha + \mathbf{X}_t \boldsymbol{\beta})$$

Where:

\mathbb{E}_t is the *expected value* of \mathbf{Y}_t conditional on \mathbf{X}_t

g^{-1} is the *inverse* of the link function

α is an intercept coefficient

$\boldsymbol{\beta}$ is a vector of regression coefficients

Poisson GLM

A Poisson GLM models the conditional mean with a *log* link

$$\mathbf{Y}_t \sim \text{Poisson}(\lambda_t)$$

$$\begin{aligned}\log(\lambda_t) &= \mathbf{X}_t \boldsymbol{\beta} \\ &= \alpha + \beta_1 \mathbf{x}_{1t} + \beta_2 \mathbf{x}_{2t} + \cdots + \beta_j \mathbf{x}_{jt}\end{aligned}$$

Where:

\mathbf{X}_t is the matrix of predictor values at time t

α is an intercept coefficient

$\boldsymbol{\beta}$ is a vector of regression coefficients

$$\mathbb{E}(\mathbf{Y}_t | \mathbf{X}_t) = \exp(\alpha + \mathbf{X}_t \boldsymbol{\beta})$$

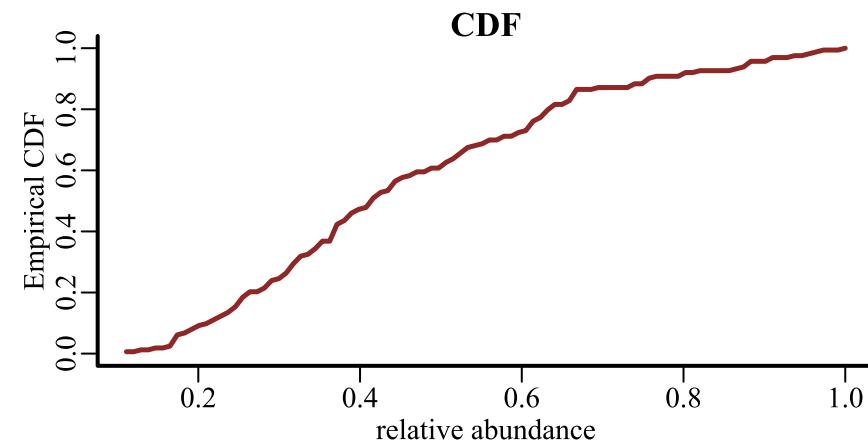
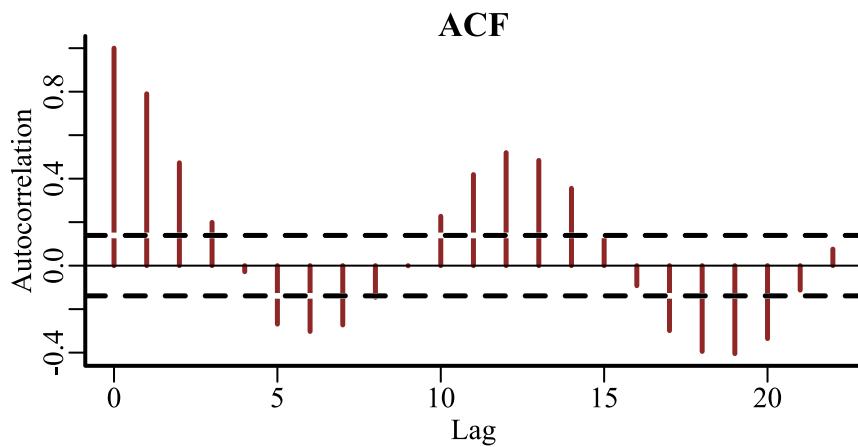
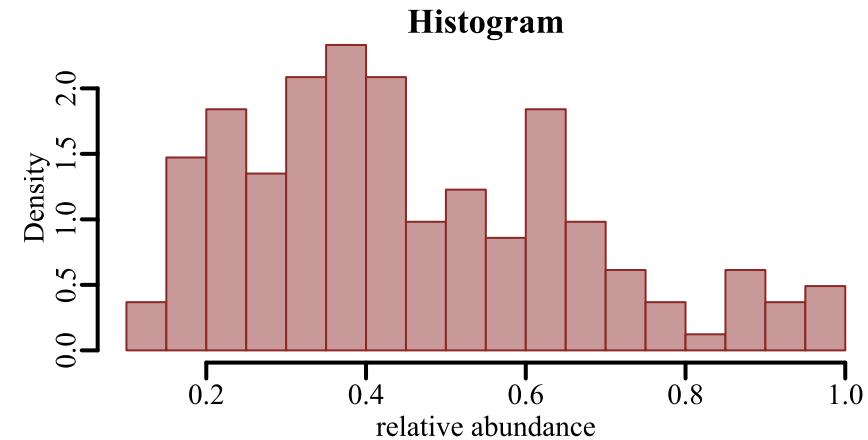
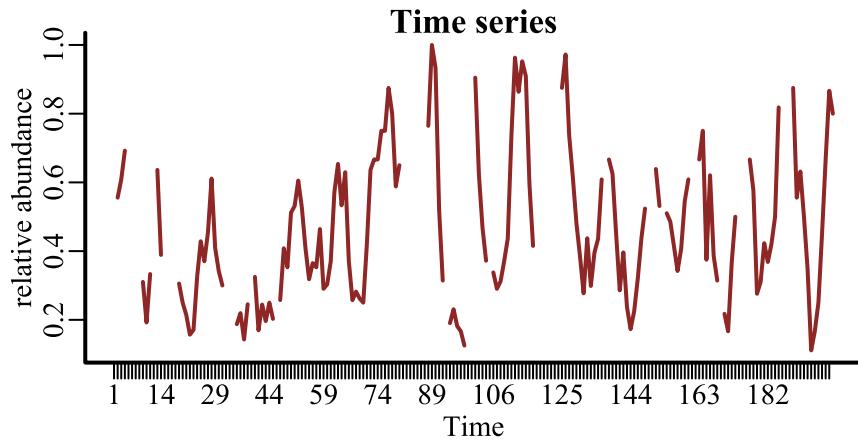
Poisson GLM

A Poisson GLM models the conditional mean with a *log* link

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The ***linear predictor component can be hugely flexible***, as we will see in later slides

What if our data are proportional instead?



Properties of Merriam's kangaroo rat relative abundance time series from a long-term monitoring study in
Portal, Arizona, USA

Beta GLM

A Beta GLM models the conditional mean with a *logit* link

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{Y}_t &\sim \text{Beta}(\mu_t, \phi) \\ \text{logit}(\mu_t) &= \mathbf{X}_t \boldsymbol{\beta} \\ &= \alpha + \beta_1 \mathbf{x}_{1t} + \beta_2 \mathbf{x}_{2t} + \cdots + \beta_j \mathbf{x}_{jt}\end{aligned}$$

Where:

\mathbf{X}_t is the matrix of predictor values at time t

α is an intercept coefficient

$\boldsymbol{\beta}$ is a vector of regression coefficients

$$\mathbb{E}(\mathbf{Y}_t | \mathbf{X}_t) = \text{logit}^{-1}(\alpha + \mathbf{X}_t \boldsymbol{\beta})$$

Some other relevant distributions

Many other useful GLM probability distributions exist. Some of these include:

Negative Binomial – overdispersed integers in $(0, 1, 2, \dots)$

Bernoulli – presence-absence data in $\{0, 1\}$

Student's T – heavy-tailed (skewed) real values in $(-\infty, \infty)$

Lognormal – heavy-tailed (right skewed) real values in $(0, \infty)$

Gamma – lighter-tailed (less skewed) real values in $(0, \infty)$

Multinomial – integers representing K unordered categories in $(0, 1, \dots, K)$

Ordinal – integers representing K ordered categories in $(0, 1, \dots, K)$

GLMs allow us to build models that respect the bounds and distributions of our observed data

They traditionally assume the appropriately transformed mean response depends *linearly* on the predictors

But there are many other properties we'd like to model

Remember these?

Temporal autocorrelation

Lagged effects

Non-Gaussian data and missing observations

Measurement error

Time-varying effects

Nonlinearities

Multi-series clustering

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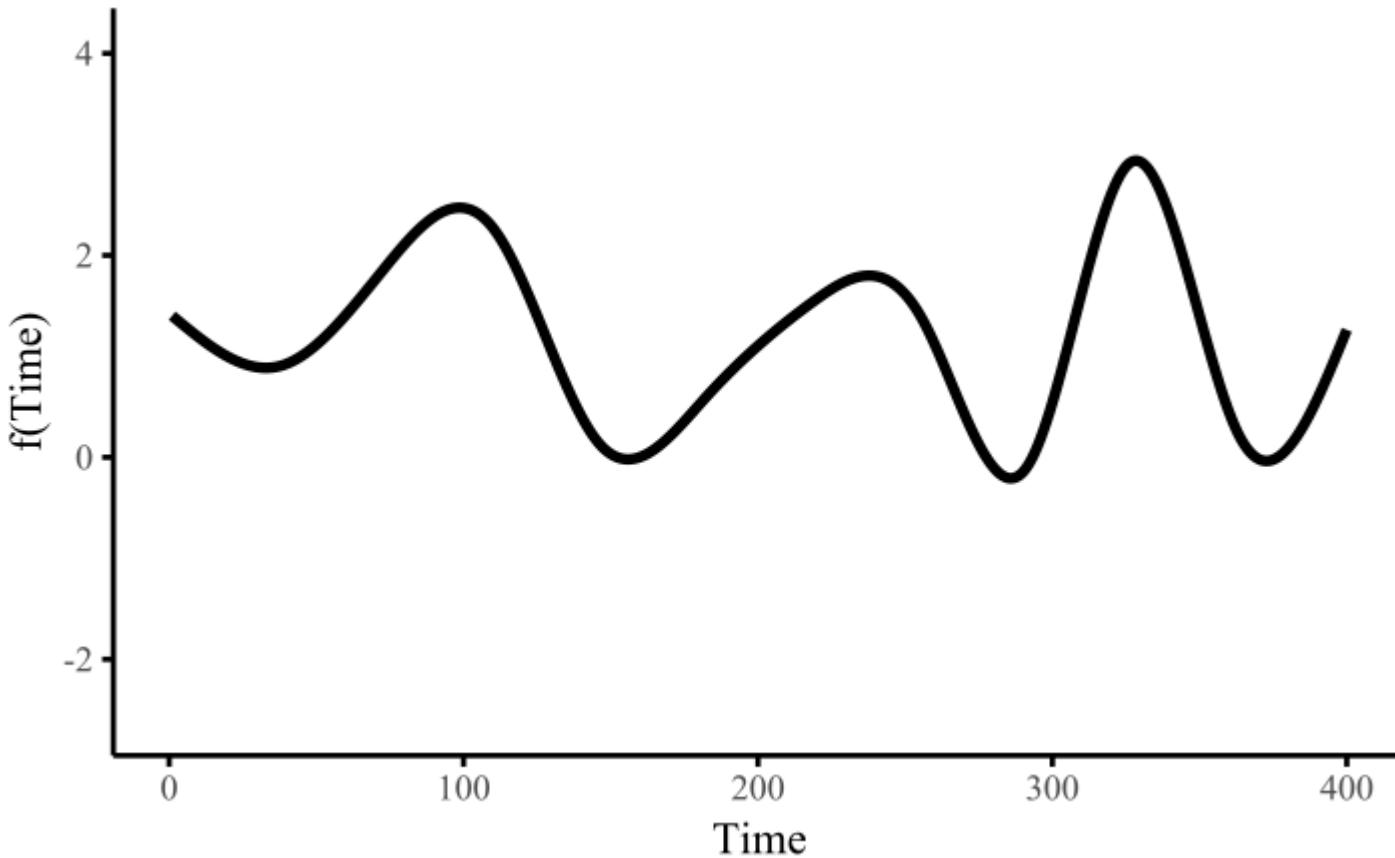
Measurement error

Time-varying effects

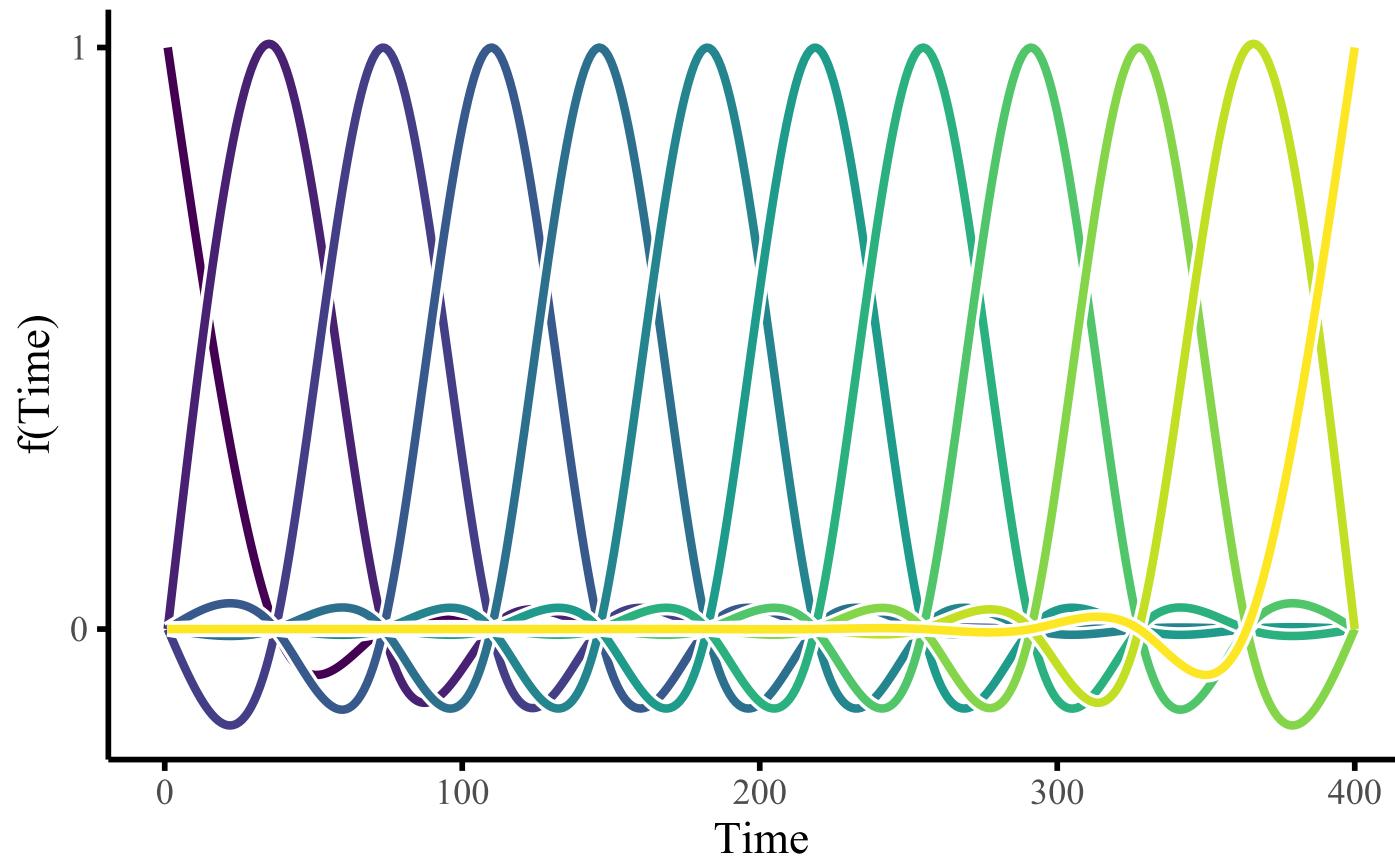
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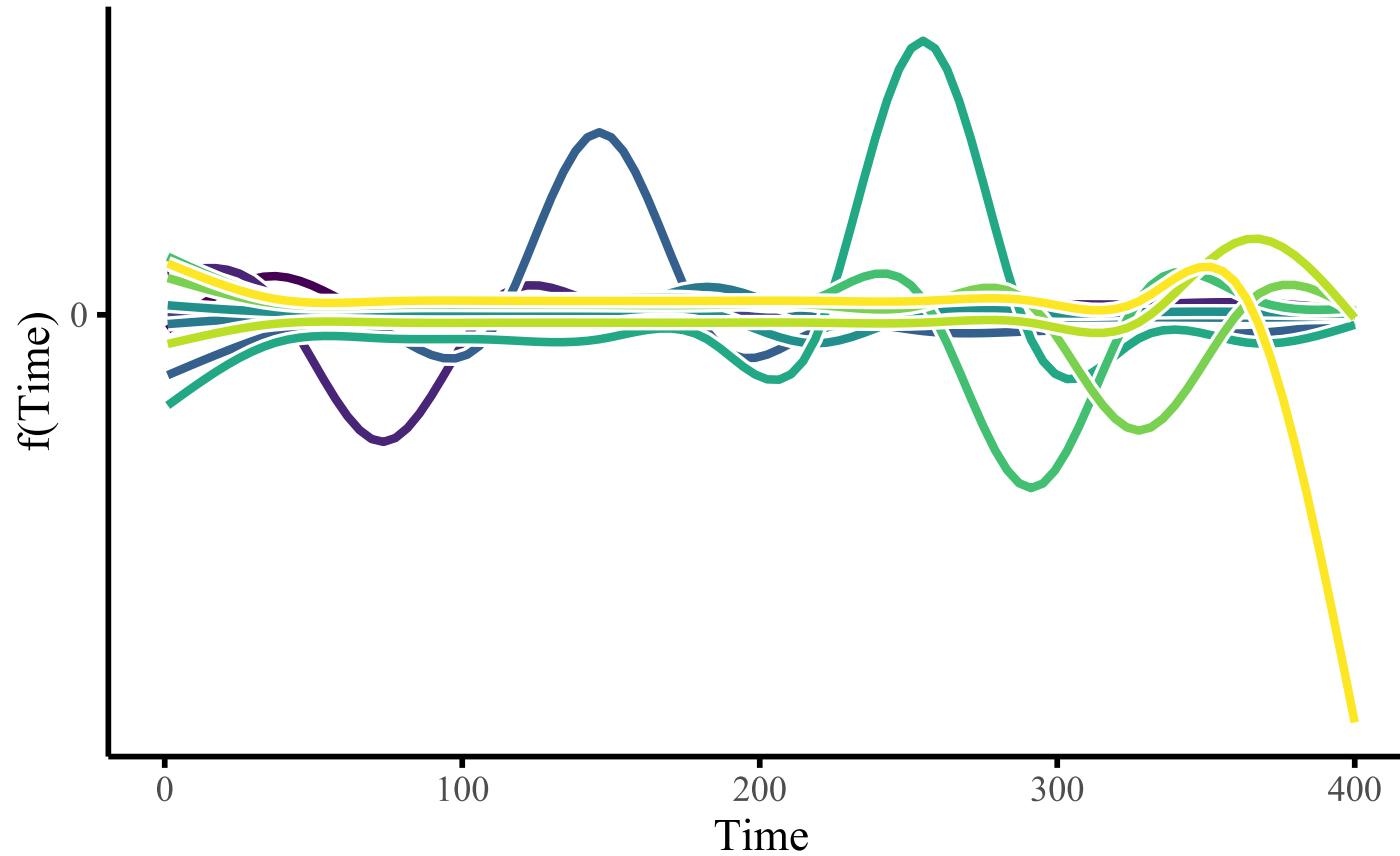
GAMs use splines ...



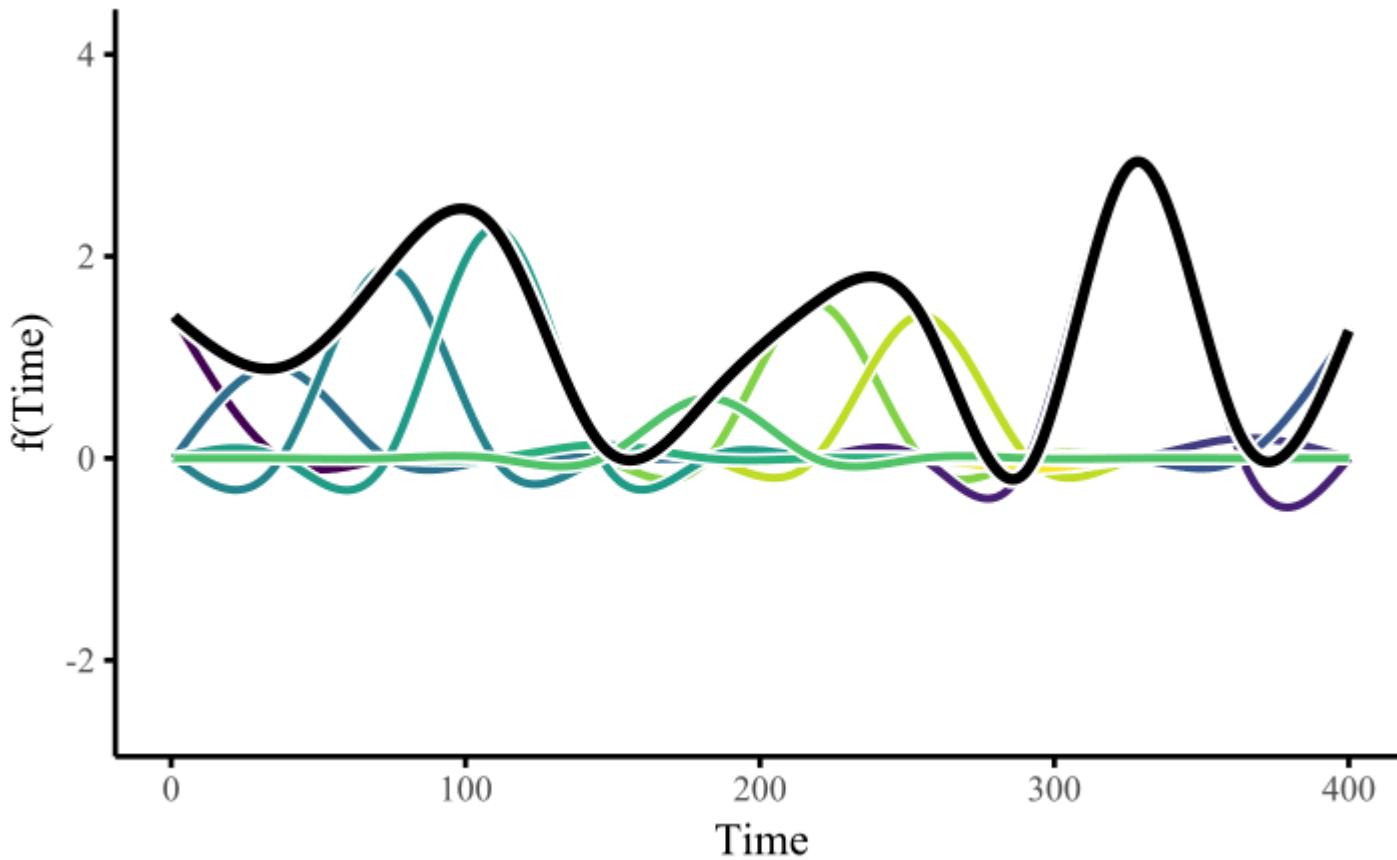
... made of basis functions



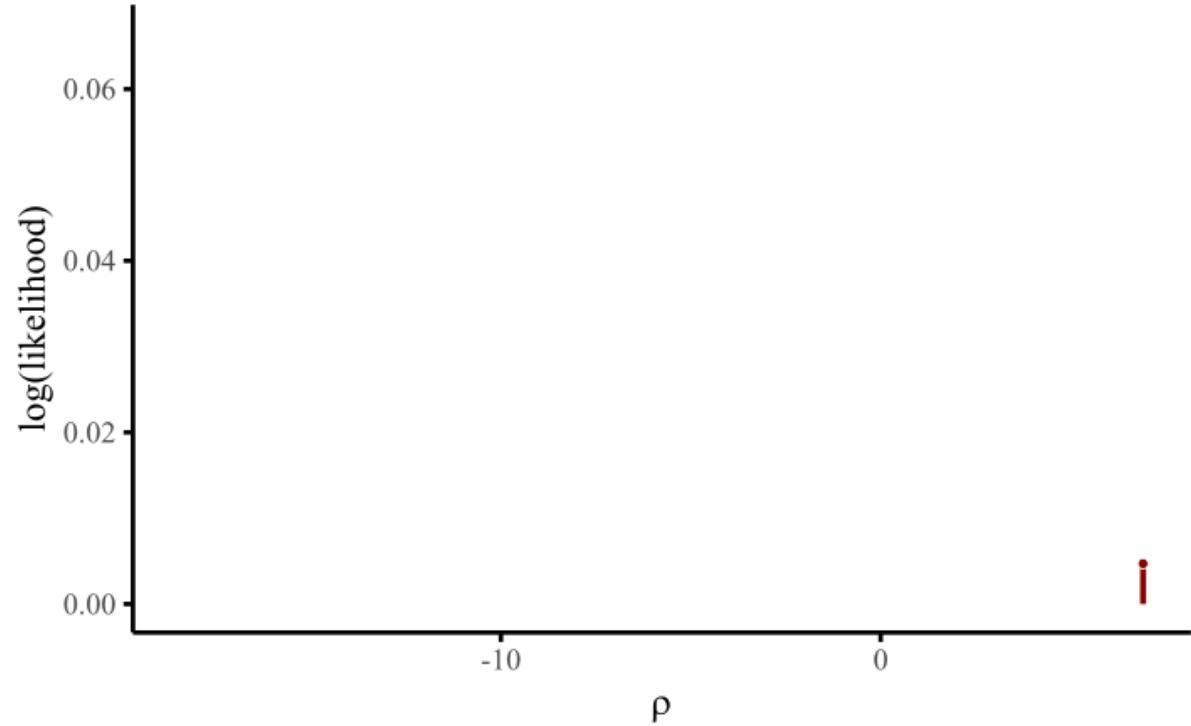
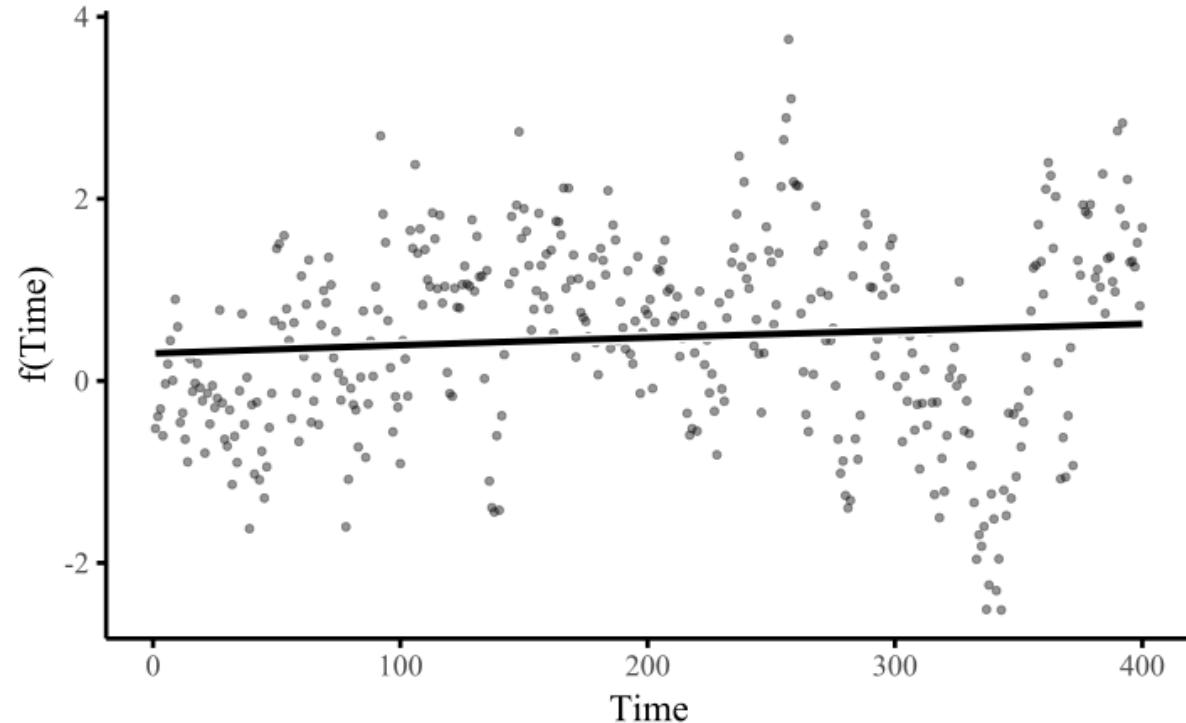
Weighting basis functions ...



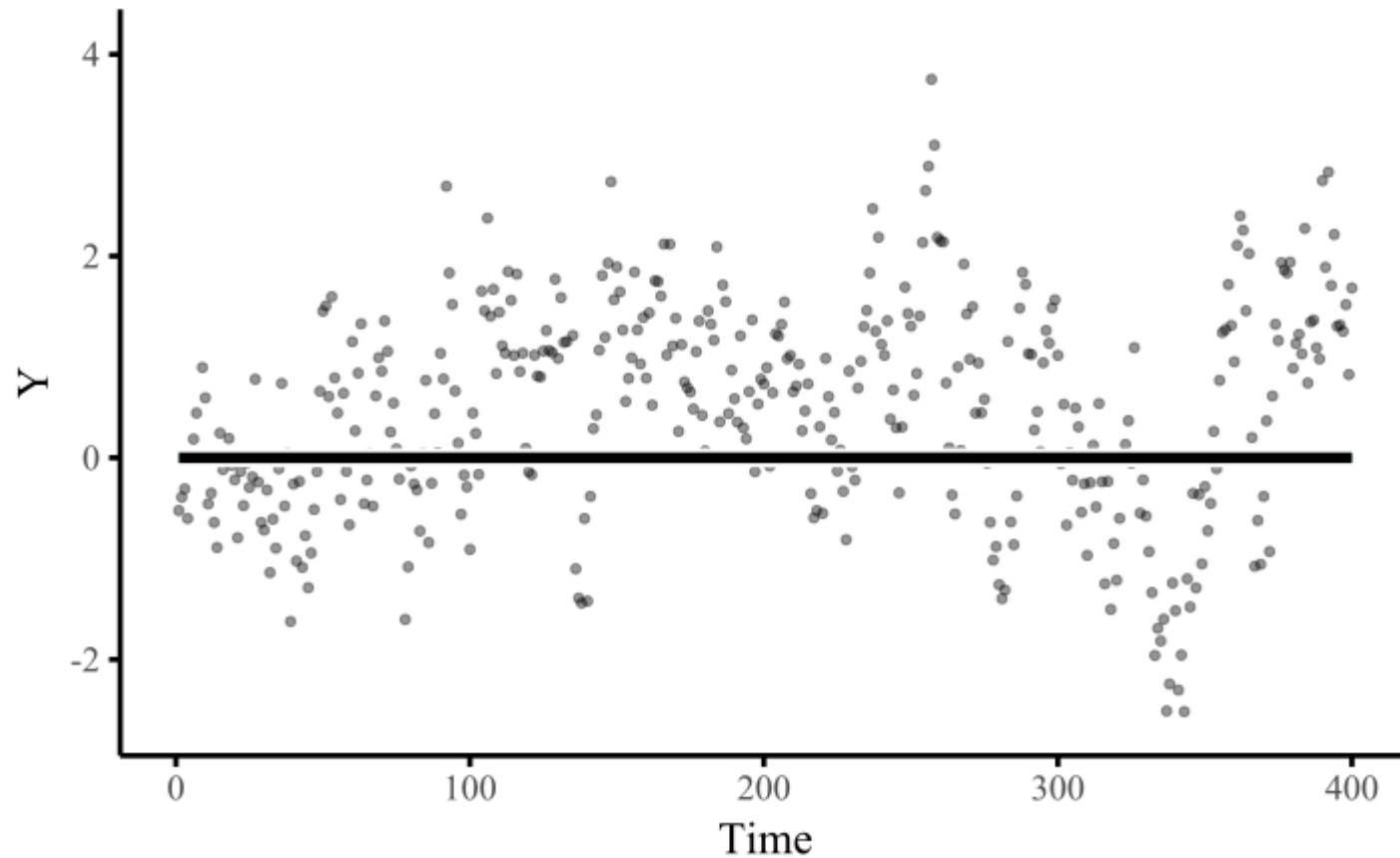
... gives a spline ($f(x)$)



Penalize $f''(x)$ to learn weights

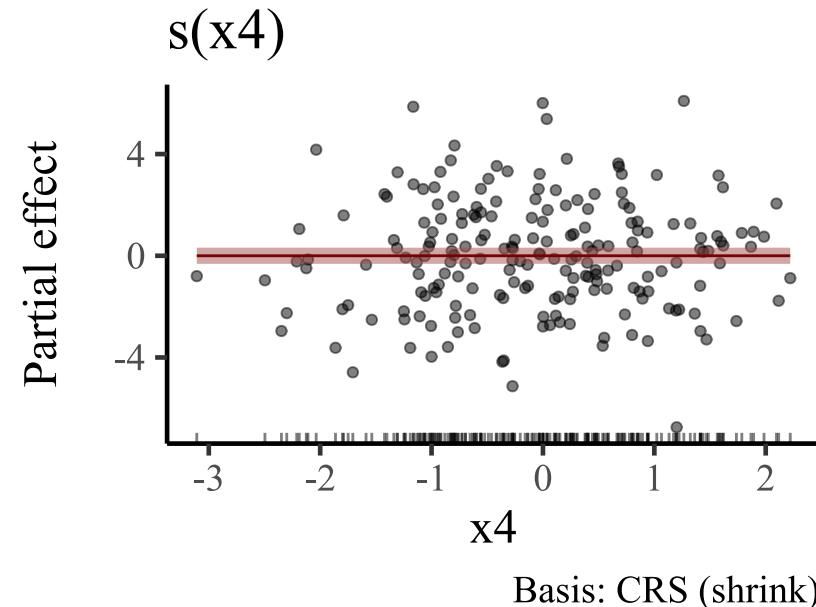
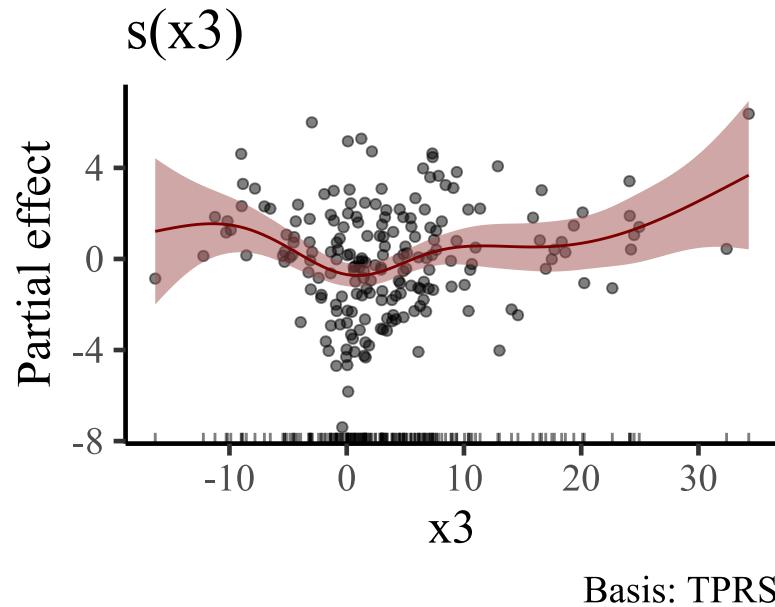
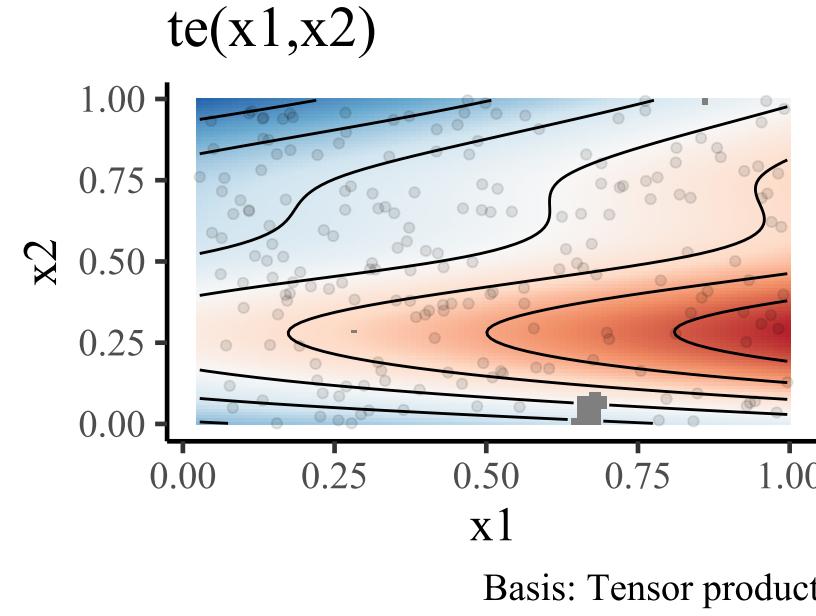
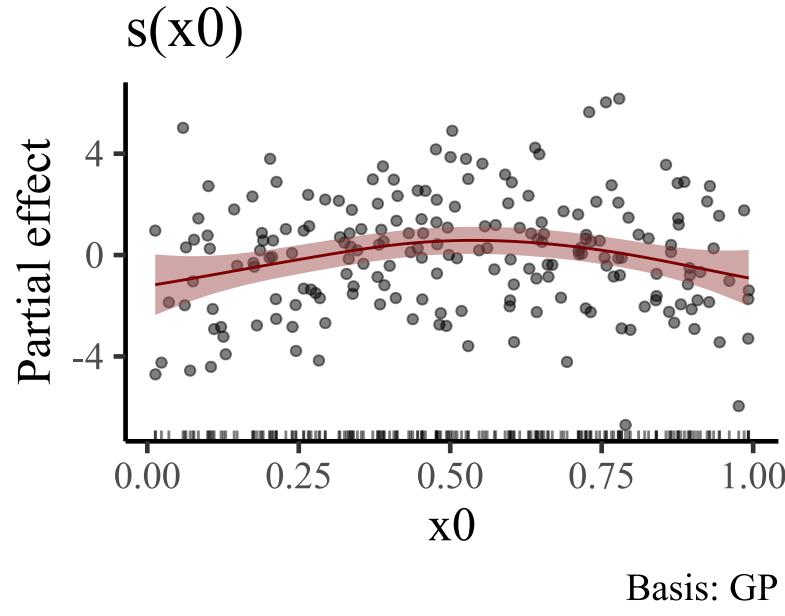


Penalize $f''(x)$ to learn weights



GAMs are just fancy GLMs, where some (or all) of the predictor effects are estimated as (possibly nonlinear) smooth functions

But the complexity they can handle is *enormous*



GAMs easy to fit in

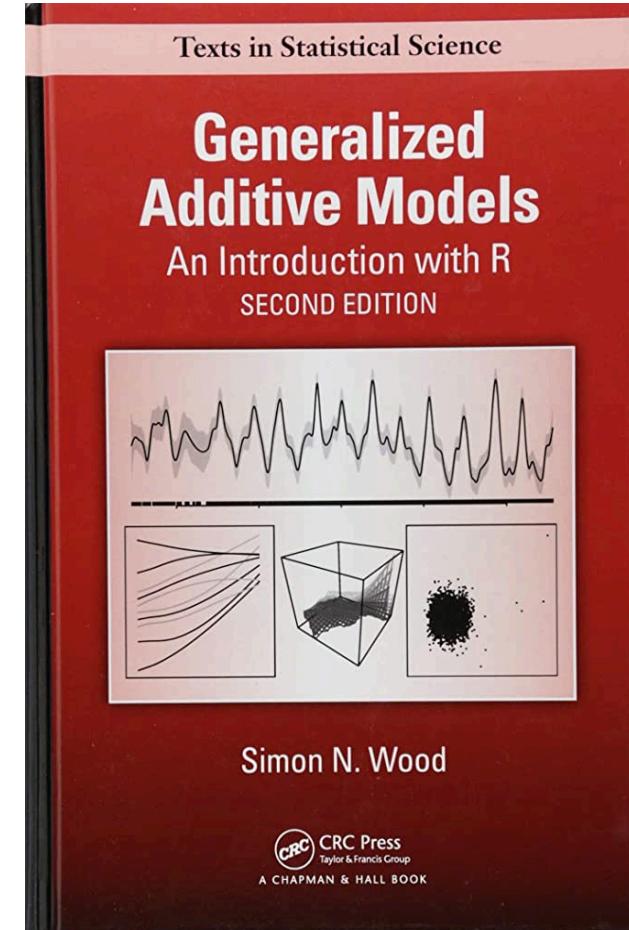
$$\mathbb{E}(Y_t | X_t) = g^{-1}(\alpha + \sum_{j=1}^J f(x_{jt}))$$

Where:

g^{-1} is the *inverse* of the link function

α is the intercept

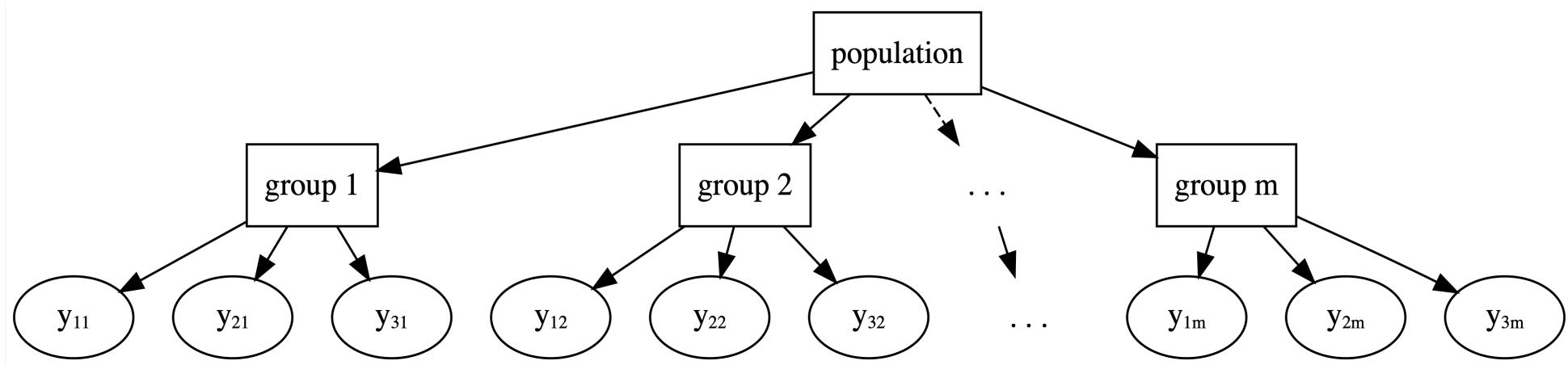
$f(x)$ are potentially nonlinear functions of the J predictors



But how can GAMs and GLMs be useful for modelling ecological time series?

Temporal random effects

Random effects are *hierarchical*



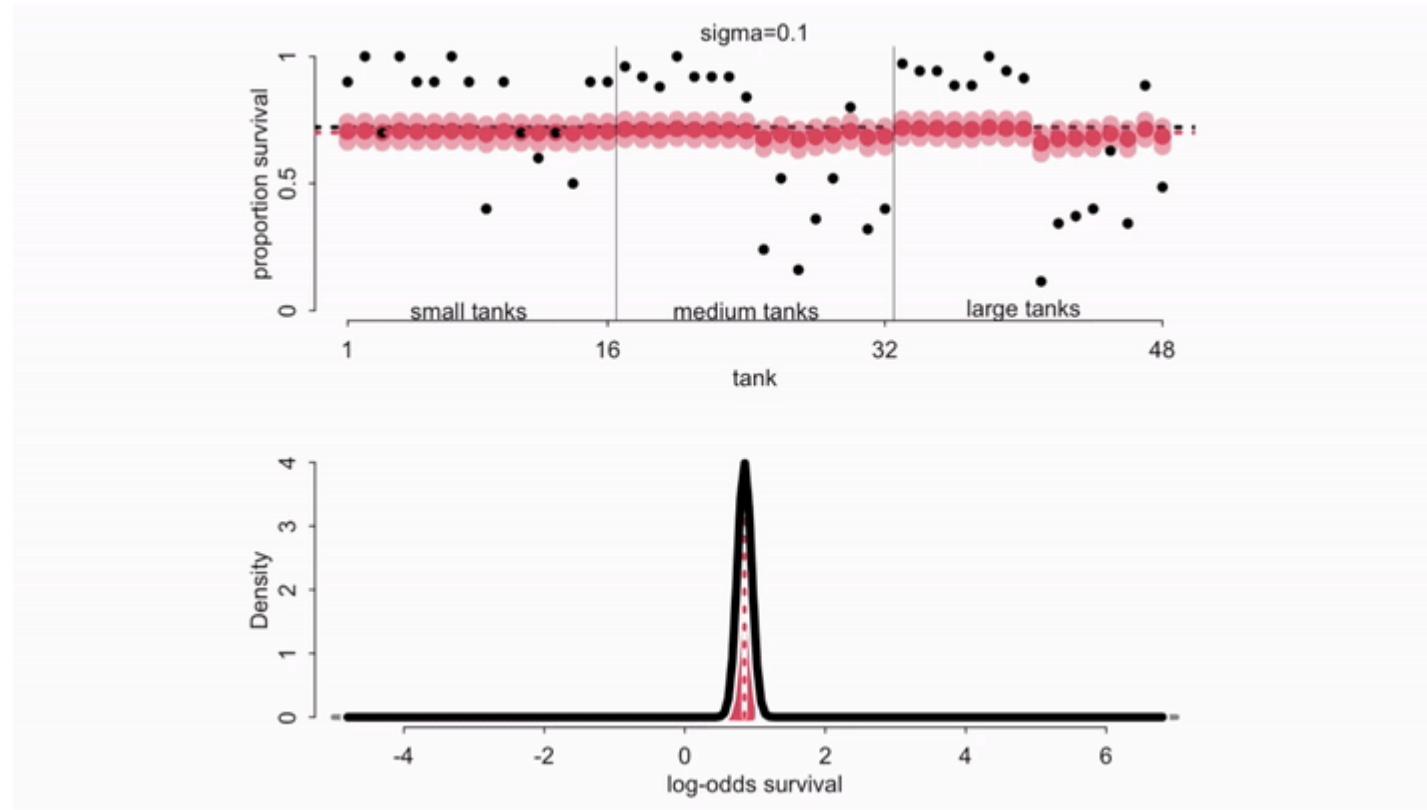
Johnson et al 2021

Hierarchical models *learn from all groups at once* to inform group-level estimates

Induce *regularization*, where noisy estimates are pulled towards the overall mean

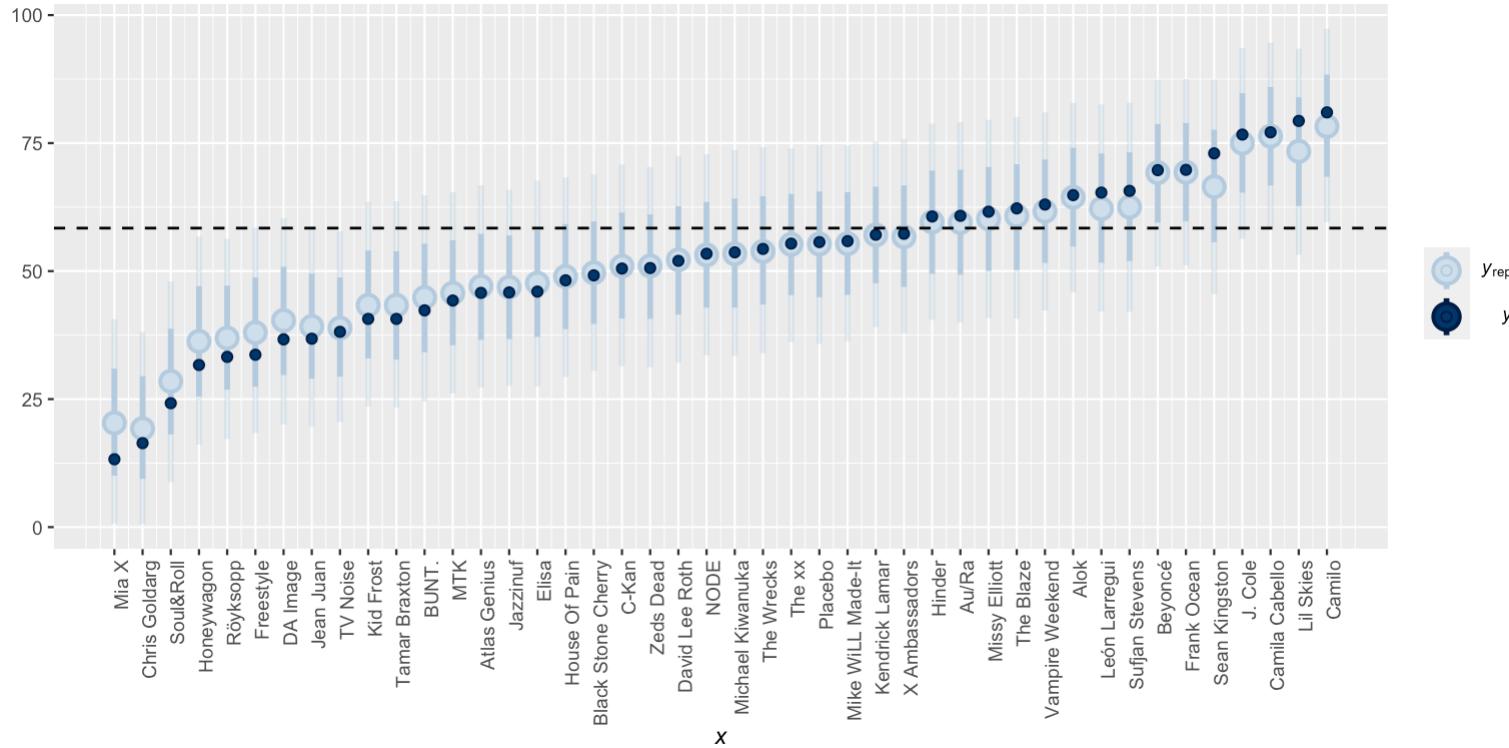
The regularization is known as partial pooling

Partial pooling in action



[McElreath 2023](#)

Noisy estimates pulled to the mean



Johnson et al 2021

How can they be modelled?

$$Y_t \sim \text{Poisson}(\lambda_t)$$

$$\log(\lambda_t) = \beta_{year}[year_t]$$

$$\beta_{year} \sim \text{Normal}(\mu_{year}, \sigma_{year})$$

$$\mu_{year} \sim \text{Normal}(0, 1)$$

$$\sigma_{year} \sim \text{Exponential}(2)$$

Where we have multiple time points per year, and:

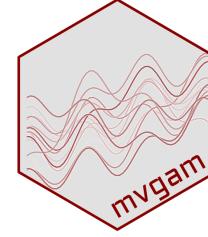
β_{year} are yearly intercepts (*one effect per year*)

μ_{year} estimates *mean effect among all years*

σ_{year} estimates *how much effects vary across years*

Live code example

Modelling with the [mvgam](#)



Bayesian framework to fit Dynamic GLMs and Dynamic GAMs

Hierarchical intercepts, slopes *and smooths*

Latent dynamic processes

State Space models with measurement error

Built off the [mgcv](#)  to construct penalized smoothing splines

Convenient and familiar  formula interface

Uni- or multivariate series from a range of response distributions

Uses [Stan](#) for efficient Hamiltonian Monte Carlo sampling

Example of the interface

```
model ← mvgam(  
    formula = y ~  
        s(series, bs = 're') +  
        s(x0, series, bs = 're') +  
        x1 +  
        s(x2, bs = 'tp', k = 5) +  
        te(x3, x4, bs = c('cr', 'tp')),  
    data = data,  
    family = poisson(),  
    trend_model = AR(p = 1),  
    burnin = 500,  
    samples = 500,  
    chains = 4)
```

Where **y** = response, **x**'s = covariates, and **series** = a grouping term

Typical formula syntax

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A random intercept effect

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A random slope effect

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A linear parametric effect

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A one-dimensional smooth

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A two-dimensional smooth

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Data and response distribution

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* latent dynamics

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Sampler parameters

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Example data (long format)

y	series	time
2	species_1	1
0	species_2	1
NA	species_3	1
NA	species_4	1
1	species_1	2
0	species_2	2
3	species_3	2
5	species_4	2

Response (NAs allowed)

y	series	time
2	species_1	1
0	species_2	1
NA	species_3	1
NA	species_4	1
1	species_1	2
0	species_2	2
3	species_3	2
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Series indicator (as factor)

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Time indicator

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5	species_4	2

Any other predictors

y	series	time	x0	x1	x2	x3	x4
2	species_1	1	-0.38	A	0.20	1.18	-0.72
0	species_2	1	-0.71	A	-2.67	1.02	0.67
NA	species_3	1	0.05	B	-0.33	0.12	1.50
NA	species_4	1	0.77	B	0.65	0.86	-0.49
1	species_1	2	0.29	A	-0.25	1.18	-0.82
0	species_2	2	0.34	A	-0.15	2.12	0.20
3	species_3	2	-0.38	B	-0.81	1.33	-1.15
5	species_4	2	1.32	B	0.22	-0.72	1.36

Examples



The data structure

```
dplyr::glimpse(model_data)
```

```
## #> #> Rows: 199
## #> #> Columns: 6
## #> #> $ series <fct> PP, PP,
## #> #> PP...
## #> #> $ year <fct> 2004, 2004, 2004, 2004, 2004, 2004, 2004, 2004, 2004,
## #> #> 20...
## #> #> $ time <dbl> 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17,
## #> #> 18, ...
## #> #> $ count <int> 0, 1, 2, NA, 10, NA, NA, 16, 18, 12, NA, 3, 2, NA, NA, 13,
## #> #> NA, ...
## #> #> $ mintemp <dbl> -9.710, -5.924, -0.220, 1.931, 6.568, 11.590, 14.370,
## #> #> 16.520, ...
## #> #> $ ndvi <dbl> 1.4658889, 1.5585069, 1.3378172, 1.6589129, 1.8536561,
```

The observations

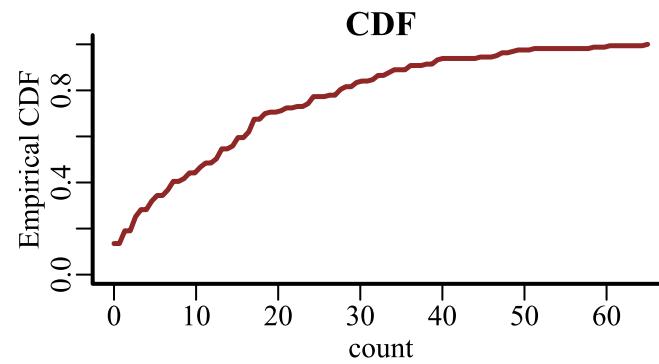
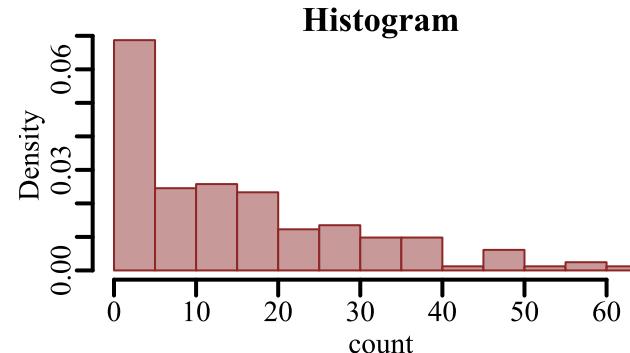
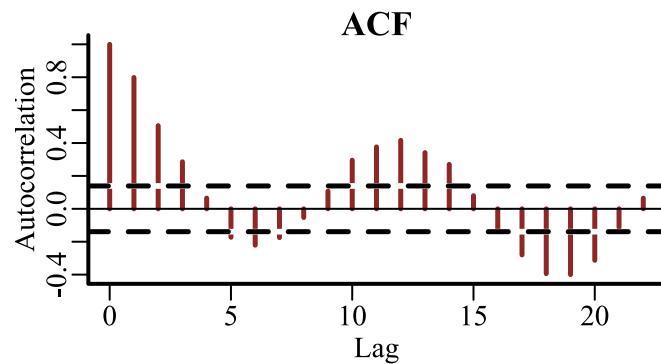
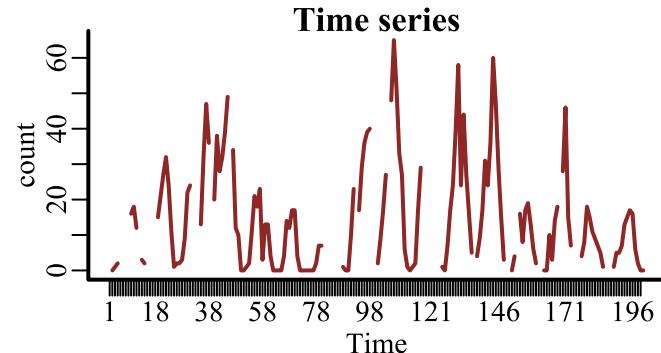
Code Plot

```
# use mvgam's plot utility to view properties of the observations
plot_mvgam_series(data = model_data, y = 'count')
```

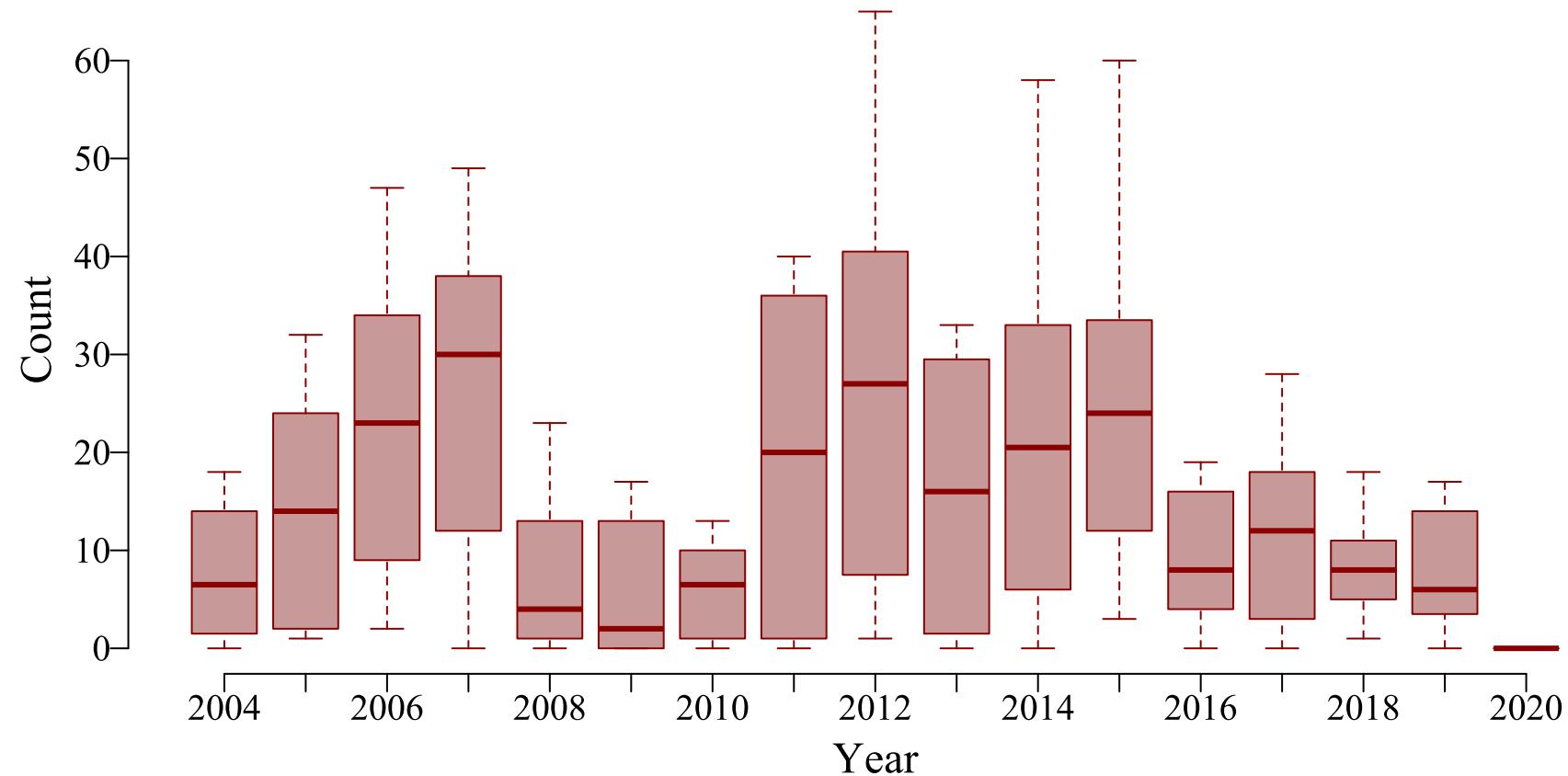
The observations

Code

Plot



Yearly heterogeneity



Yearly random intercepts

```
year_random ← mvgam(count ~  
                      s(year, bs = 're') - 1,  
                      family = poisson(),  
                      data = model_data,  
                      trend_model = 'None',  
                      burnin = 500,  
                      samples = 500,  
                      chains = 4)
```

Random effect basis in `mgcv` language

Global intercept suppressed

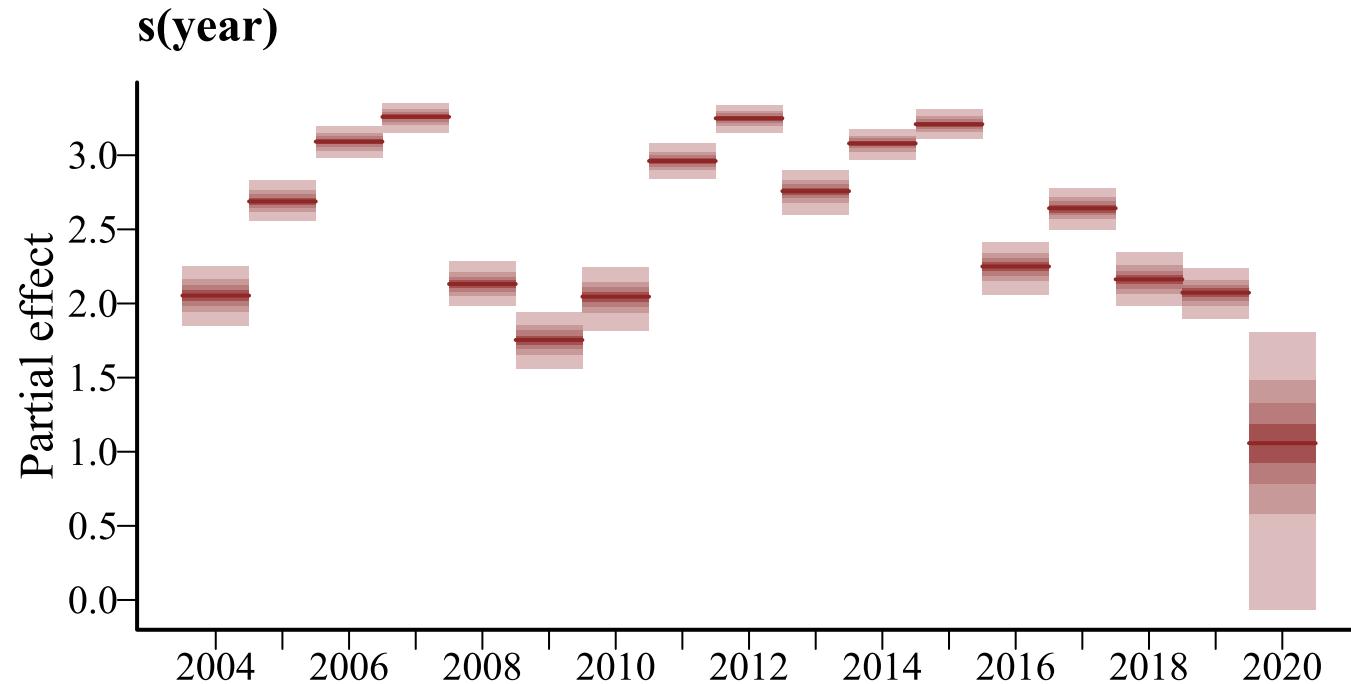
Estimated yearly intercepts

[Code](#) [Plot](#)

```
# plot the random effect posterior estimates
plot(year_random, type = 're')
```

Estimated yearly intercepts

Code Plot



Population parameters

Code	Means	SDs
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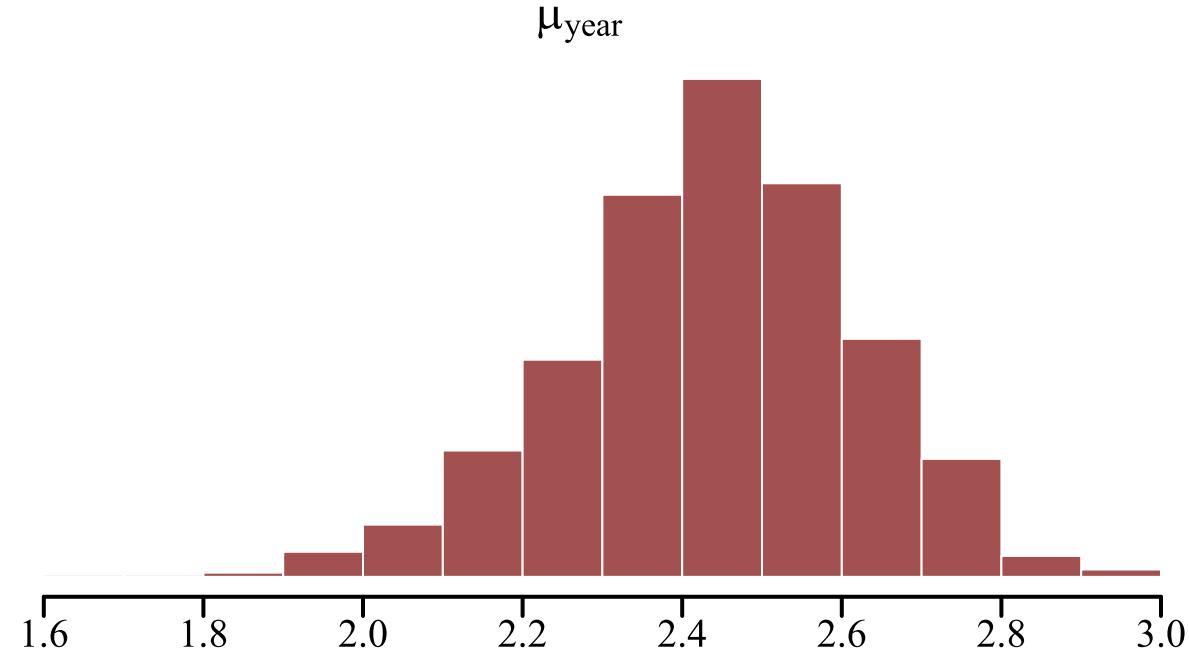
```
# extract population estimates
pop_params ← as.data.frame(year_random,
                           variable = c('mean(year)',
                                         'sd(year)'))

# plot as histograms
hist(pop_params$`mean(year)` , main = expression(mu[year]))

hist(pop_params$`sd(year)` , main = expression(sigma[year]))
```

Population parameters

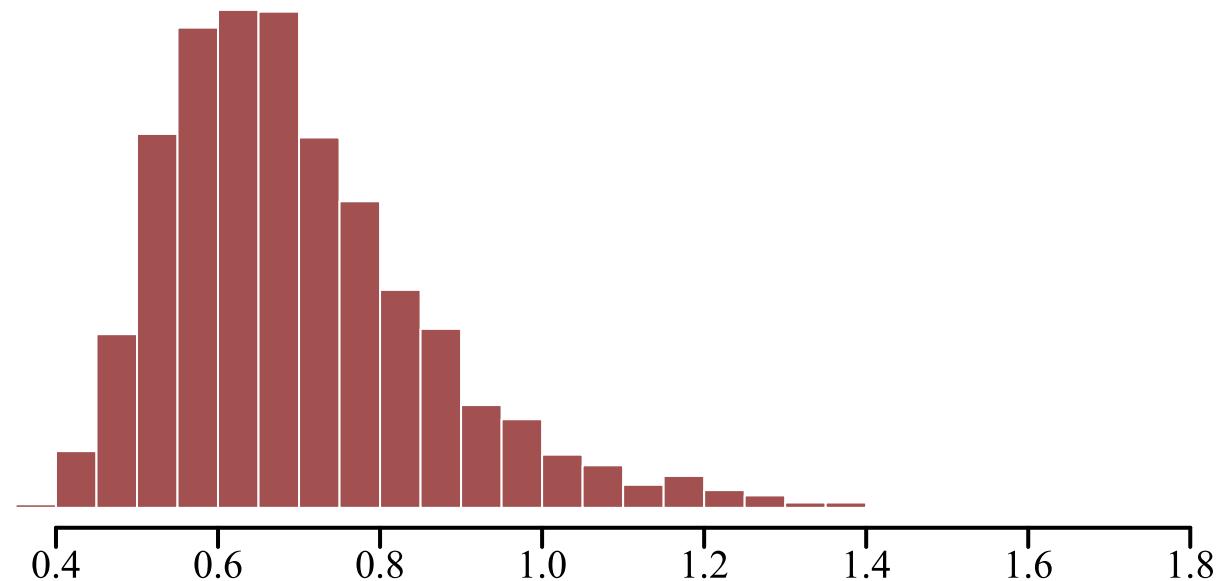
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Population parameters

Code	Means	SDs
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σ_{year}



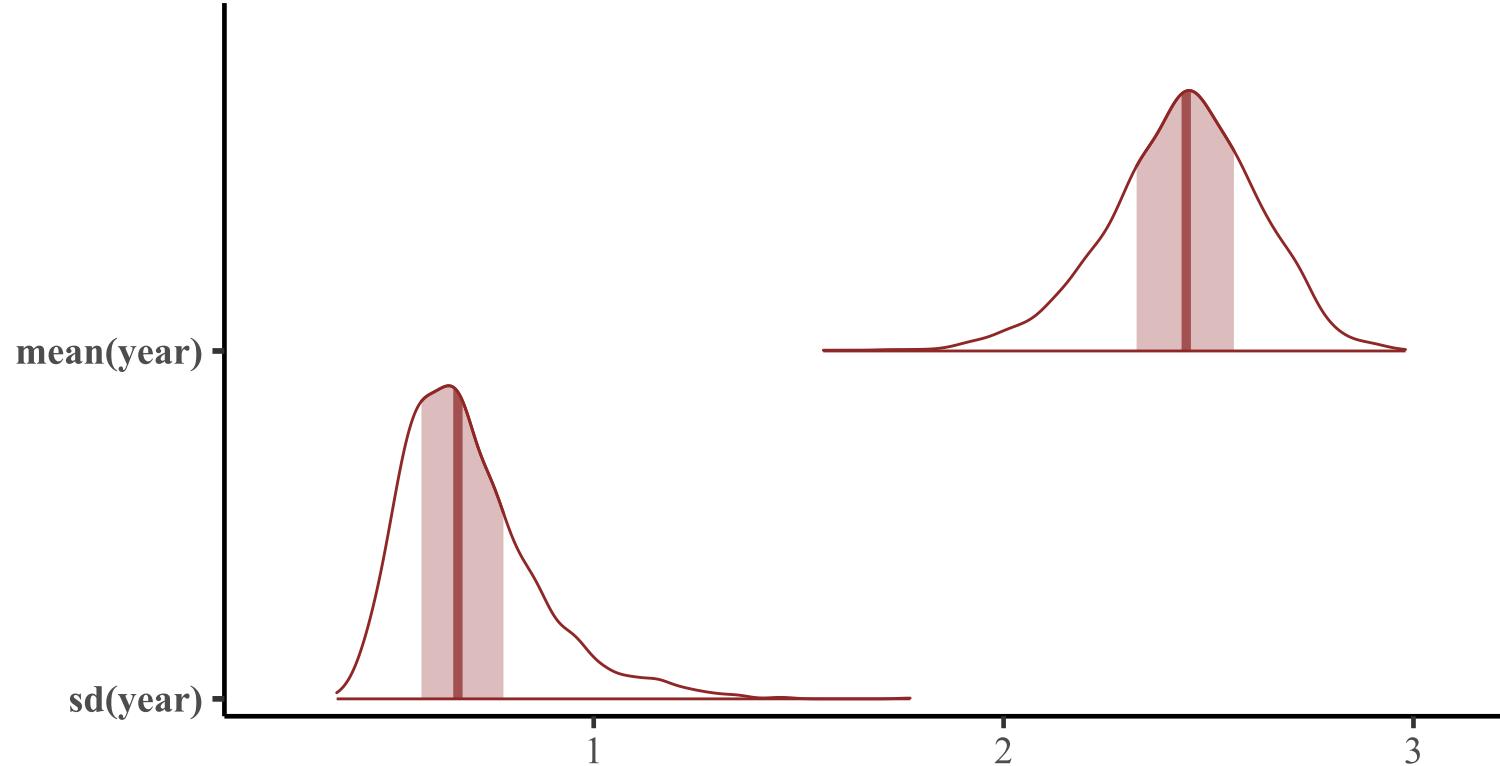
Or using bayesplot

Code Plot

```
# use bayesplot utilities to plot parameter estimates
mcmc_plot(year_random, type = 'areas',
           variable = c('mean(year)', 'sd(year)'))
```

Or using bayesplot

Code Plot



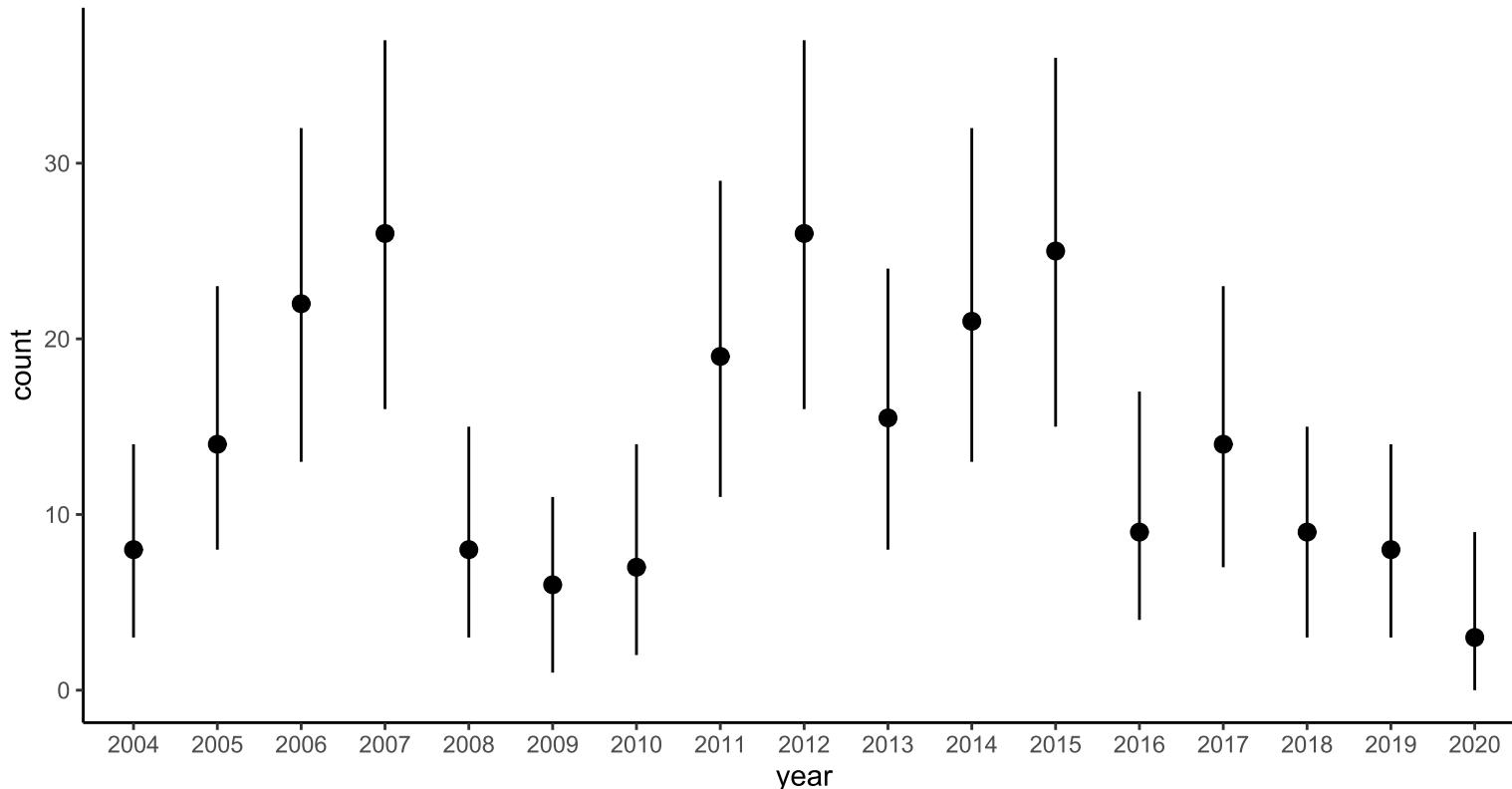
Conditional predictions

Code Plot

```
# use marginaleffects utilities to plot conditional predictions
library(ggplot2)
plot_predictions(year_random,
                  condition = 'year') +
  theme_classic()
```

Conditional predictions

Code Plot



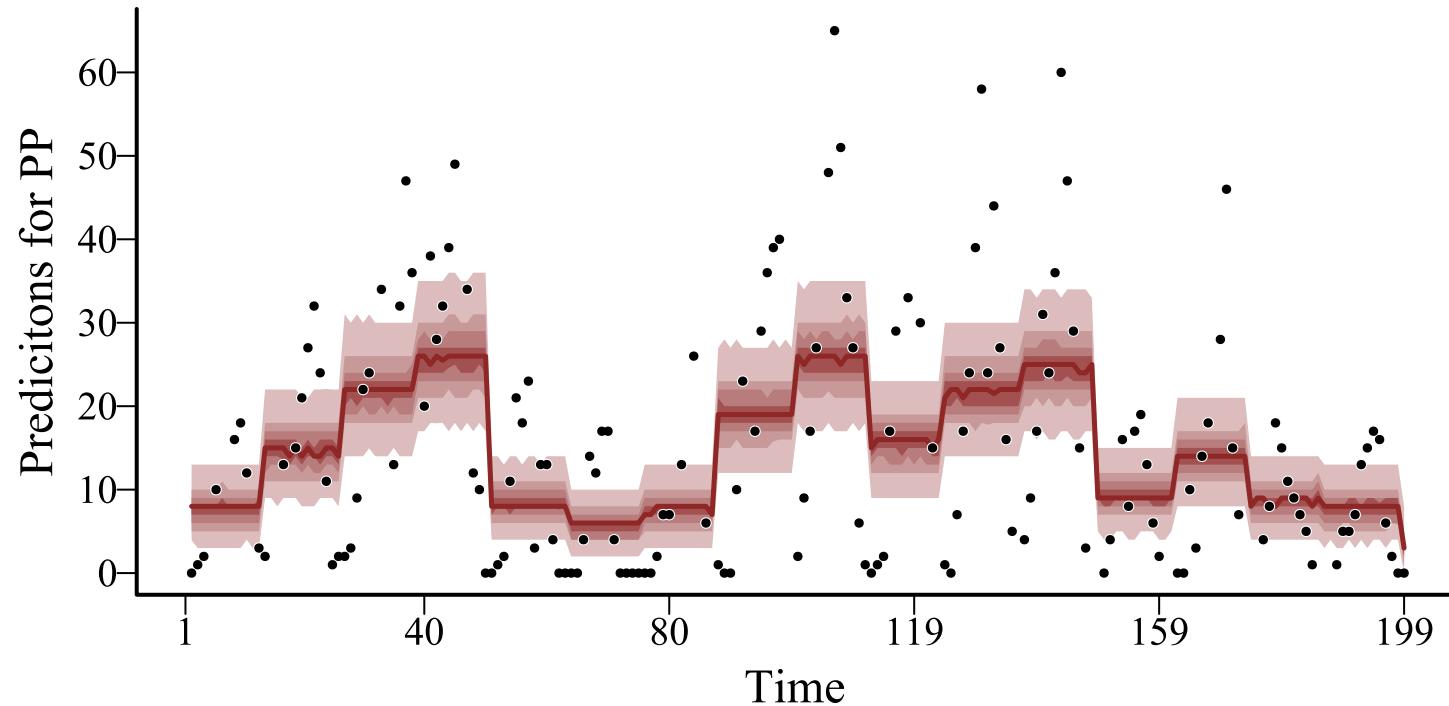
Hindcast predictions

[Code](#) [Plot](#)

```
# use mvgam's plot to view hindcast predictions
plot(year_random, type = 'forecast')
```

Hindcast predictions

Code Plot



mvgam with yearly smooth

```
model_data %>%  
  dplyr::mutate(year = as.numeric(as.character(year))) → model_data  
  
year_smooth ← mvgam(count ~  
  s(year, bs = 'tp', k = 15),  
  family = poisson(),  
  data = model_data,  
  trend_model = 'None',  
  burnin = 500,  
  samples = 500,  
  chains = 4)
```

A thin plate regression spline of the numeric `year` variable

Retain intercept because smooths are zero-centered

Coefficients uninterpretable

```
rownames(coef(year_smooth))
```

```
## [1] "(Intercept)" "s(year).1"    "s(year).2"    "s(year).3"    "s(year).4"  
## [6] "s(year).5"   "s(year).6"    "s(year).7"    "s(year).8"    "s(year).9"  
## [11] "s(year).10"  "s(year).11"   "s(year).12"   "s(year).13"   "s(year).14"
```

We **must** use predictions and plots to understand the model

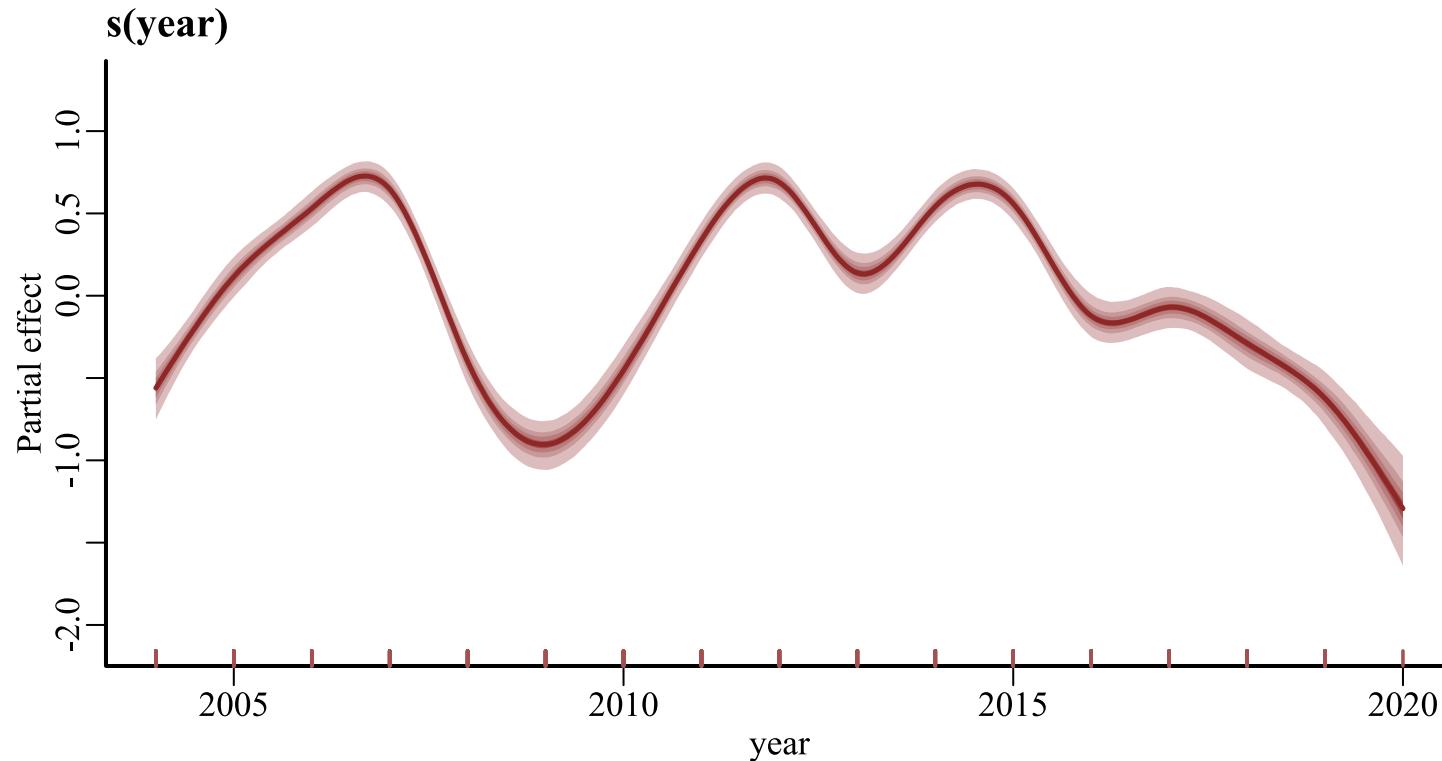
Estimated yearly smooth

[Code](#) [Plot](#)

```
# plot the smooth effect posterior estimates
plot(year_smooth, type = 'smooth')
```

Estimated yearly smooth

Code Plot



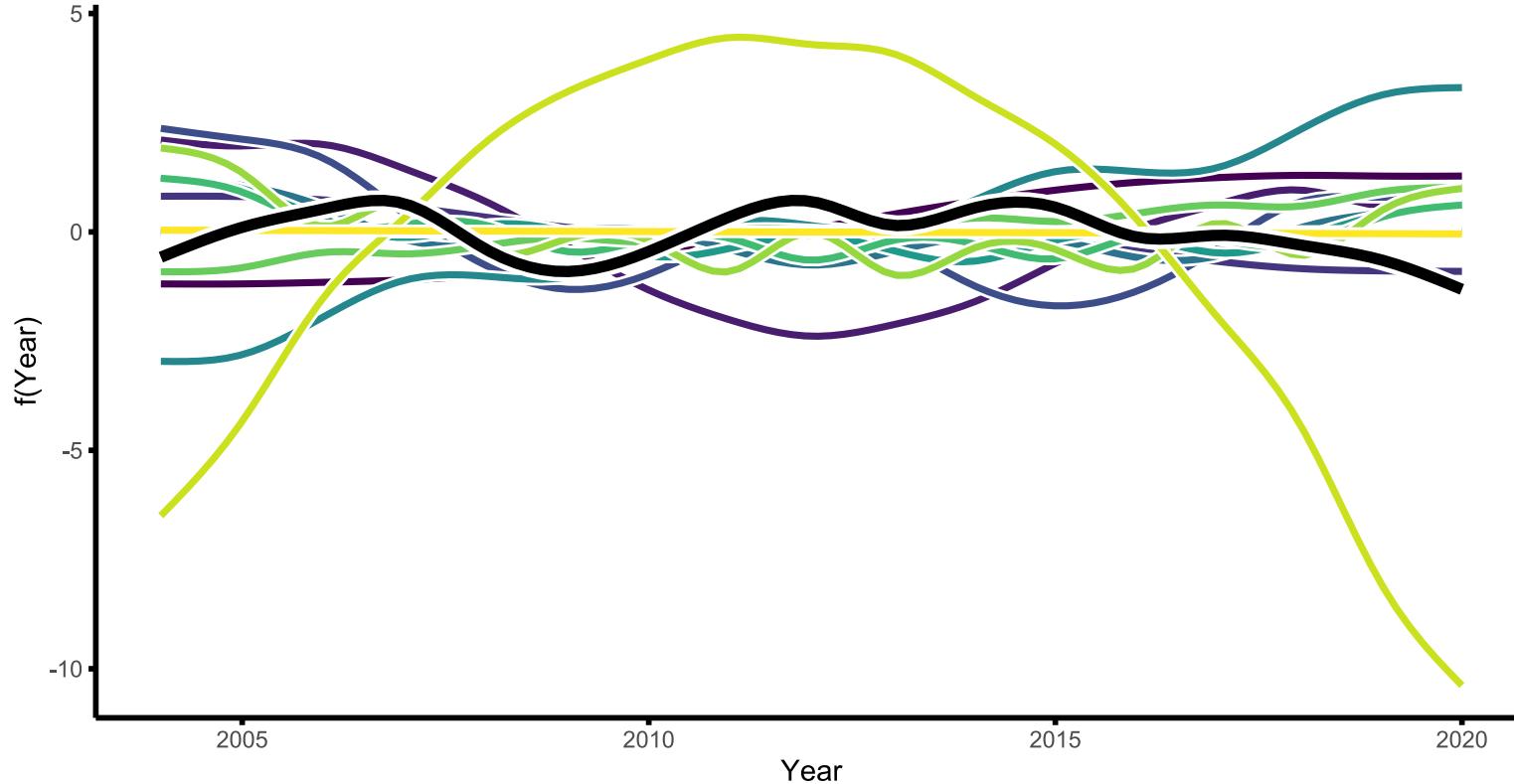
Plotting basis functions

Code Plot

```
# plot the basis functions with gratia
library(ggplot2); library(viridis); library(gratia)
theme_set(theme_classic())
ggplot(basis(year_smooth$mgcv_model),
       aes(x = year, y = .value, color = .bf)) +
  geom_borderline(linewidth = 1.25, bordercolour = "white") +
  geom_borderline(data = smooth_estimates(year_smooth$mgcv_model),
                  inherit.aes = FALSE,
                  mapping = aes(x = year, y = .estimate), linewidth = 2) +
  scale_color_viridis(discrete = TRUE) +
  theme(legend.position = 'none', axis.line = element_line(size = 1),
        axis.ticks = element_line(colour = "black", size = 1)) +
  ylab('f(Year)') + xlab('Year')
```

Plotting basis functions

Code Plot



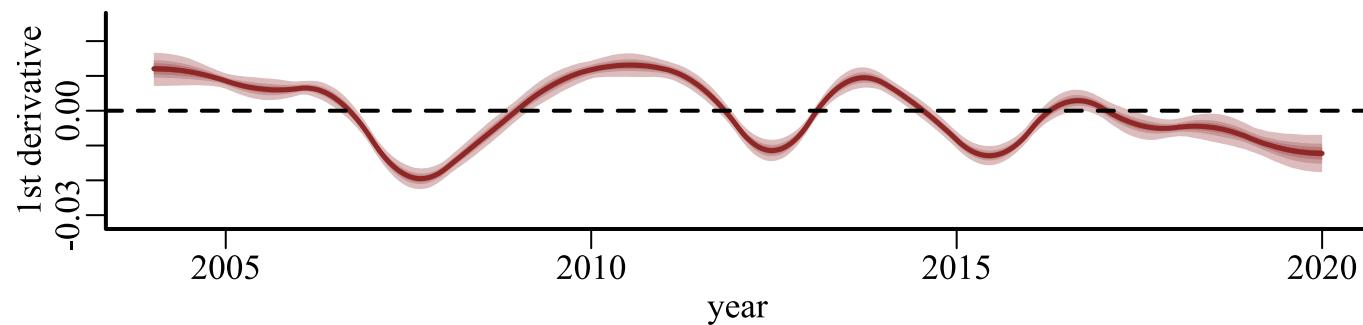
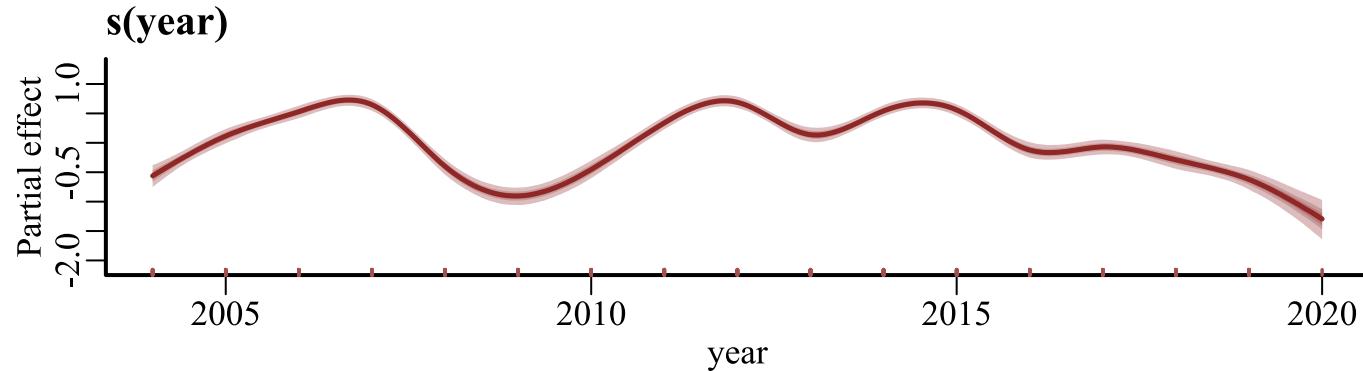
Rates of change

[Code](#) [Plot](#)

```
# plot the smooth effect posterior estimates
plot(year_smooth, type = 'smooth', derivatives = TRUE)
```

Rates of change

Code Plot



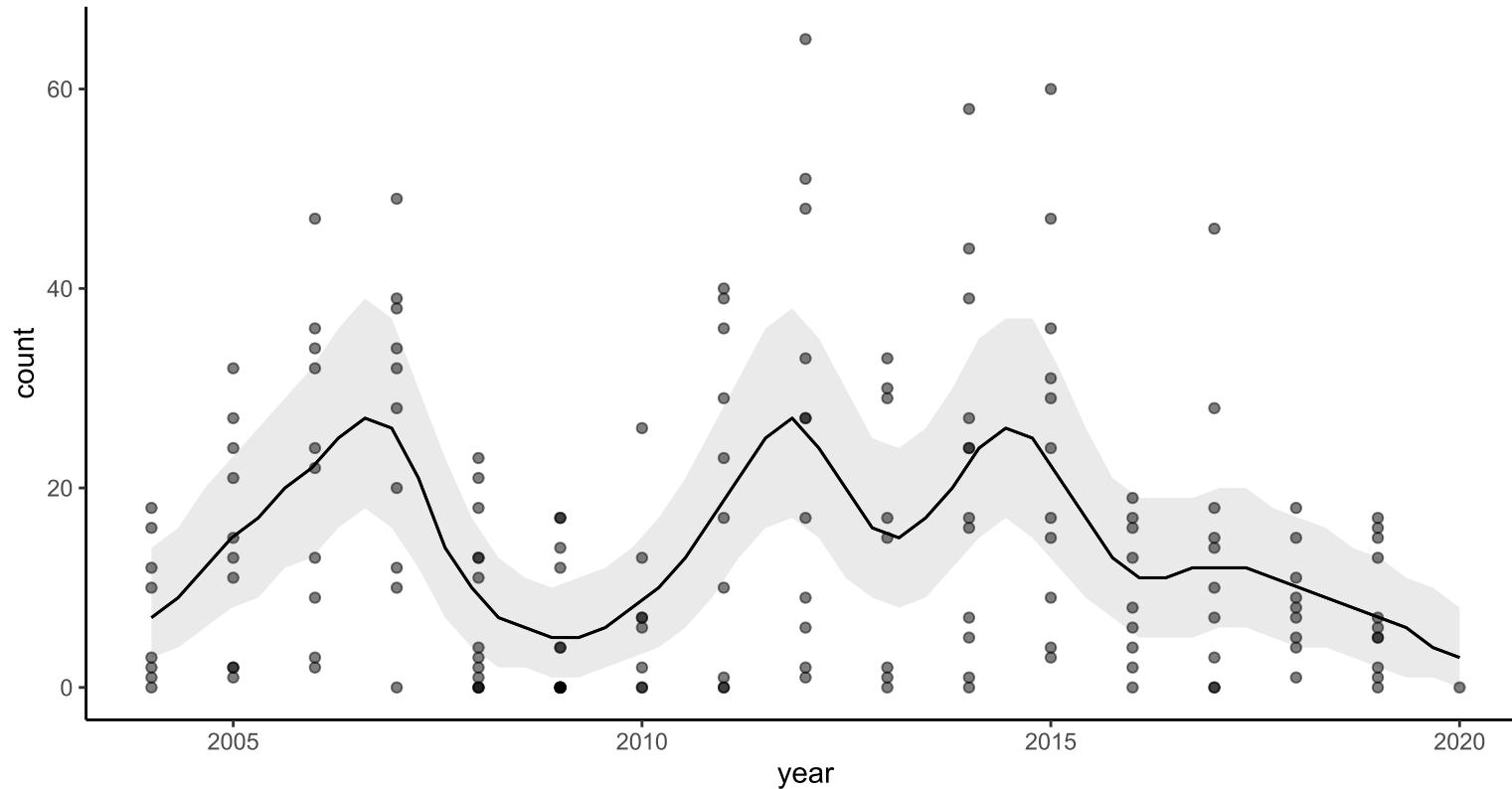
Conditional predictions

Code Plot

```
# use marginaleffects utilities to plot conditional predictions
library(ggplot2)
plot_predictions(year_smooth,
                  condition = 'year',
                  points = 0.5) +
theme_classic()
```

Conditional predictions

Code Plot



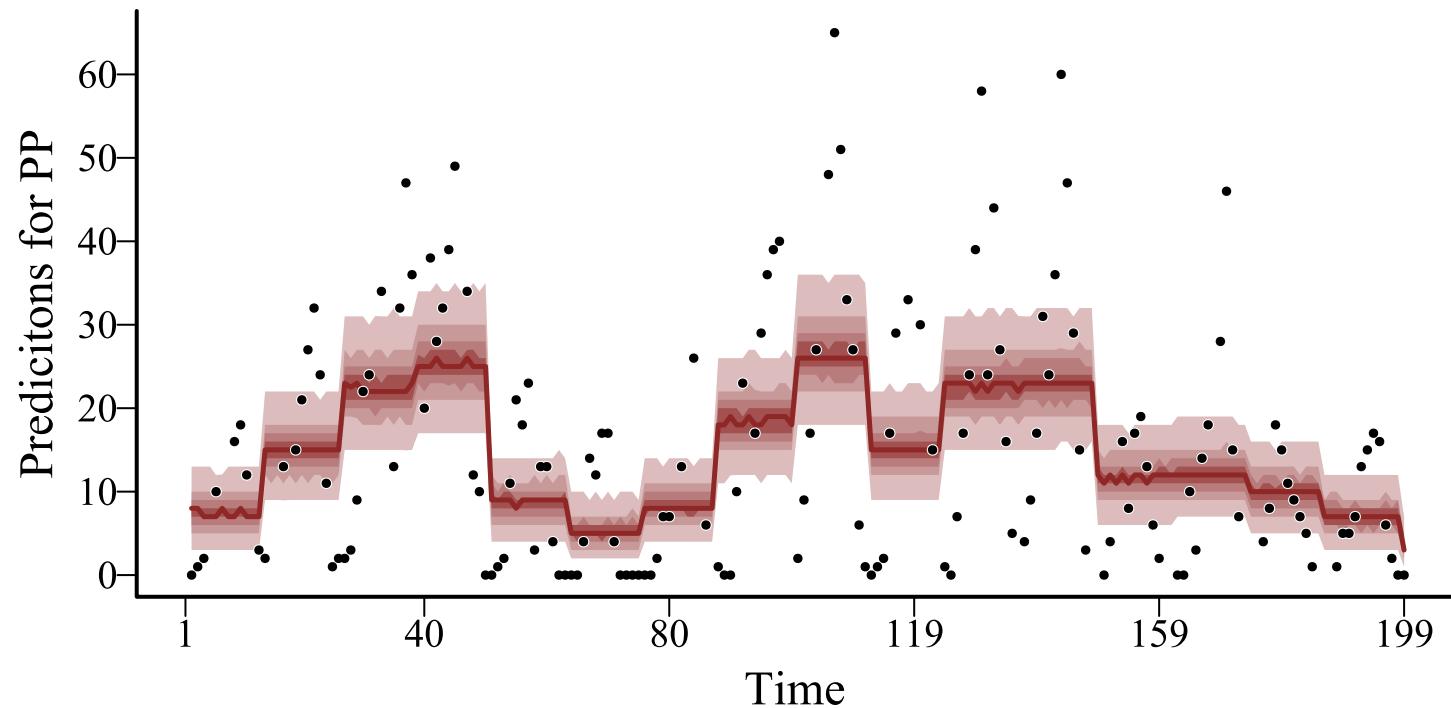
Hindcast predictions

[Code](#) [Plot](#)

```
# use mvgam's plot to view hindcast predictions
plot(year_smooth, type = 'forecast')
```

Hindcast predictions

Code Plot

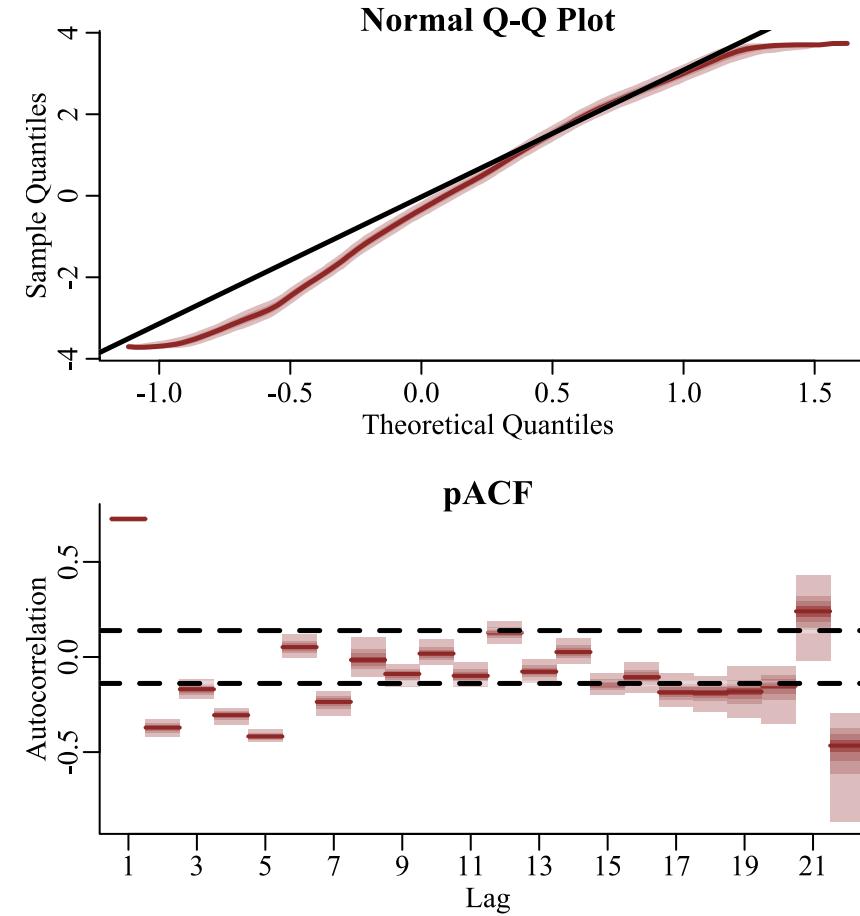
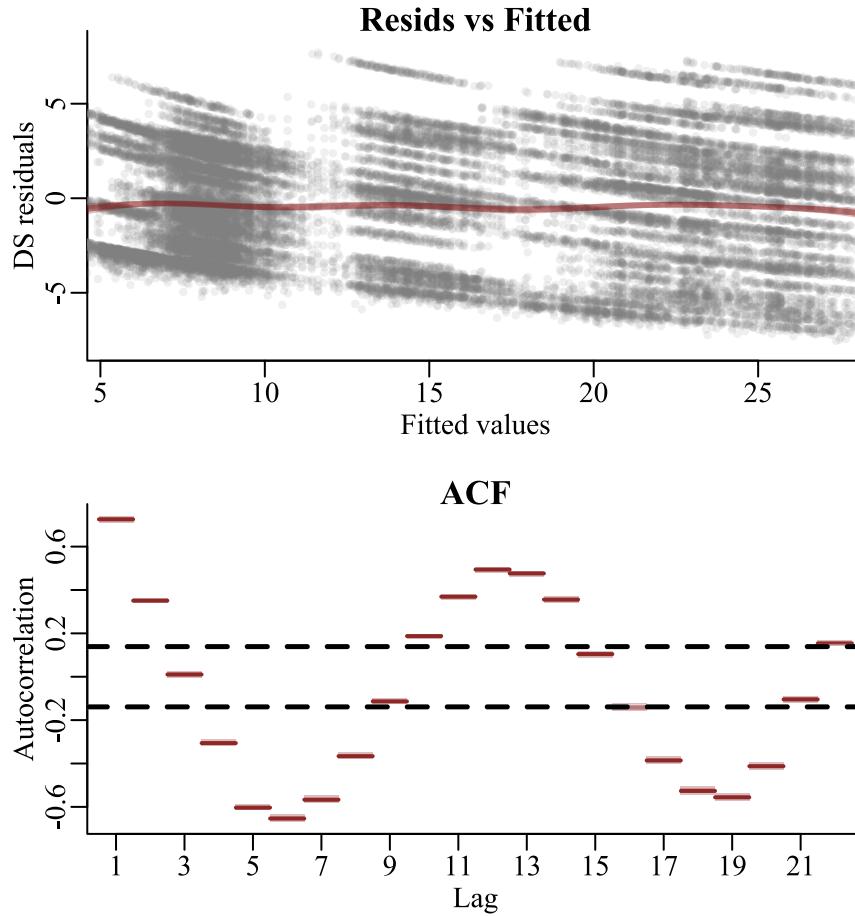


Forecasts will differ. Why?

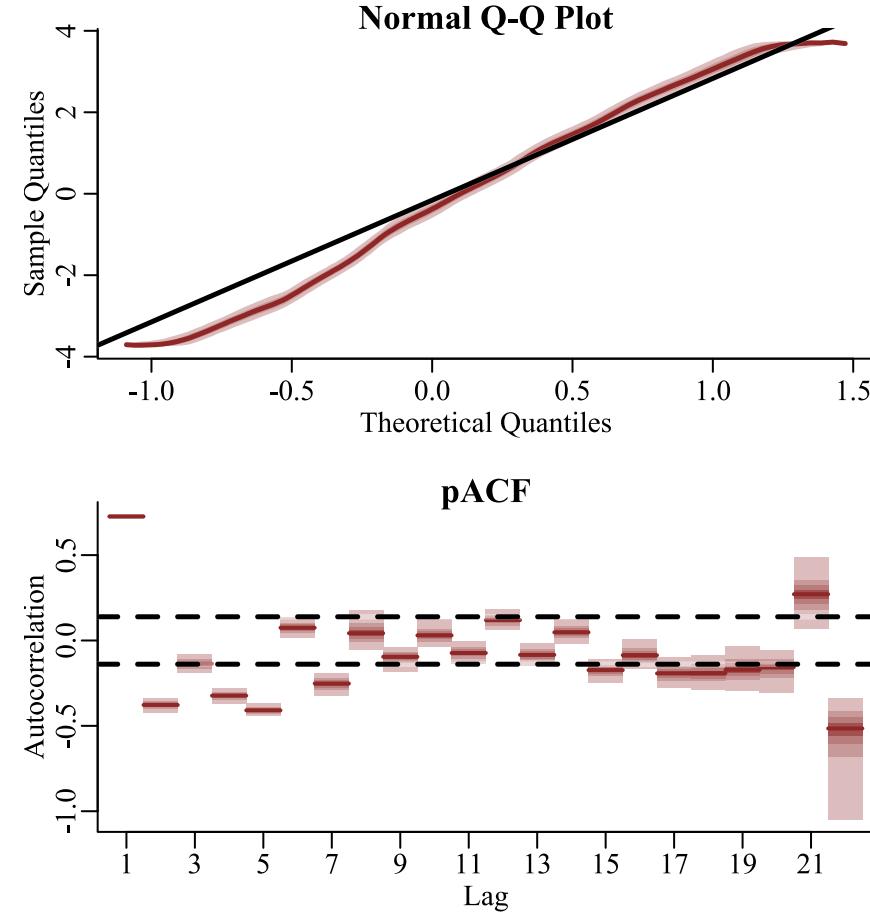
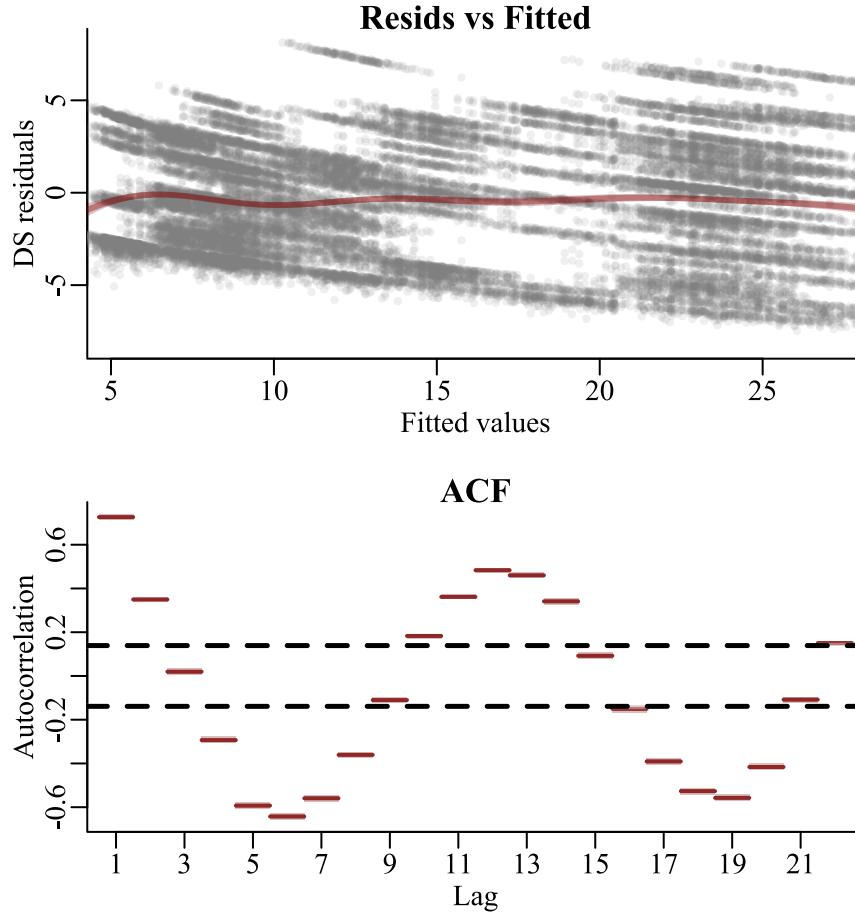
We will explore this further in the tutorial and in the next lecture

But how do model diagnostics look?

Random year diagnostics



Smooth year diagnostics



**Randomized quantile residuals show evidence of unmodelled
autocorrelation and seasonality**

How can we deal with the seasonality?

Adding a smooth of mintemp

```
year_temp_smooth ← mvgam(count ~  
                           s(year, bs = 'tp', k = 15) +  
                           s(mintemp, bs = 'tp', k = 8),  
                           family = poisson(),  
                           data = model_data,  
                           trend_model = 'None',  
                           burnin = 500,  
                           samples = 500,  
                           chains = 4)
```

A thin plate regression spline of `mintemp`

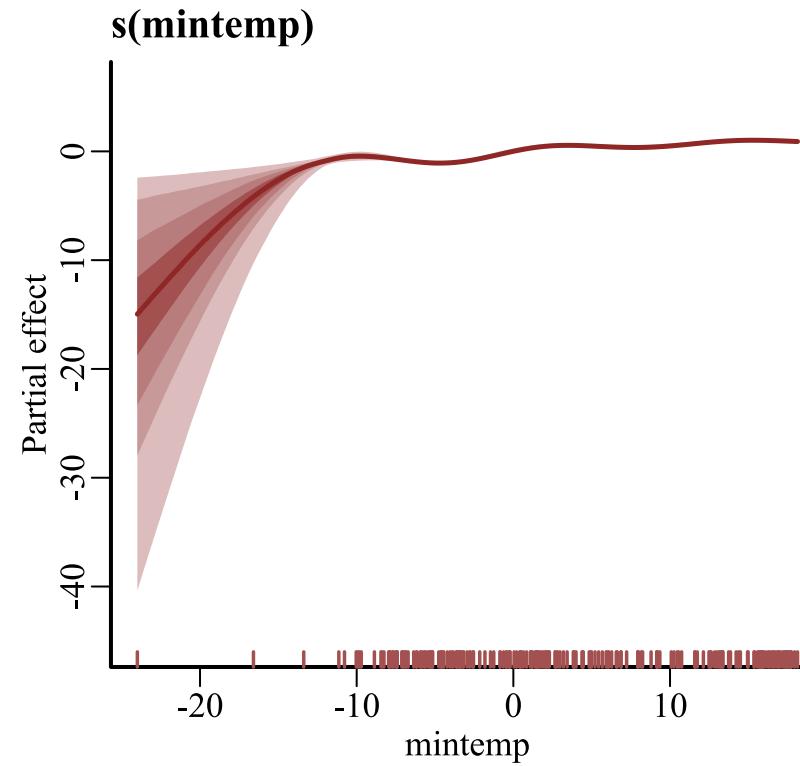
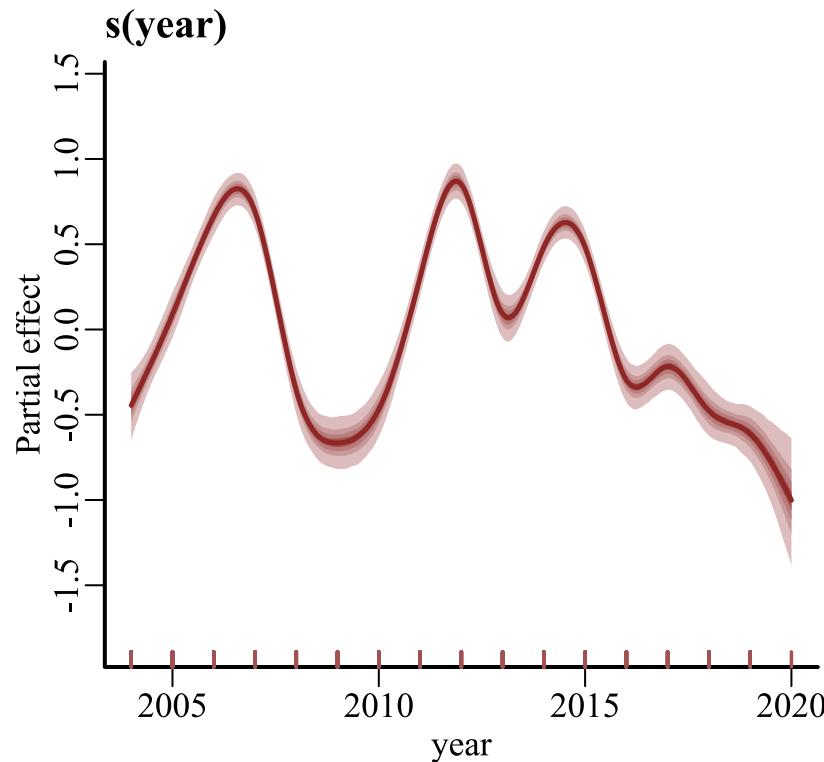
Estimated smooths

[Code](#) [Plot](#)

```
# use mvgam's plot to view both smooth functions
plot(year_temp_smooth, type = 'smooth')
```

Estimated smooths

Code Plot



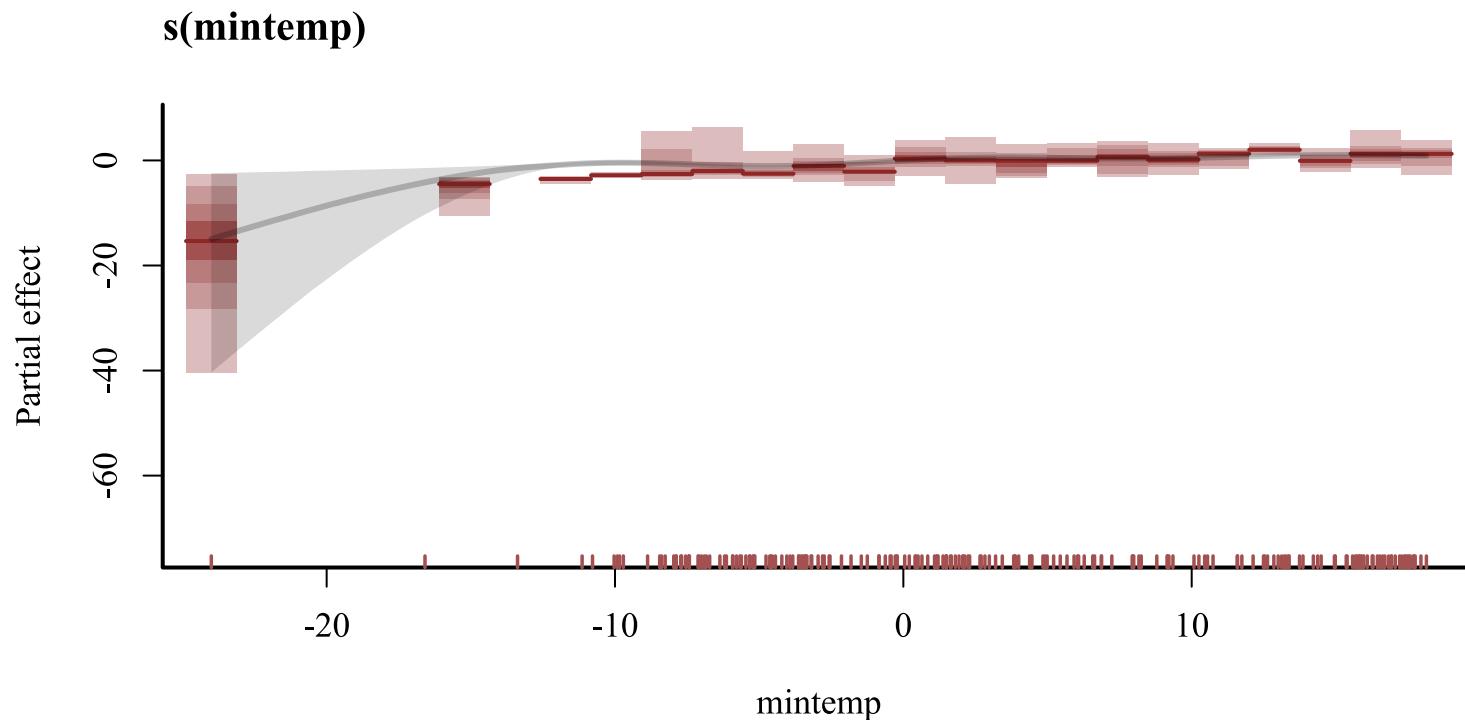
Partial residuals

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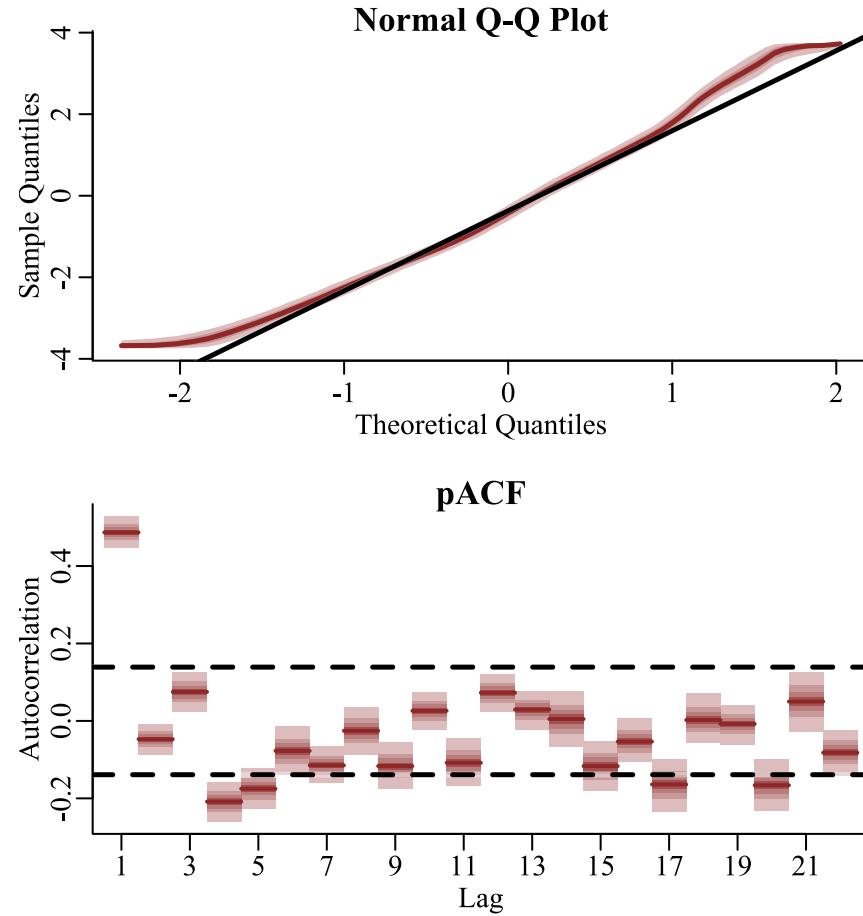
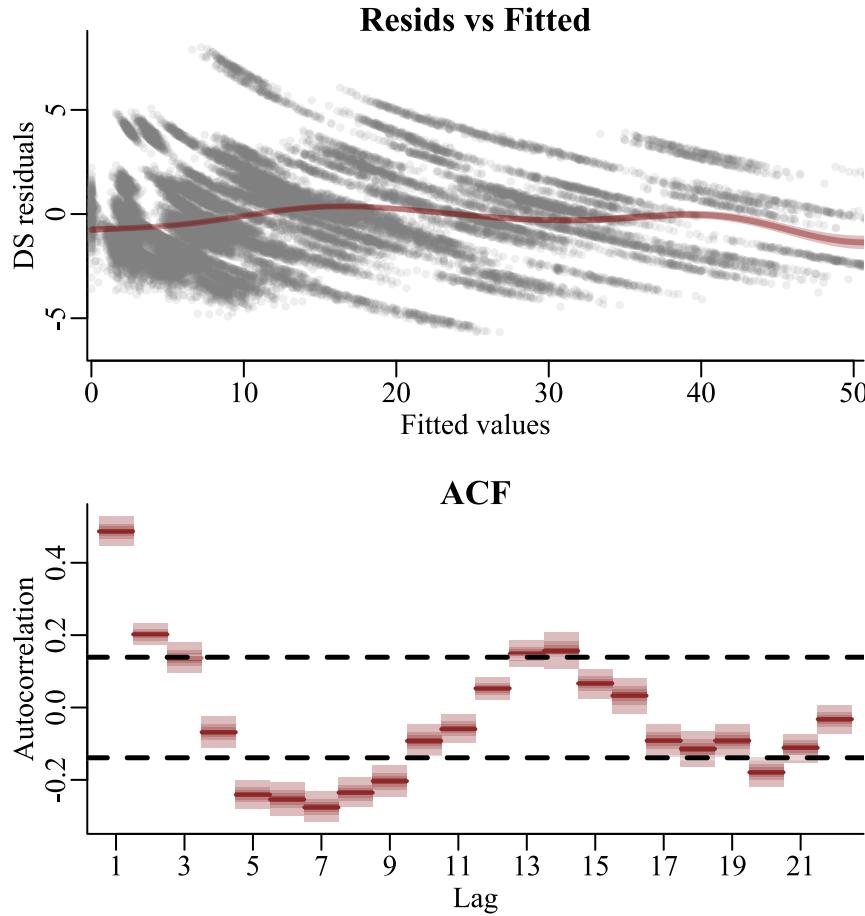
```
# use mvgam's plot_mvgam_smooth to view partial residuals
plot_mvgam_smooth(year_temp_smooth, smooth = 2, residuals = TRUE)
```

Partial residuals

Code Plot



Diagnostics



Randomized quantile residuals still show evidence of unmodelled autocorrelation

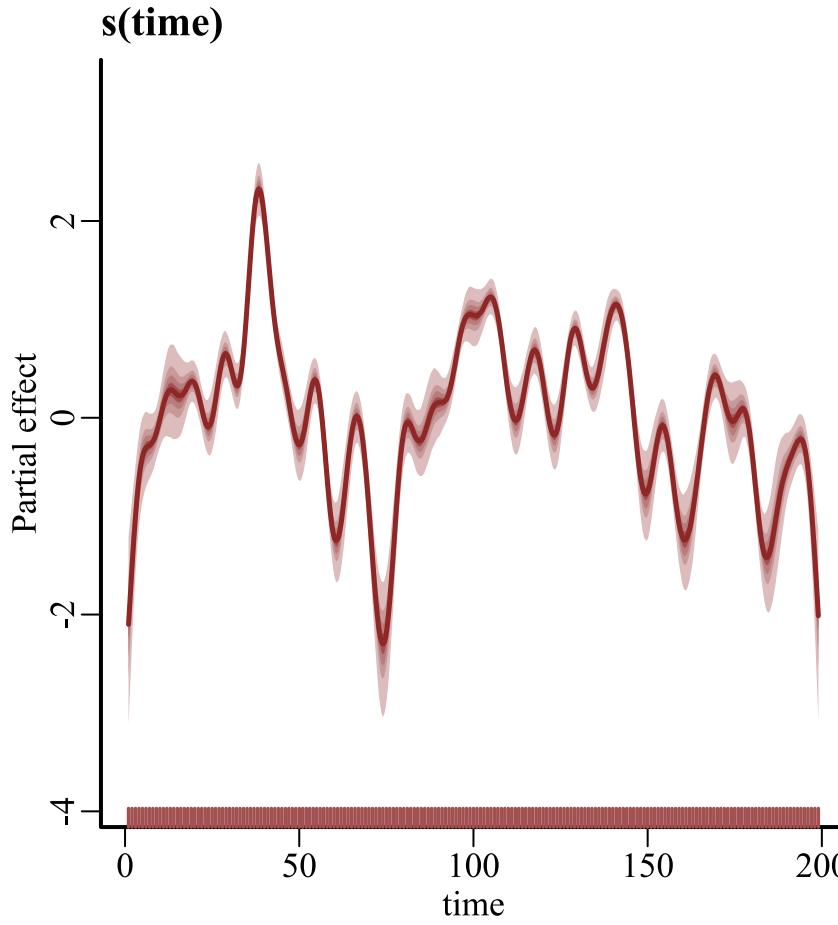
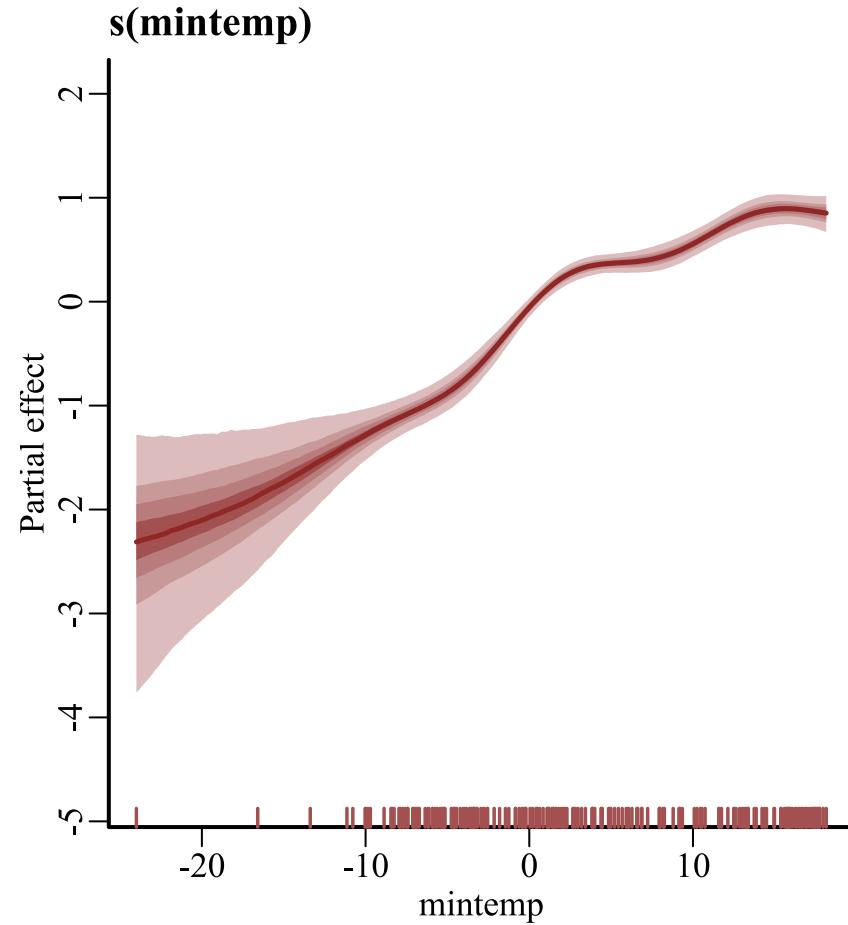
How can we deal with this?

A smooth of time

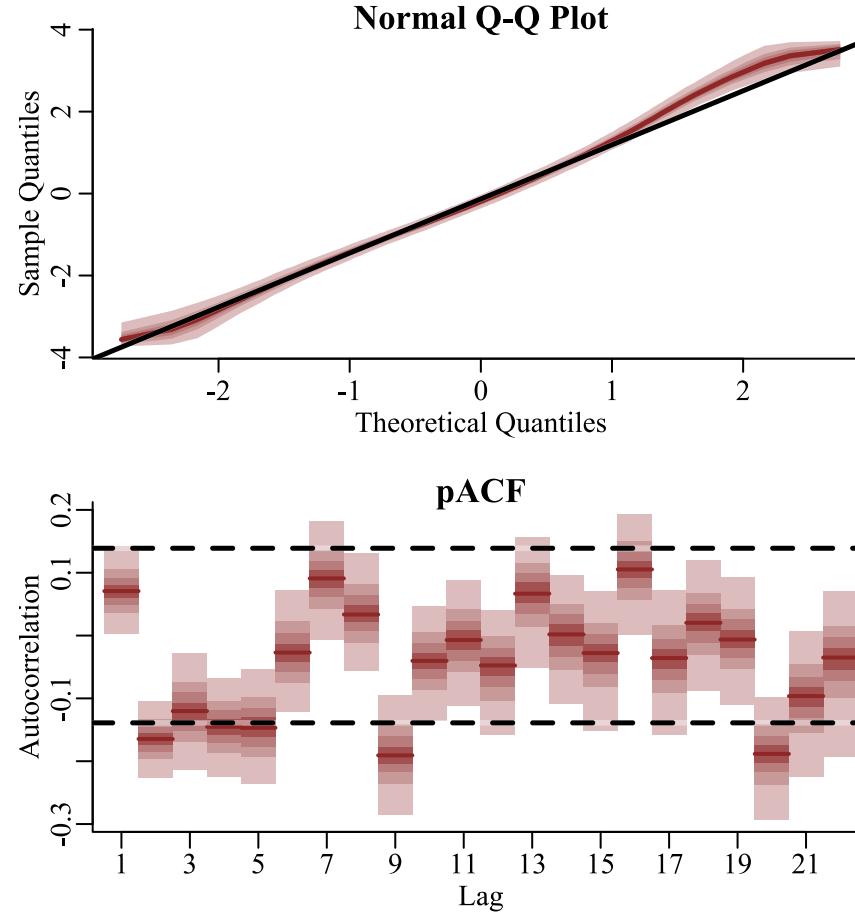
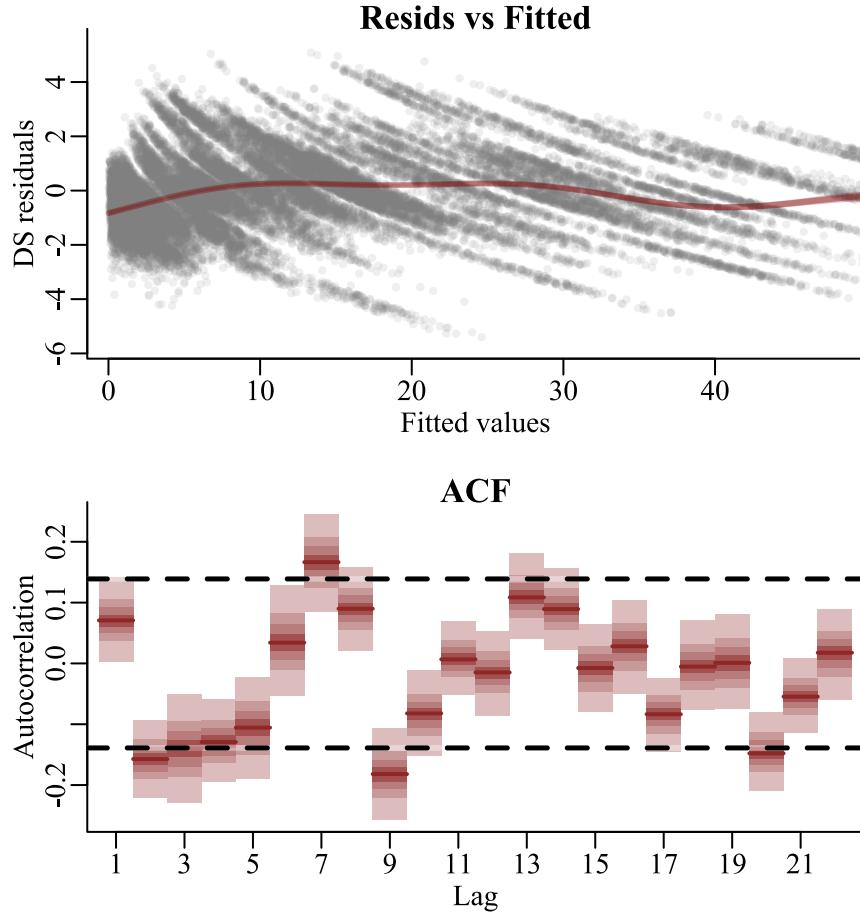
```
temp_time_smooth ← mvgam(count ~  
                           s(mintemp, bs = 'tp', k = 8) +  
                           s(time, bs = 'tp', k = 50),  
                           family = poisson(),  
                           data = model_data,  
                           burnin = 500,  
                           samples = 500,  
                           chains = 4)
```

Replace the spline of `year` with a complex spline of `time` to capture autocorrelation

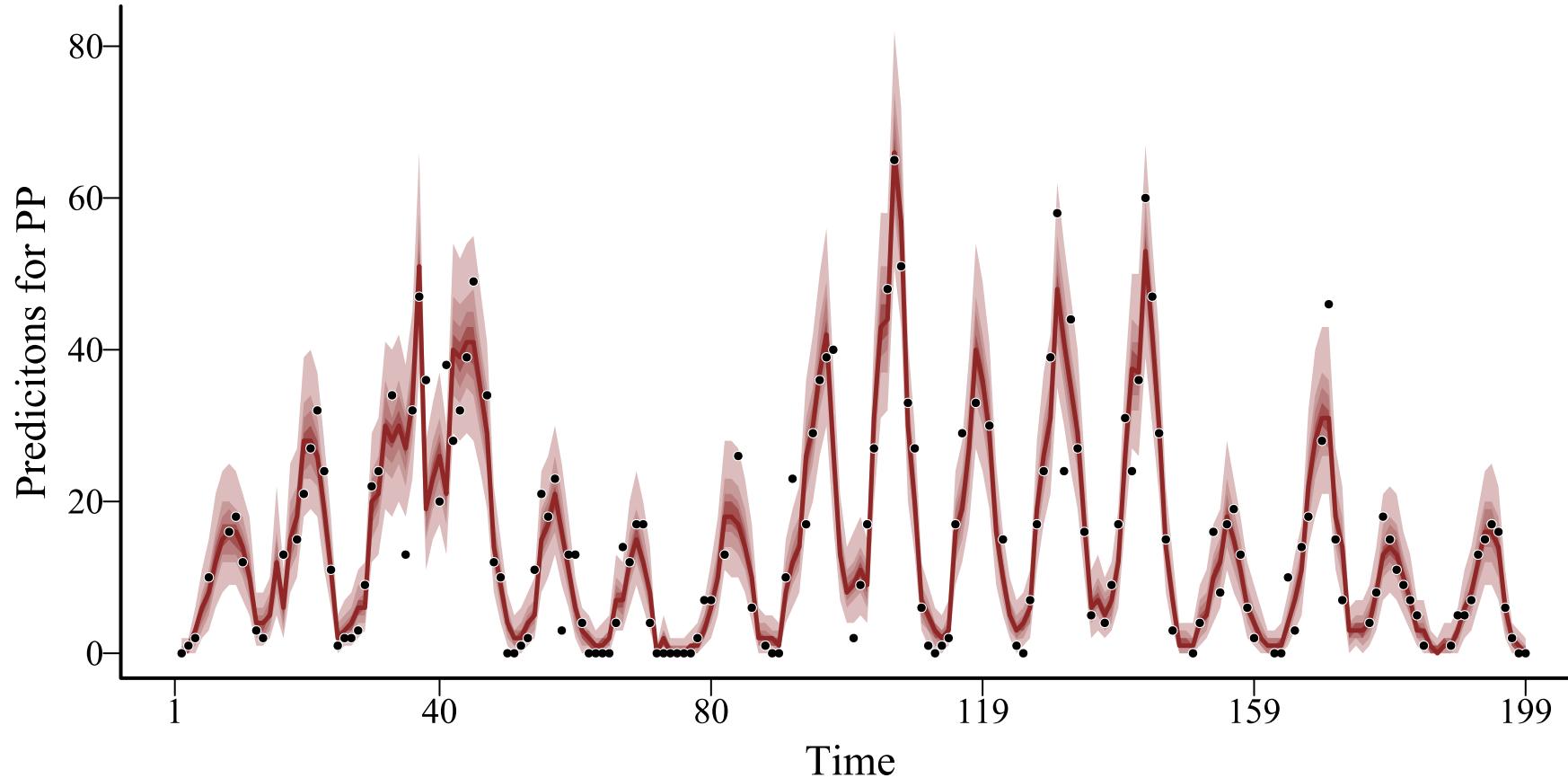
Updated smooths



Diagnostics



Hindcast predictions 😊



Using an *additive* combination of smooth functions, we have captured a lot of the variation in the observed data

But we are dealing with a time series, so we'd like our model to generate sensible forecast predictions

As we'll see in the next lecture, this one has some problems

In the next lecture, we will cover

Extrapolating splines

Latent autoregressive processes

Latent Gaussian Processes

Dynamic coefficient models