Forecasting: Principles and Practice

Chapter 2: Time Series Graphics

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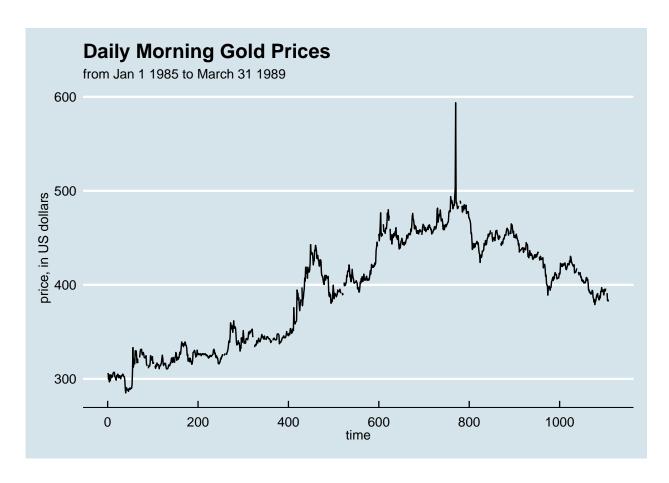
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Question 1:

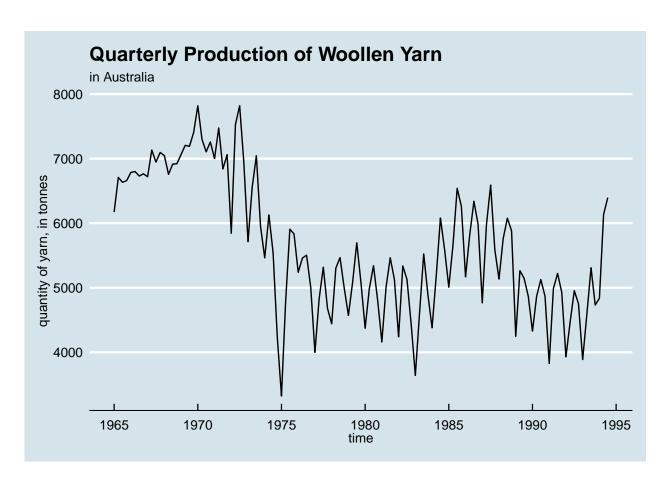
Use the help function to explore what the series gold, woolynrq and gas represent.

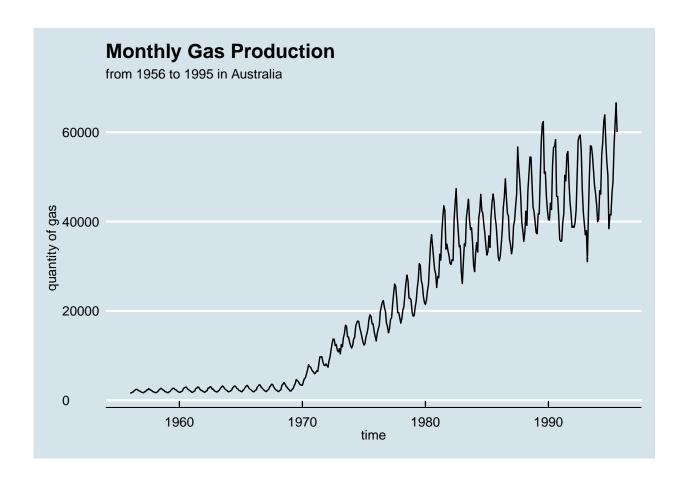
(a) Use autoplot() to plot each of these in separate plots.

gold



woolynrq





(b) What is the frequency of each series? Hint: apply the frequency() function.

frequency(gold)

[1] 1

frequency(woolyrnq)

[1] 4

frequency(gas)

[1] 12

The frequency of gold is 1, meaning the series shows yearly data. The frequency of woolrynq is 4, meaning the series shows quarterly data. Finally, the frequency of gas is 12, meaning the series shows monthly data. This all reflects the documentation provided for each of the time series.

(c) Use which.max() to spot the outlier in the gold series. Which observation was it?

```
paste("The outlier is at time ", which.max(gold), " and its value is ", gold[which.max(gold)], '.', sep
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[1] "The outlier is at time 770 and its value is 593.7."

Question 2:

Download the file tute1.csv from the book website (http://otexts.com/fpp2/extrafiles/tute1.csv), open it in Excel (or some other spreadsheet application), and review its conents. You should find four columns of

information. Columns B through D each contain a quarterly series, labelled Sales, AdBudget and GDP. Sales contains the quarterly sales for a small company over the period 1981-2005. AdBudget is the advertising budget and GDP is the gross domestic product. All series have been adjusted for inflation.

(a) You can read the data into R with the following script:

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tute1 = read.csv("tute1.csv", header=TRUE)
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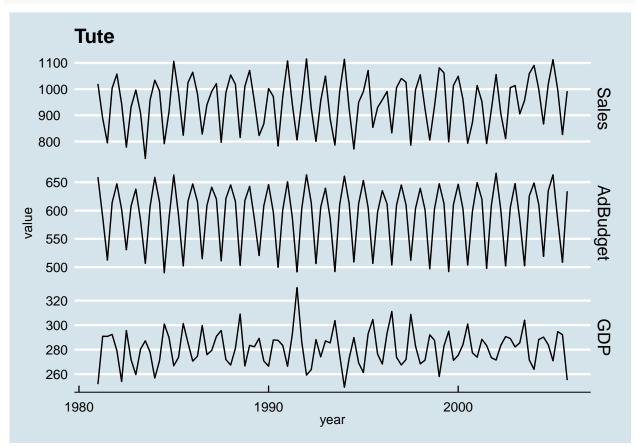
(b) Convert the data to time series.

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mytimeseries = ts(tute1[,-1], start=1981, frequency=4)
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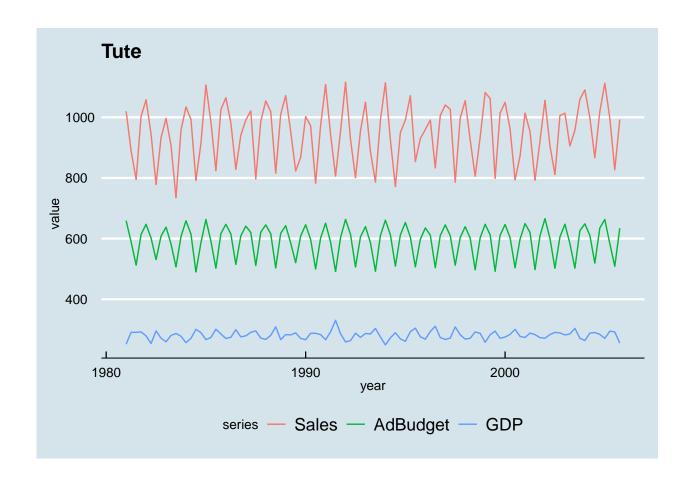
(The [,-1] removes the first column which contains the quarters as we don't need them now.)

(c) Construct time series plots of each of the three series. Check what happens when you don't include facets=TRUE.

facets=TRUE



facets=FALSE



When facets=TRUE is not included, the three plots appear on 1 plot, which can look confusing in this case because not all variables have similar meaning.

Question 3:

Download some monthly Australian retail data from the book website (https://otexts.com/fpp2/extrafiles/retail.xlsx). These represent retail sales in various categories for different Australian states, and are stored in a MS-Excel file.

(a) You can read the data into R with the following script:

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retaildata = readxl::read_excel("retail.xlsx", skip=1)
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The second argument (skip=1) is required because the Excel sheet has two header rows.

(b) Select one of the time series:

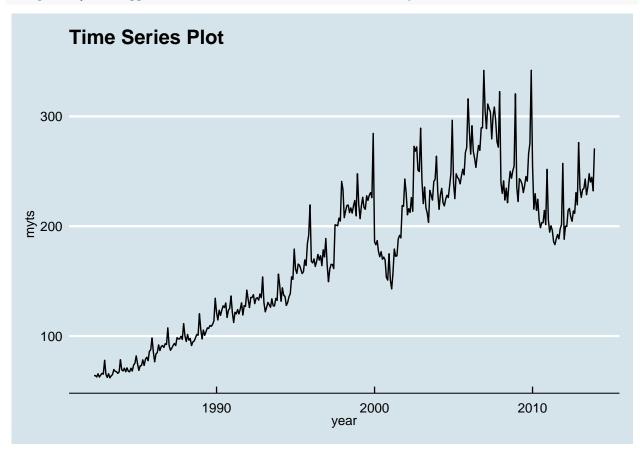
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myts = ts(retaildata[, "A3349338X"], frequency=12, start=c(1982,4))
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(c) Explore your chosen retail time series using the following functions: autoplot(), ggseasonplot(), ggsubseriesplot(), gglagplot(), ggAcf()

Can you spot any seasonality, cyclicity and trend? What do you learn about the series?

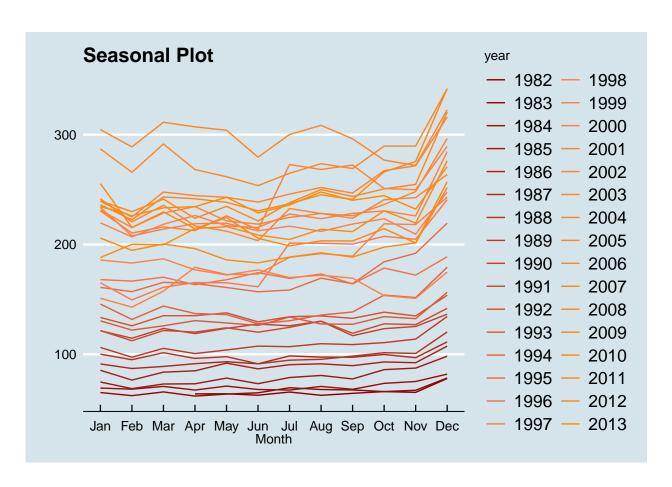
autoplot





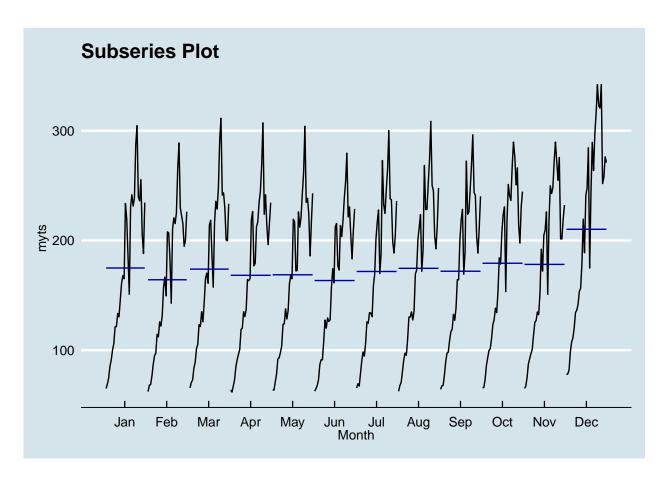
${\tt ggseasonplot}$

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ggseasonplot(myts) + ggtitle("Seasonal Plot") +
   scale_color_manual(values = colorRampPalette(c("darkred", "coral", "darkorange"))(32)) +
   theme(legend.position = "right")
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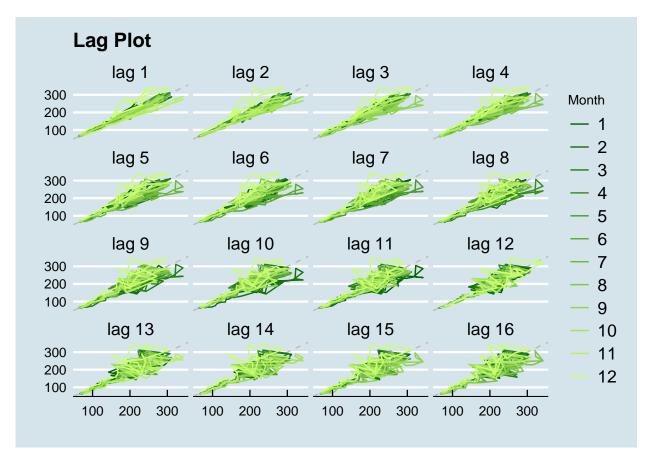
ggsubseriesplot

ggsubseriesplot(myts) + ggtitle("Subseries Plot")

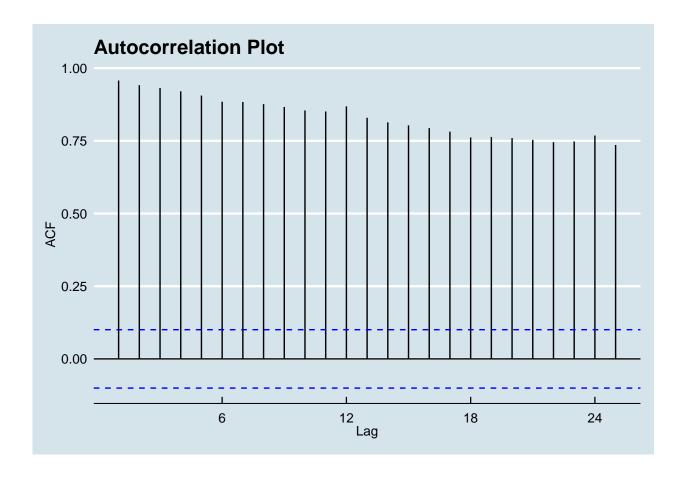


gglagplot

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gglagplot(myts) + ggtitle("Lag Plot") +
  scale_color_manual(values = colorRampPalette(c("darkgreen", "darkolivegreen1"))(12)) +
  theme_economist() + theme(legend.position = "right")
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ggAcF
ggAcf(myts) + ggtitle("Autocorrelation Plot")



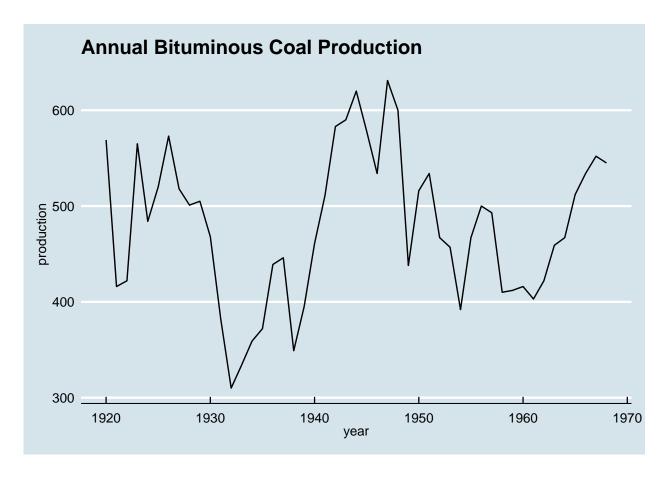
It appears to be that retail sales dipped around 2001 and then went back up as well as in 2011 and went up again. When viewing the sales by month, it is apparent that sales are at the highest in December, presumably due to the Christmas season. There also seems to be a sharp increase in sales from June to July. When viewing month sales, the average retail sales hovers around 180 for all months except December where it reaches over 200. Lagged values of the time series do not show any apparent lagged relations. As demonstrated in the autocorrelation plot, the decrease in the ACF shows that there is some trend as well as some seasonality since ACF goes up every 12 lags rather than down.

Question 4:

Create time plots of the following time series: bicoal, chicken, dole, usdeaths, lynx, goog, writing, fancy, a10, h02.

- Use help() to find out about the data in each series.
- For the goog plot, modify the axis labels and title.

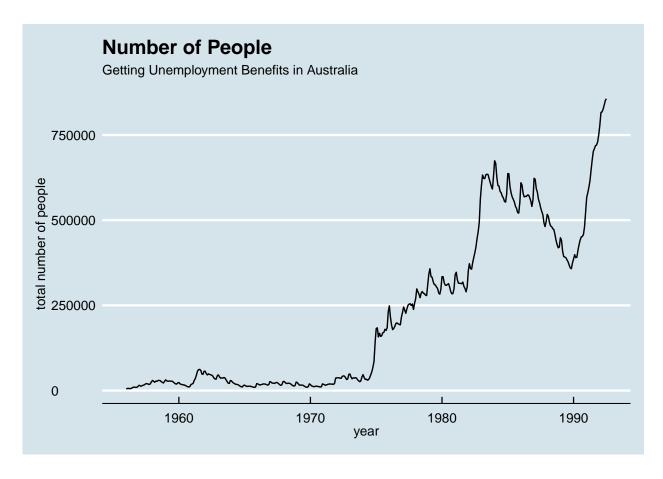
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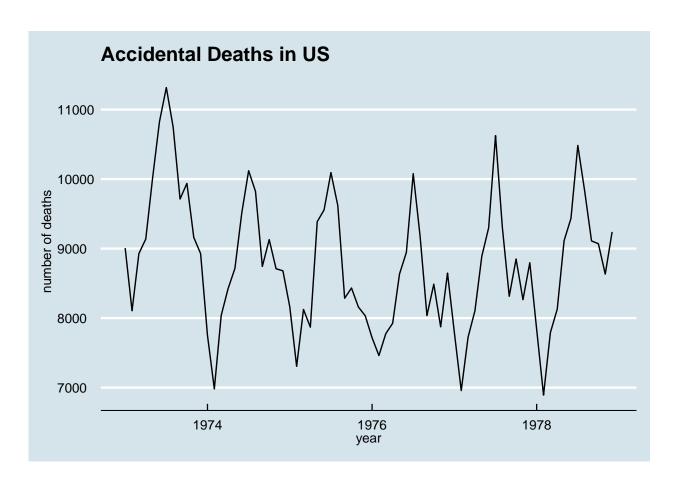
chicken



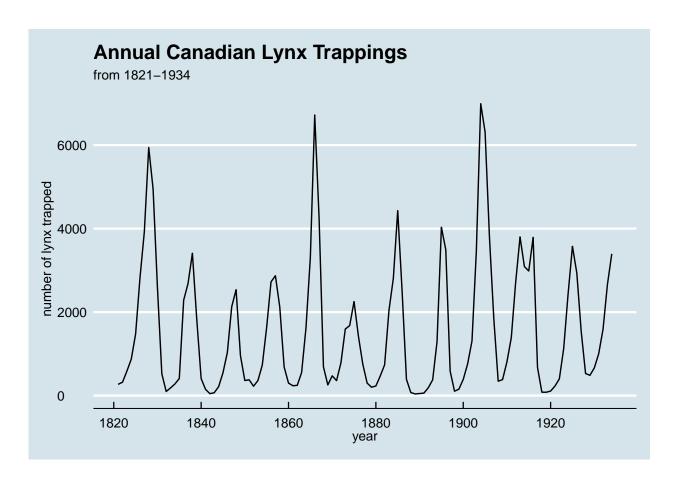
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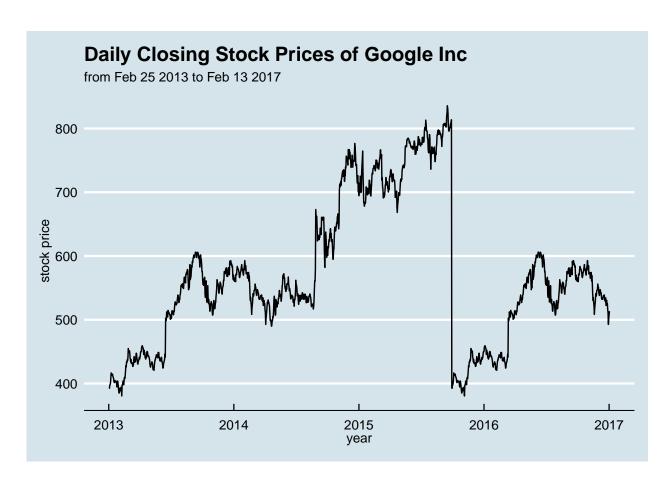
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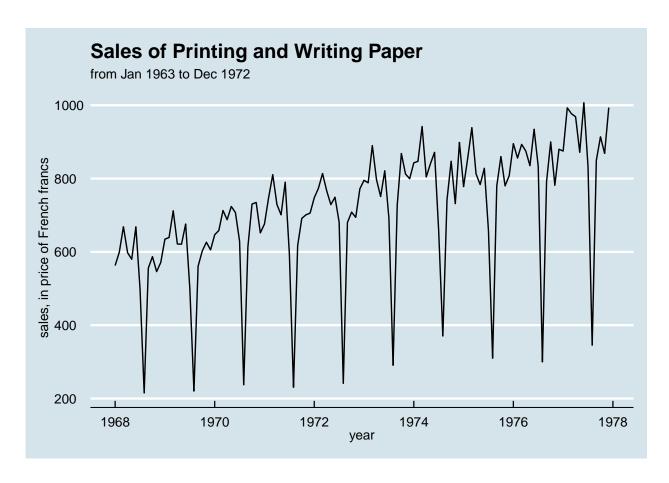
lynx



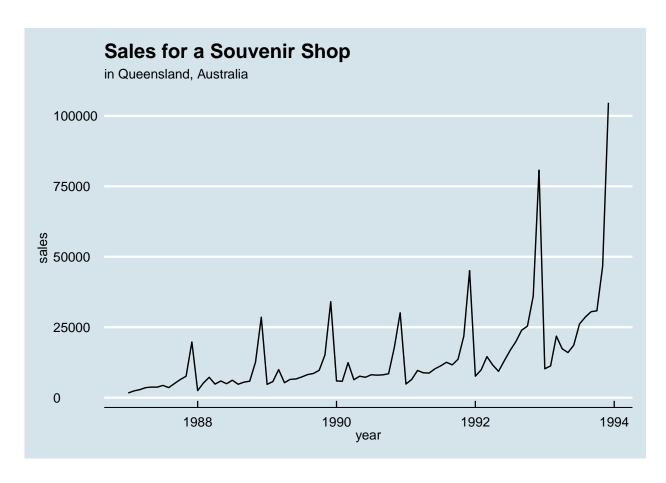
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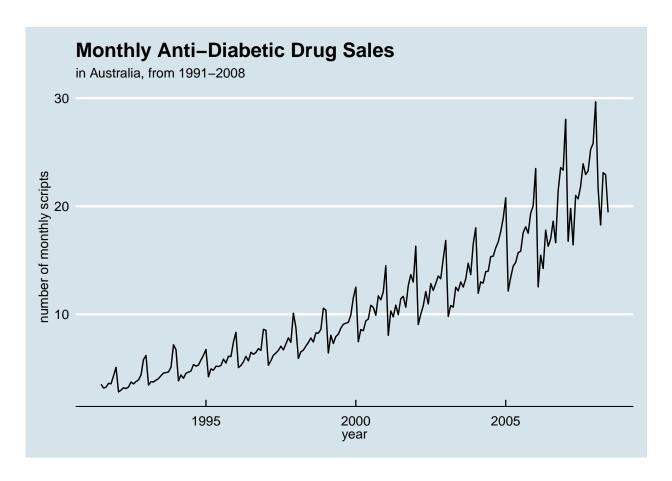


writing

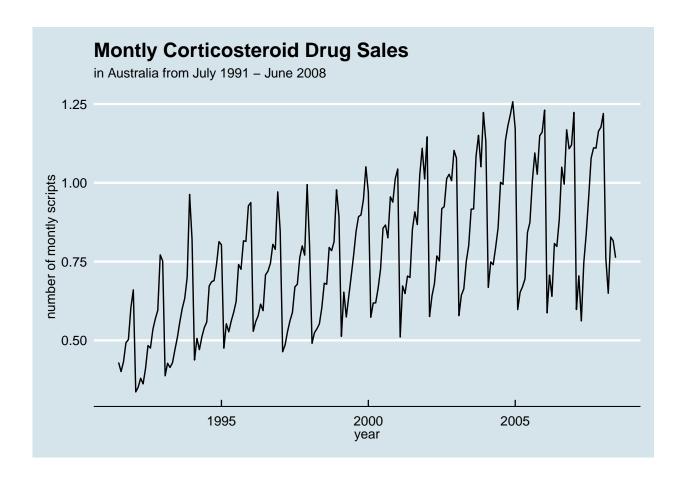


fancy





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h02
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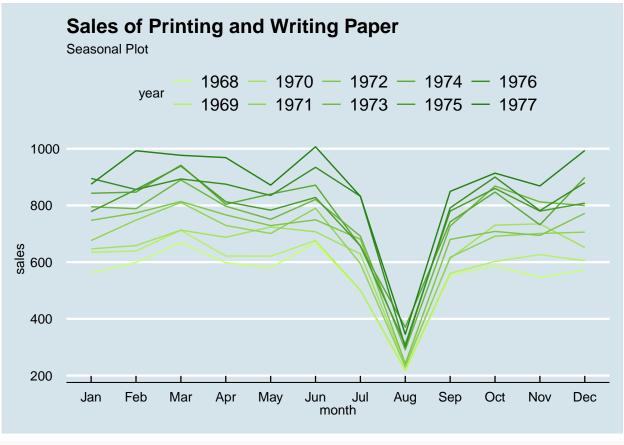
${\bf Question~5:}$

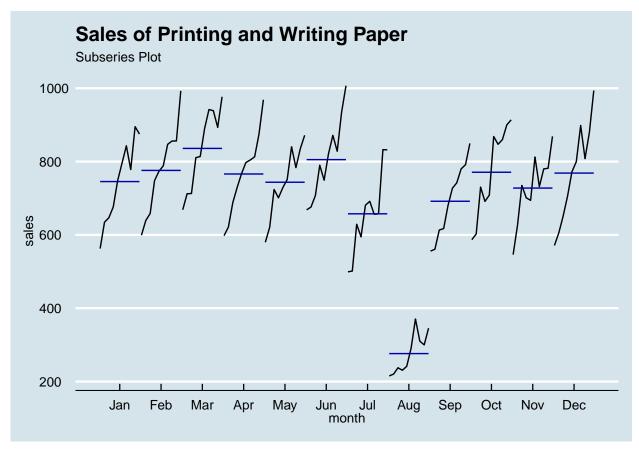
Use the ggseasonplot() and ggsubseriesplot() functions to explore the seasonal patterns in the following time series: writing, fancy, a10, h02.

- What can you say about the seasonal patterns?
- Can you identify any unusual years?

Note: Seasonal plots are plotted such that lighter shades represent earlier years and darker greens represent later years.

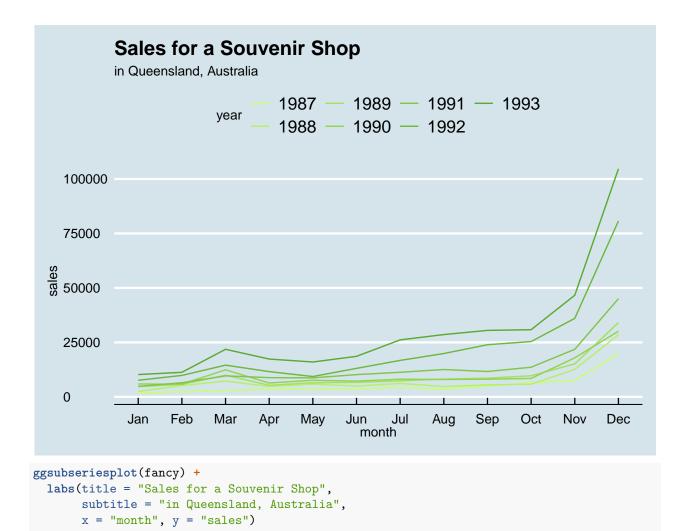
writing

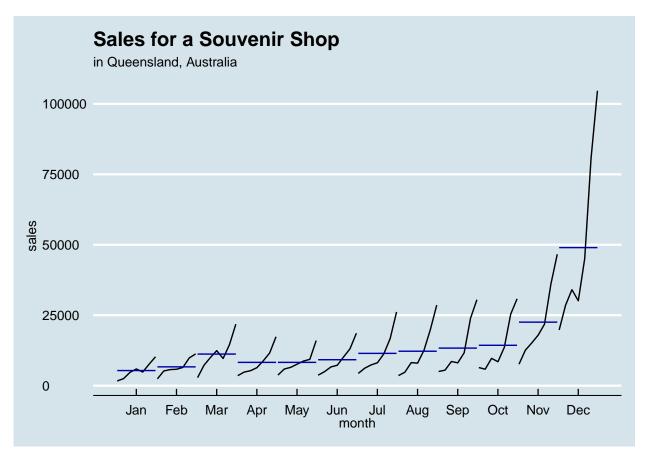




It is evident that August experiences the lowest number of sales of printing and writing paper. There does not appear to be any unusual year. As years go by, the sales of printing and writing paper goes up.

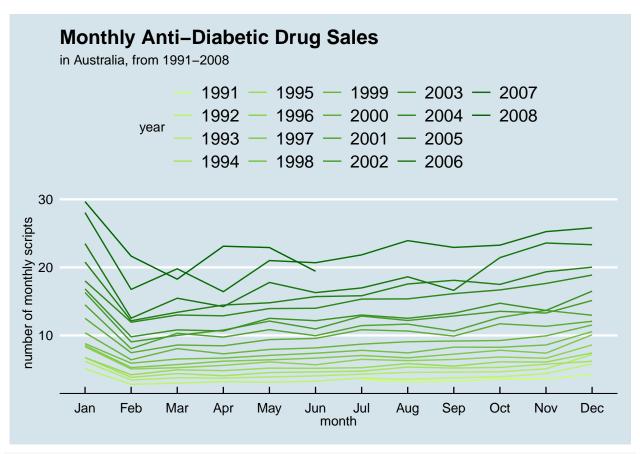
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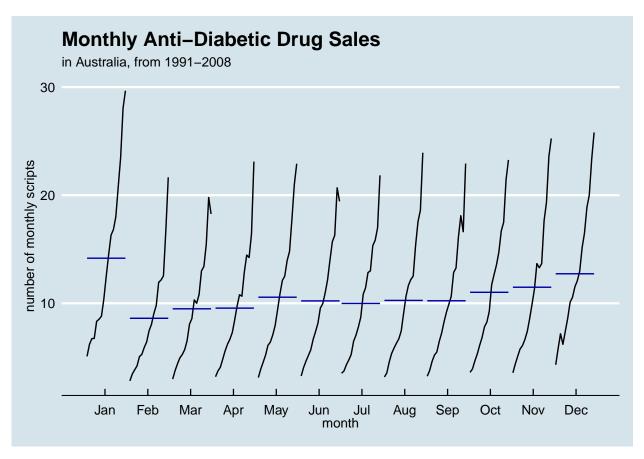


Later months appear to have more souvenir sales than the earlier years. This shows that there is more tourist activities in Queensland in the summer months. There is no unusual year.

a10

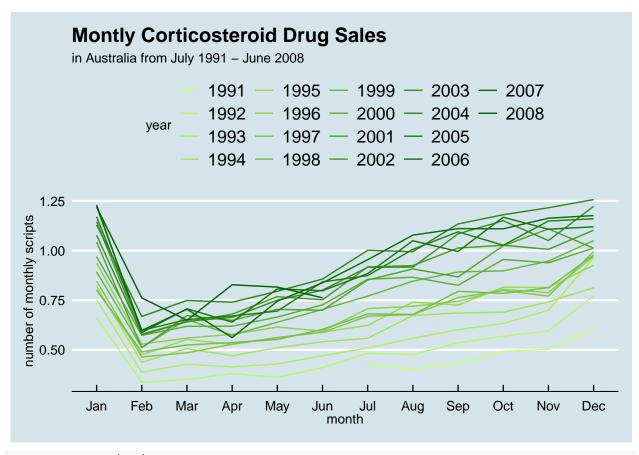


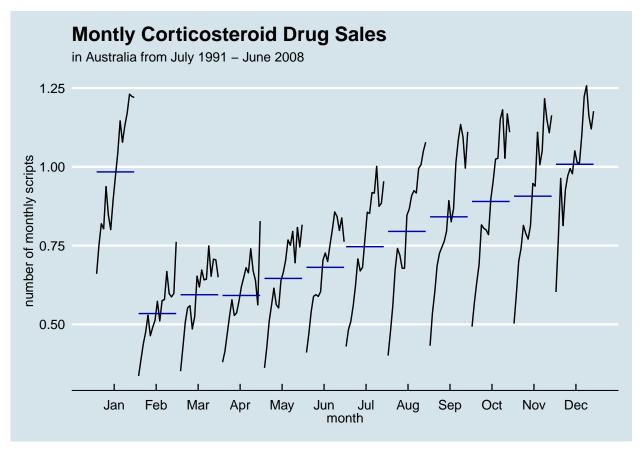
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ggsubseriesplot(a10) +
  labs(title = "Monthly Anti-Diabetic Drug Sales",
      subtitle = "in Australia, from 1991-2008",
      x = "month", y = "number of monthly scripts")
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January experiences higher sales in anti-diabetic drugs as compared to other months. In 2008, the sales of anti-diabetic drugs goes down from February to March whereas in other years it went up.

h02





Monthly sales are the lowest in February and then go up until the end of January when it drops drastically. In 2008, sales of corticosteroid goes up between March and April, which is not seen on previous years.

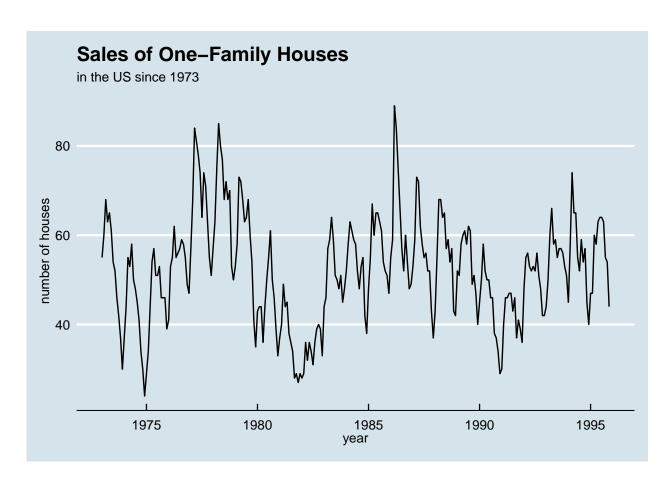
Question 6:

Use the following graphics functions: autoplot(), ggseasonplot(), ggsubseriesplot(), gglagplot(), ggAcf() and explore features from the following time series: hsales, usdeaths, bricksq, subsplotarea, gasoline.

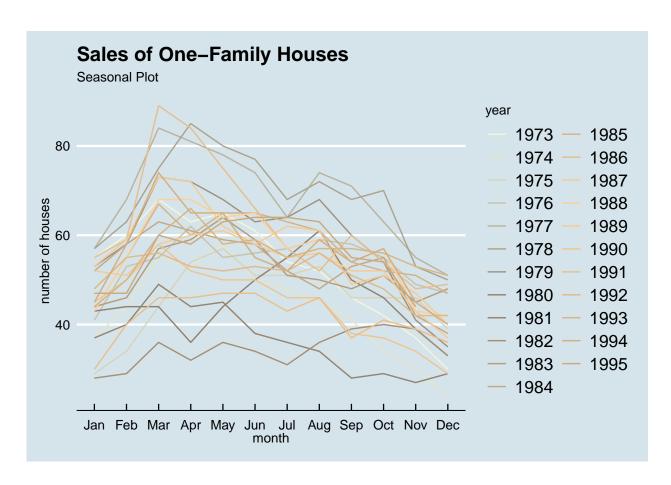
- Can you spot any seasonality, cyclicity and trend?
- What do you learn about the series?

hsales

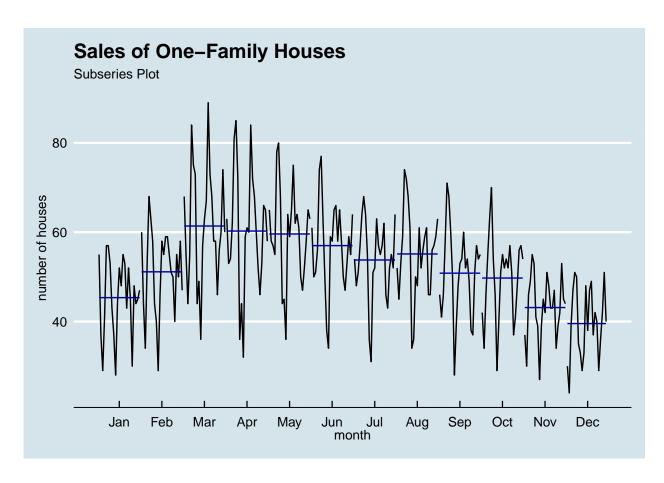
autoplot



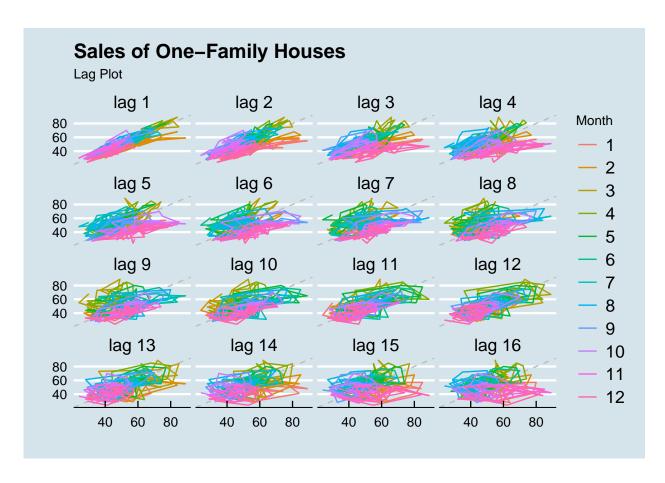
${\tt ggseasonplot}$



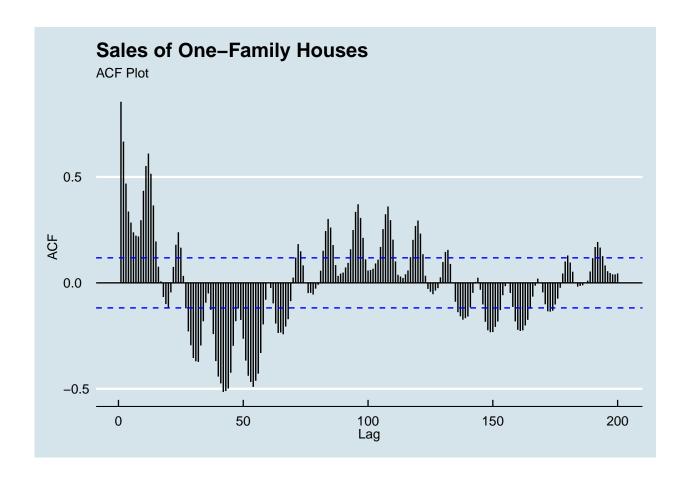
ggsubseriesplot



gglagplot



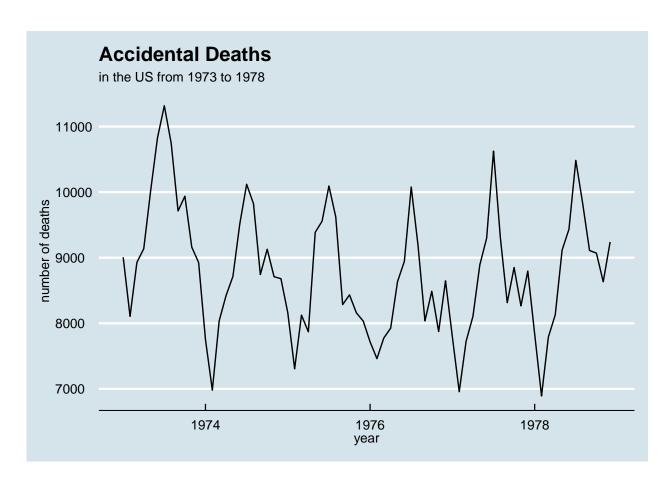
ggAcf



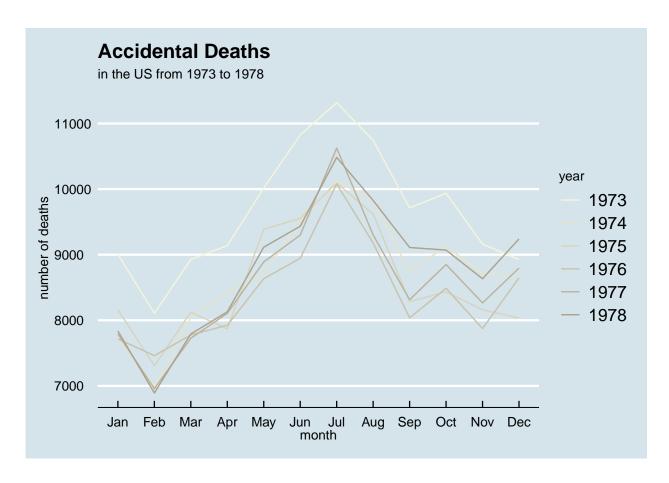
Sales of houses in the US seem to peak in 1986 and experience a low in 1975. House sales tend to be higher around March and April and then go down as the year progresses. A lag of 1 or 2 seems to have a positive relationship with each month. All other lags do not seen to have a positive relationship with one another. Thus there is seasonality and cyclicity. There appears to be a pattern in the ACF as well.

usdeaths

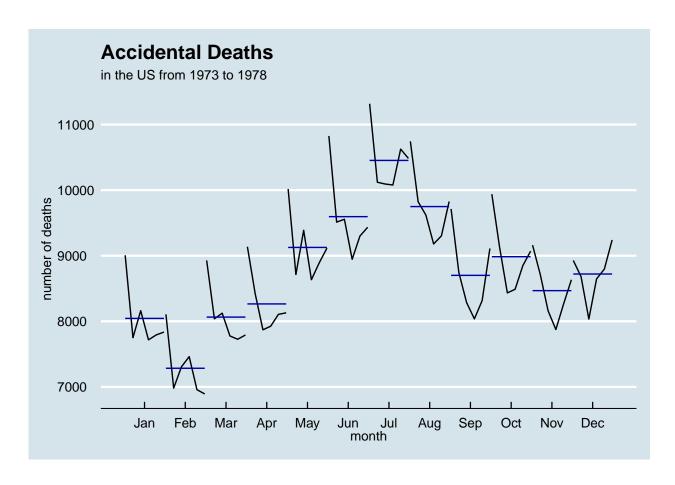
autoplot



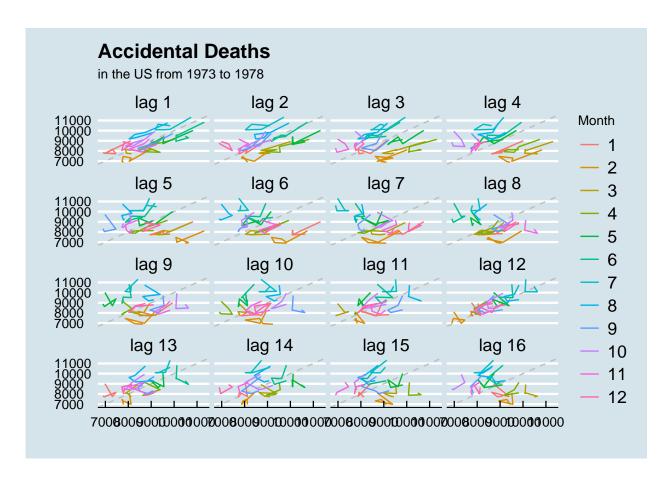
ggseasonplot



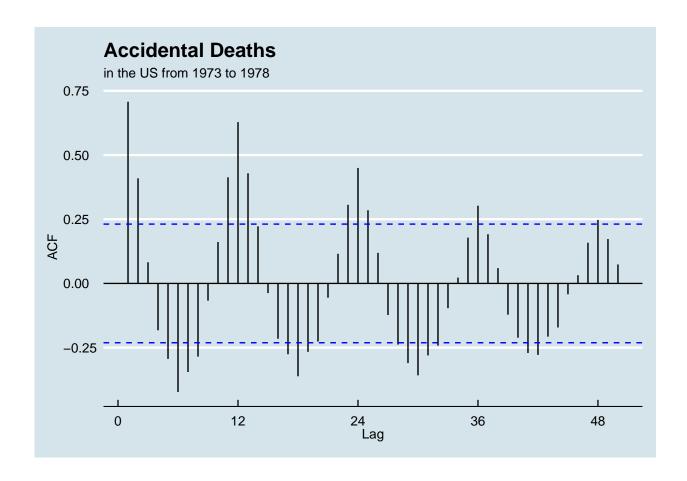
ggsubseriesplot



${\tt gglagplot}$



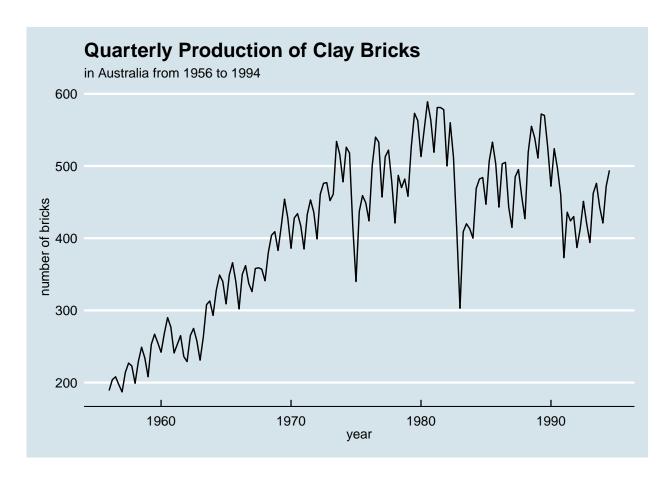
ggAcf



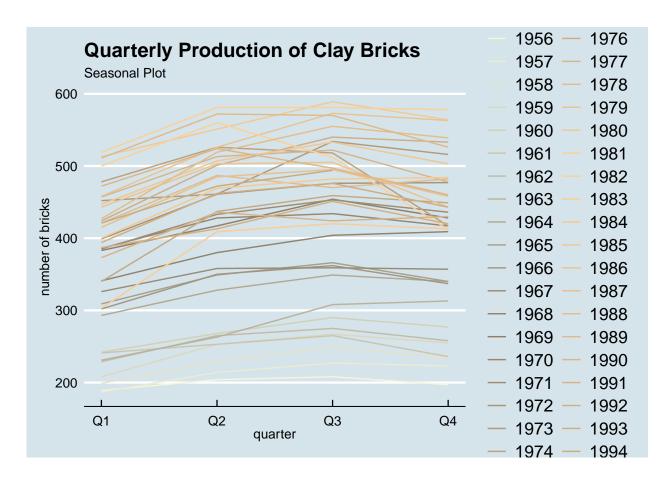
The number of accidental deaths experienced a high in 1973 and has been decreasing in cycles til 1976 where it starts to increase and decrease. July experiences the highest number of accidental deaths whereas February experiences the lowest number of accidental deaths. In each month, the number of accidental death is highest at the beginning of the month. At around the midpoint of each month, number of accidental deaths pick up. A lag of 12 indicates positive relations between each month. This makes sense since the data is recorded by month. A negative relation between each month is seen at lag 4 and 8. The ACF plot indicates a peak eery 12 months and a negative peak in between those peaks, right in the middle. This indicates seasonality.

bricksq

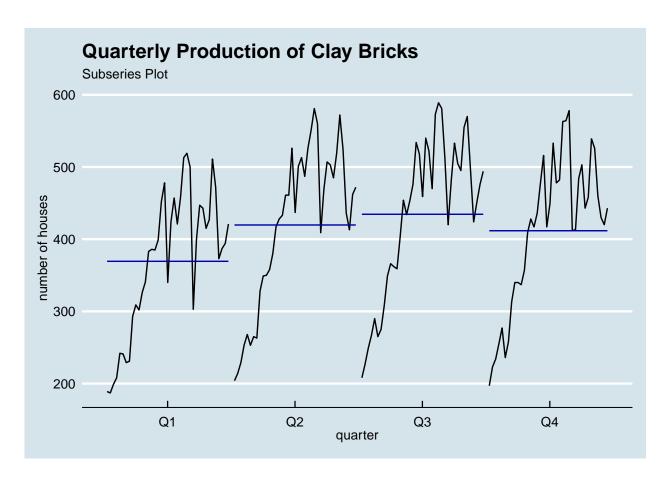
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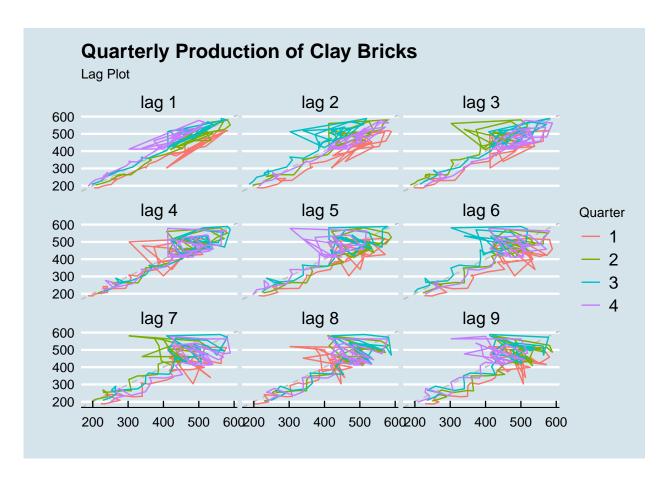
ggseasonplot



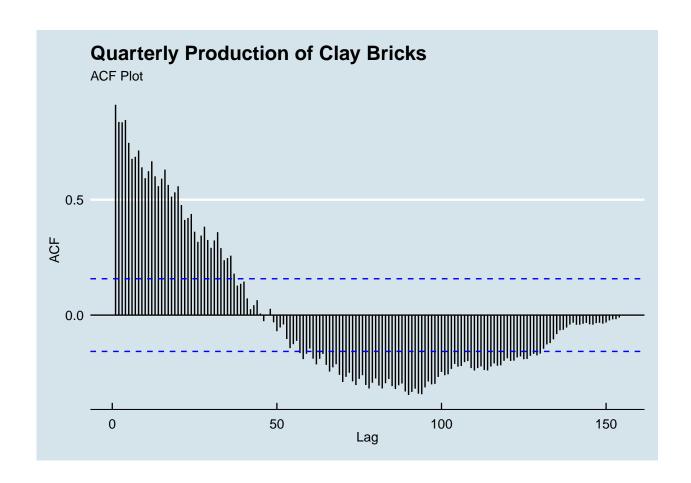
ggsubseriesplot



gglagplot



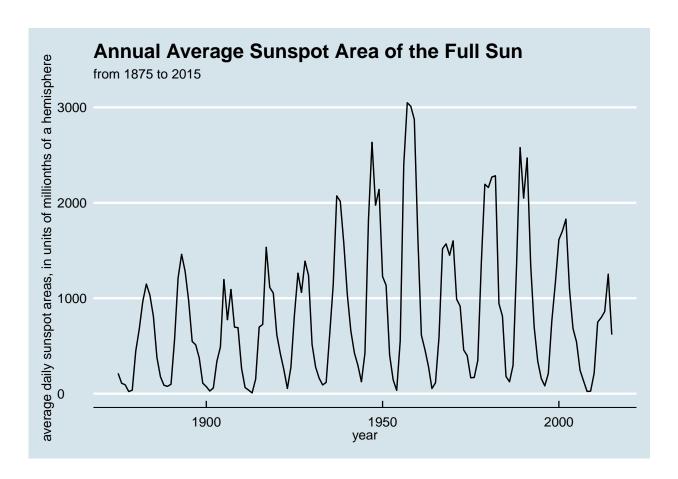
ggAcf



The production of clay bricks has been on the increase since 1973 and has only dipped in mid 1970s and early 1980s by a huge amount. Clay bricks are made the most in the third quarter. The highest increase between quarters occur between Q1 and Q2 in almost all the years. Comparing average production per quarter, Q1 is where the least is made by average. A lag of 3 and 4 indicate a positive relationship between the seasons. Negative relationships are not seen really. The ACF plot shows a positive ACF all the way up to lag 47, then a negative ACF at lag 48, positive at 49 and then negative onwards. This is not much of a seasonality effect.

subsplotarea

autoplot



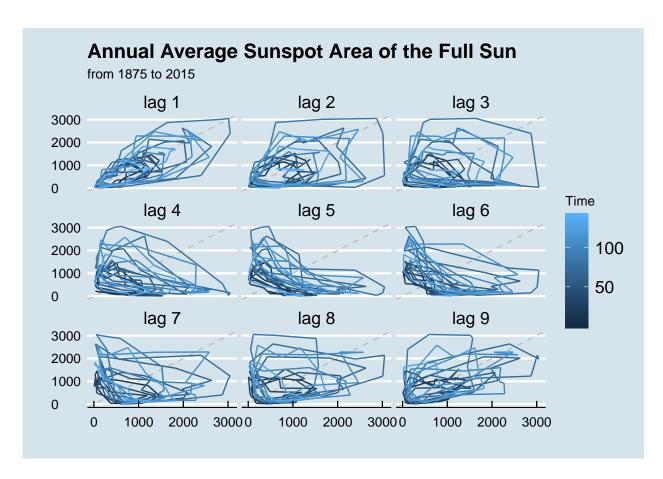
ggseasonplot

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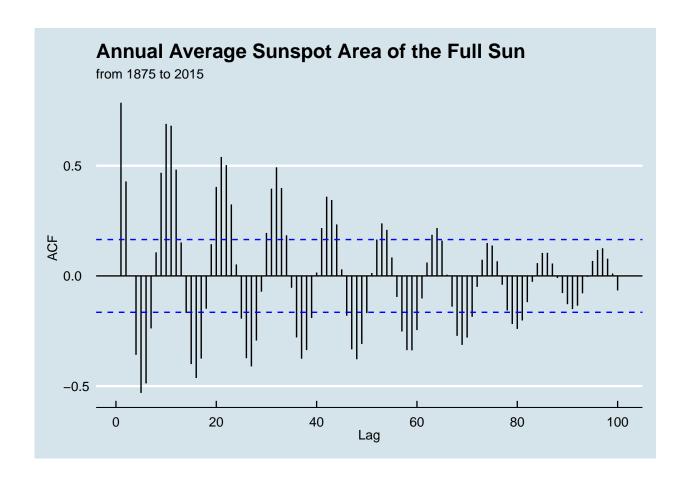
ggsubseriesplot

Subseries plot not available since frequency is annual.

gglagplot



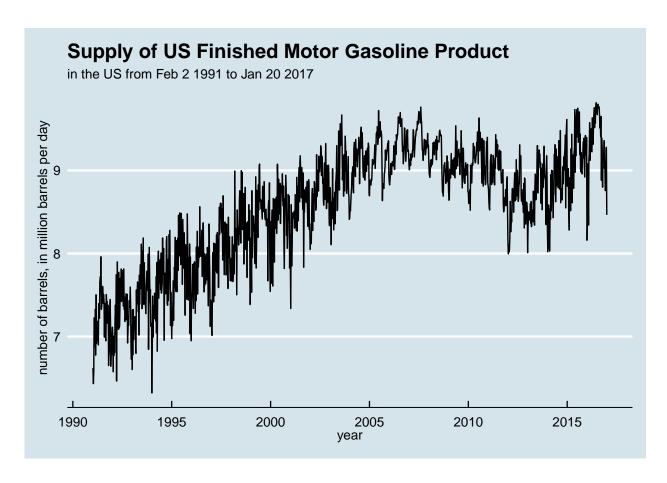
ggAcf



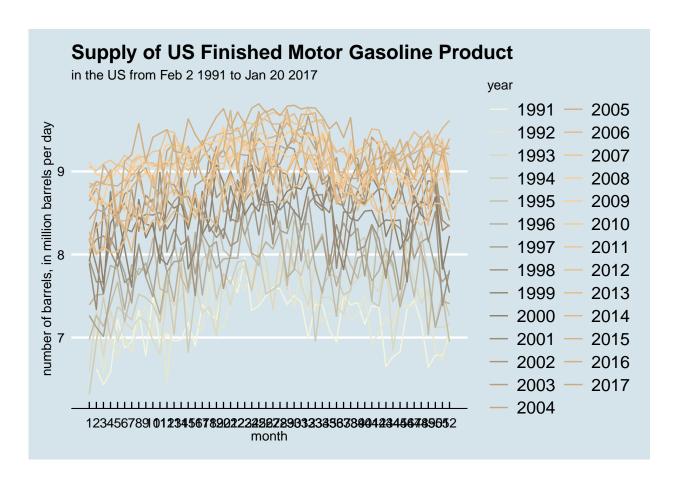
The annual averages of the daily sunspot areas for the full sun has been on the increase since 1875 and then decreased in the 60s which then rose until the 80s and then began to go down. Seasonal and subseries plots are not shown since data frequency is annual. The lag plot does not indicate any positive relationships at any lags, meaning there is no pattern in the yearly data. The ACF plot show very strong cyclicity pattern, a pattern every 5/6 lags, in the sunspot area, which is slowly getting damped.

gasoline

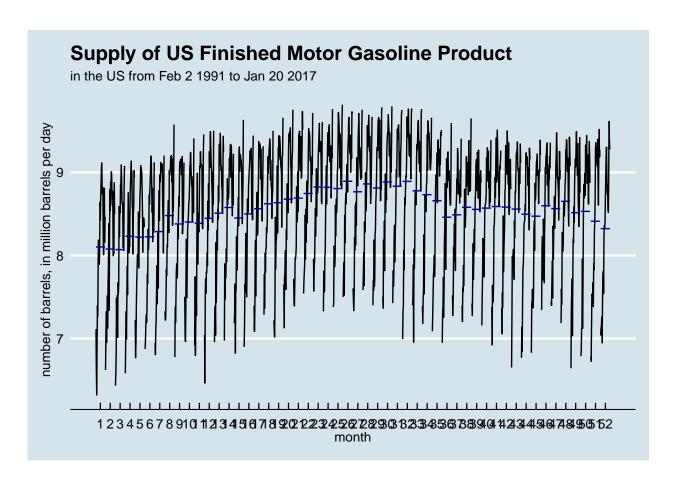
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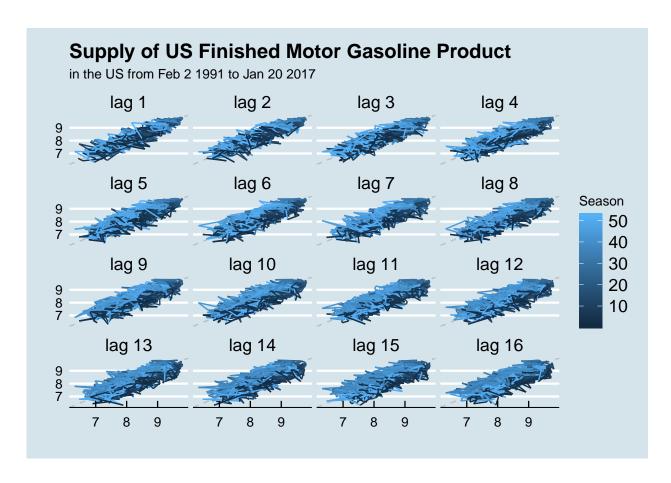
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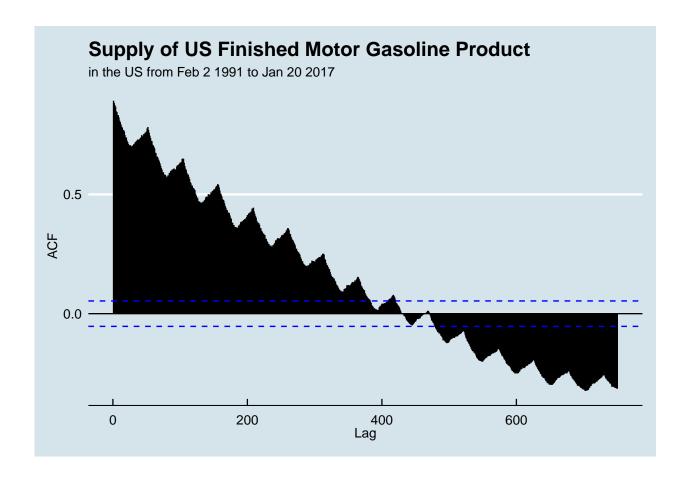
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ggAcf

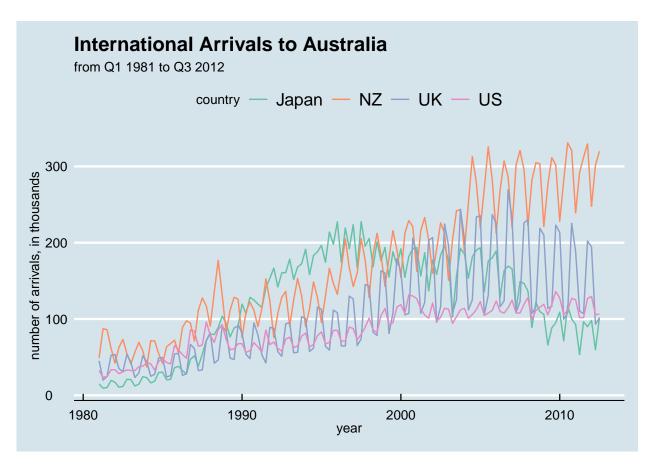


The amount of barrels of motor gasoline product being supplied in the US has been on the rise since 1991, where it became to sink in 2005 (due to the economic crisis in the US) and then go up again. Gasoline has been sold more in the middle as opposed to the beginning/end of the month. No lag seems to share a particularly positive relationship with the weekly gas supplied. After more than 400, there appears to be a shift in the ACF. There does not appear to be any seasonality.

Question 7:

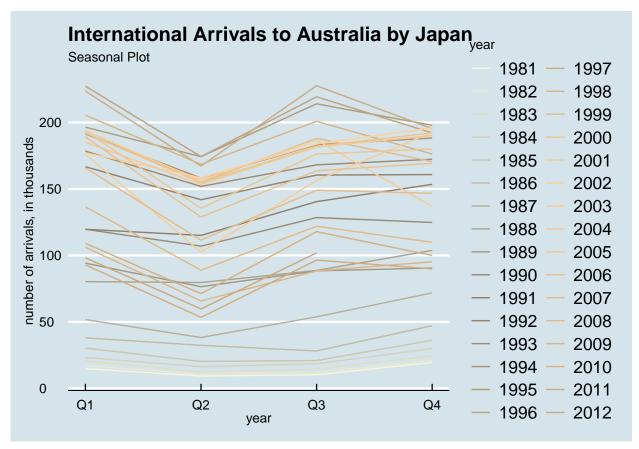
The arrivals data set comprises quarterly international arrivals (in thousands) to Australia from Japan, New Zealand, UK and the US.

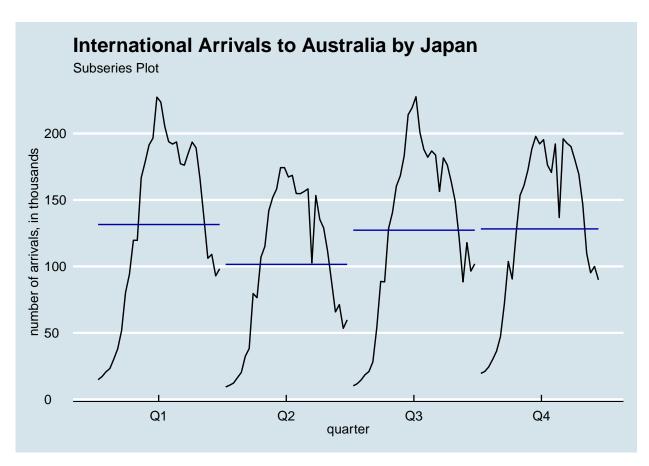
- Use autoplot(), ggseasonplot() and ggsubseriesplot() to compare the differences between the arrivals from these four countries.
- Can you identify any unusual observations?



International arrivals to Australia from New Zealand and the US has been on the increase since 1981. There has been a decrease in arrivals from Japan after the mid 1990s and a small decrease from the UK shortly after 2005.

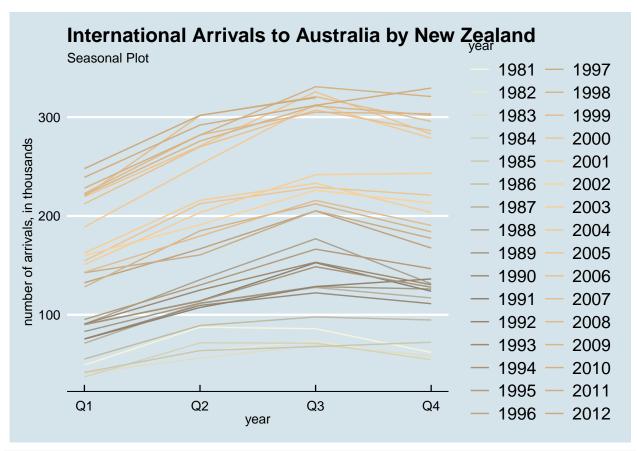
Japan



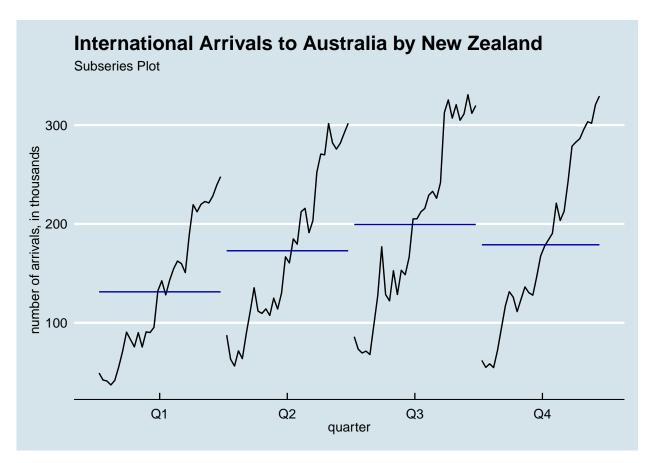


Japan has a decrease in arrivals in the second quarter and sharp increase in the third quarter. Average number of arrivals lie around 130 thousand arrivals per quarter for Q1, Q3 and Q4 while for Q2, it is close to 100 thousand arrivals.

NZ

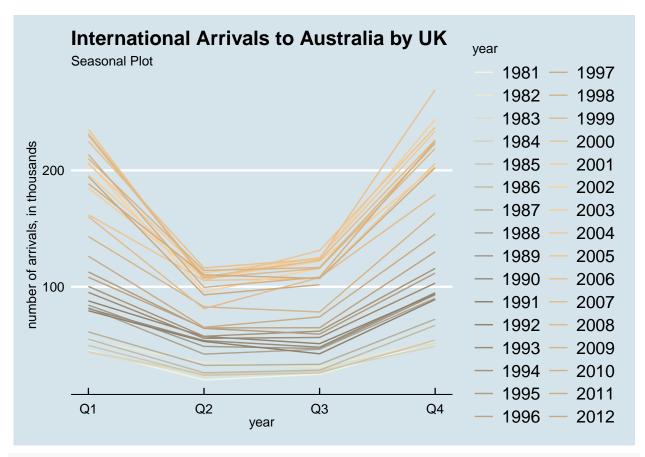


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ggsubseriesplot(arrivals[, "NZ"]) +
  labs(title = "International Arrivals to Australia by New Zealand",
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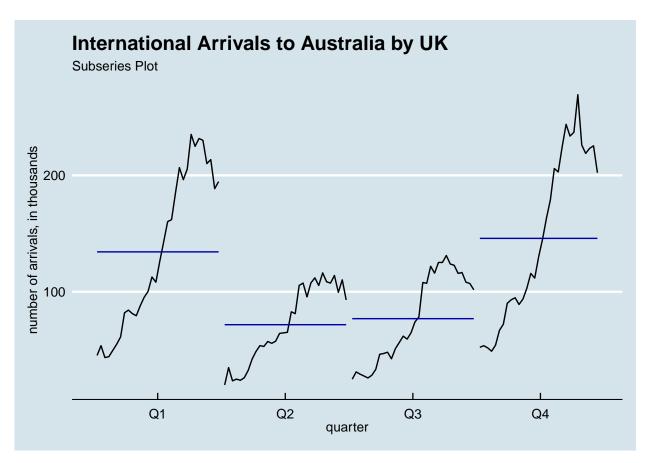


For New Zealand, international arrivals peak in Q3 and are at the lowest in Q1.

UK

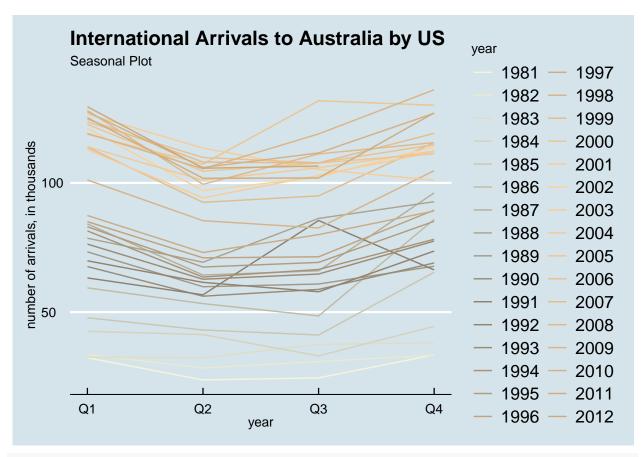


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ggsubseriesplot(arrivals[, "UK"]) +
  labs(title = "International Arrivals to Australia by UK",
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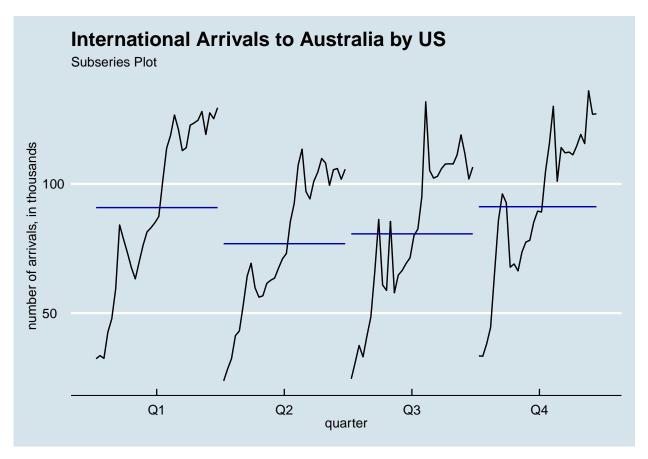


For the UK, international arrivals are at the lowest in the middle of the year and highest in Q1 and Q4.

US

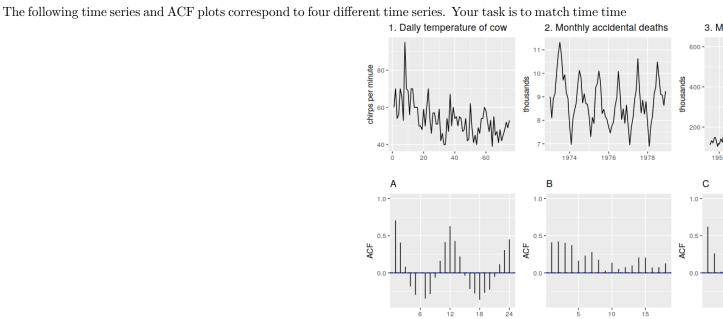


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ggsubseriesplot(arrivals[, "US"]) +
  labs(title = "International Arrivals to Australia by US",
      subtitle = "Subseries Plot", x = "quarter", y = "number of arrivals, in thousands")
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Americans tend to arrive to Australia the most in Q1 and the least in Q2.

Question 8:



plot in the first row with one of the ACF plots in the second row.

(1) matches with (B). (2) matches with (A), (3) matches with (D). (4) matches with (C).

White noise

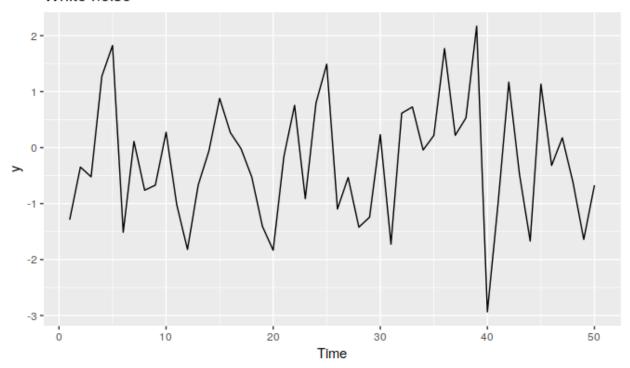


Figure 1: Figure 2.17: A white noise time series

Question 9:

The pigs data shows the monthly total number of pigs slaughtered in Victoria, Australia, from Jan 1980 to Aug 1995. Use mypigs = window(pigs, start=1990) to select the data starting from 1990. Use autoplot and ggAcf for mypigs series and compare these to white noise plots from Figures 2.17 and Figure 2.18.

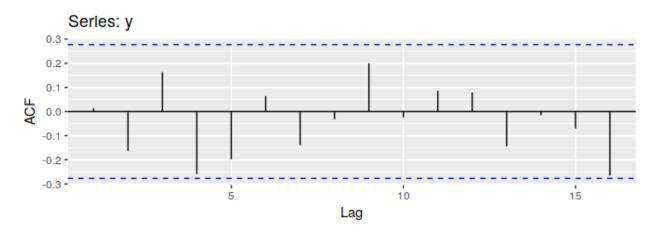
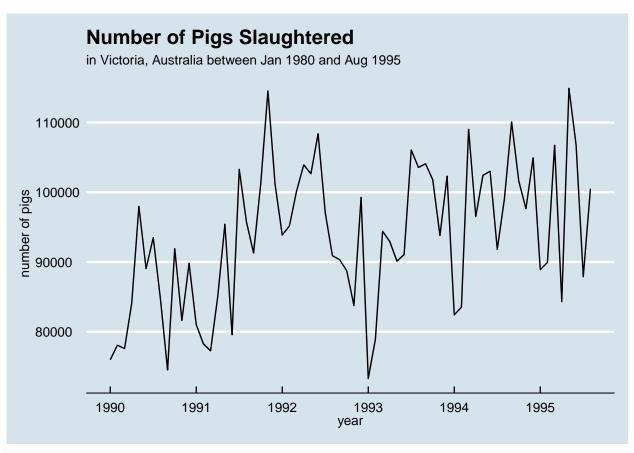
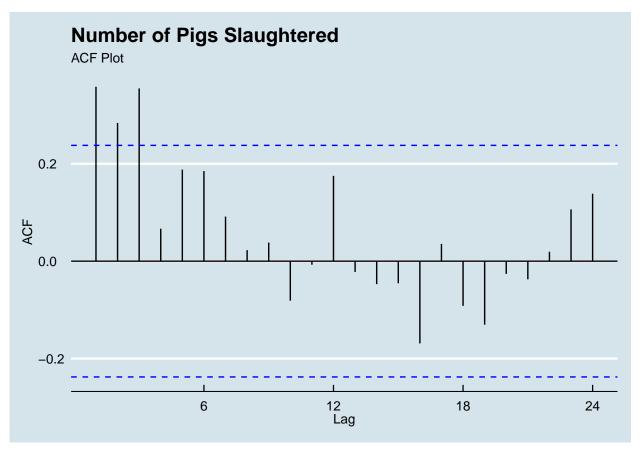


Figure 2: Figure 2.18: Autocorrelation function for the white noise series

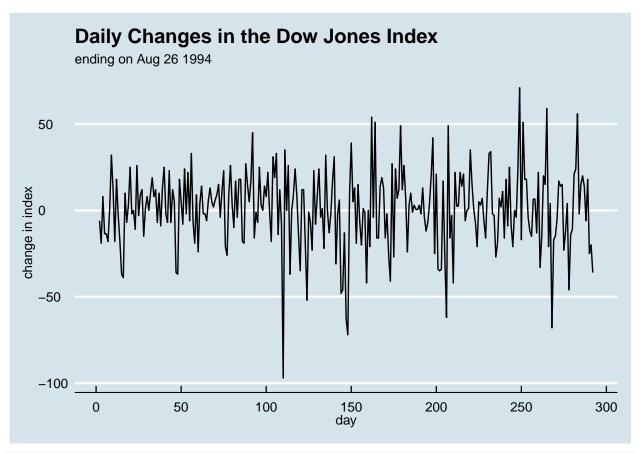


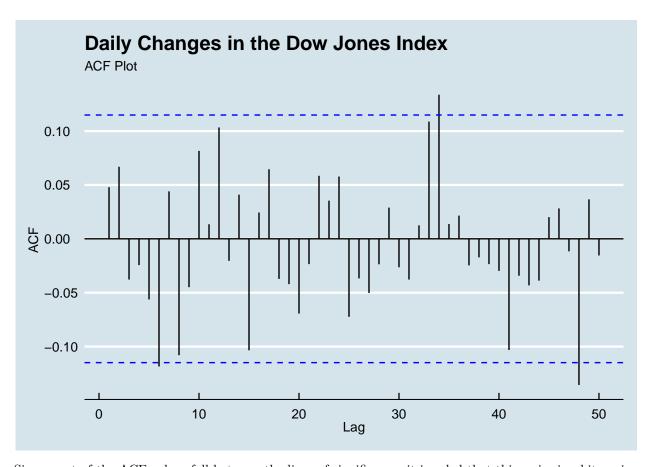


The number of pigs being slaughtered has been on the increase since 1990. In the ACF plot, since lag 1 to 3 fall outside the line of significance, it is safe to rule out that this series is not white noise.

Question 10:

dj contains 292 consecutive trading days of the Dow Jones Index. Use ddj = diff(dj) to compute the daily changes in the index. Plot ddj and its ACF. Do the changes in the Dow Jones Index look like white noise?





Since most of the ACF values fall between the lines of significance, it is ruled that this series is white noise.

Source: Hyndman, R.J., & Athanasopoulos, G. (2018) Forecasting: principles and practice, 2nd edition, OTexts: Melbourne, Australia. OTexts.com/fpp2. Accessed on August 1 2019.