

Probabilistic forecasts for anomaly detection

Rob J Hyndman

3 July 2024

Outline

- 1 Australian PBS data
- 2 Probabilistic forecasts
- 3 Extreme log scores
- 4 Using the fable and weird packages
- 5 Online anomaly detection

Outline

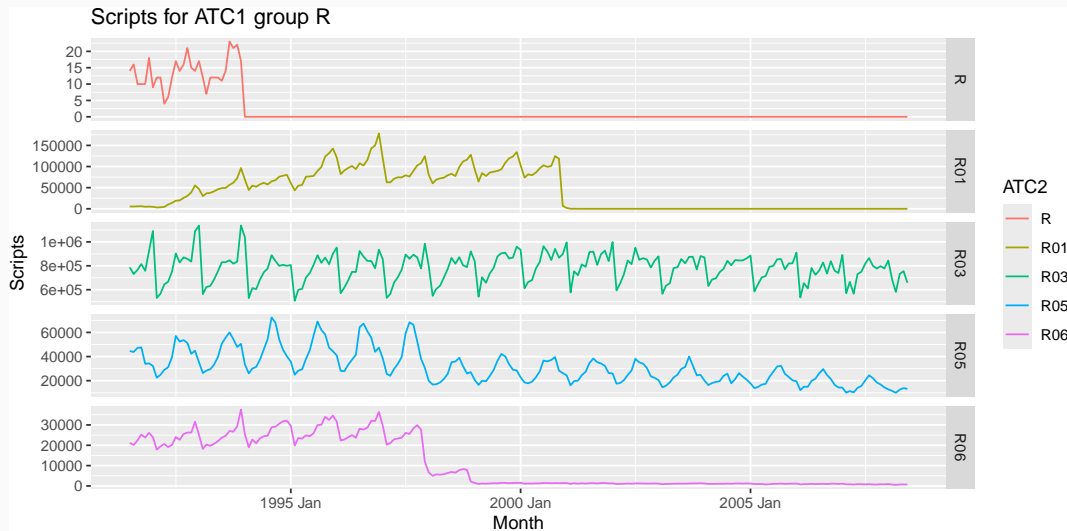
- 1 Australian PBS data
- 2 Probabilistic forecasts
- 3 Extreme log scores
- 4 Using the fable and weird packages
- 5 Online anomaly detection

Australian PBS data

```
pbs
```

```
# A tsibble: 17,016 x 4 [1M]
# Key:          ATC1, ATC2 [84]
   ATC1  ATC2      Month Scripts
   <chr> <chr>    <mth>    <dbl>
1 A      A01    1991 Jul      22615
2 A      A01    1991 Aug      20443
3 A      A01    1991 Sep      21389
4 A      A01    1991 Oct      23746
5 A      A01    1991 Nov      23477
6 A      A01    1991 Dec      26316
7 A      A01    1992 Jan      22041
8 A      A01    1992 Feb      16393
9 A      A01    1992 Mar      17207
10 A     A01    1992 Apr      18847
# i 17,006 more rows
```

Australian PBS data



Main idea

- Look at one-step forecast distributions and compute the anomaly score = $-\log$ probability density of the next observation.
- High anomaly scores indicate potential anomalies.
- Fit a Generalized Pareto Distribution to the largest anomaly scores.
- Estimate the probability of each observation being an anomaly.

Outline

- 1 Australian PBS data
- 2 Probabilistic forecasts
- 3 Extreme log scores
- 4 Using the fable and weird packages
- 5 Online anomaly detection

Probabilistic forecasts

- Describe probabilistic forecasts

Outline

- 1 Australian PBS data
- 2 Probabilistic forecasts
- 3 Extreme log scores**
- 4 Using the fable and weird packages
- 5 Online anomaly detection

Extreme log scores

- Explain log scores and EVT approach to finding anomalies ala lookout

Outline

- 1 Australian PBS data
- 2 Probabilistic forecasts
- 3 Extreme log scores
- 4 Using the fable and weird packages**
- 5 Online anomaly detection

Using the fable and weird packages

- Demonstrate using weird package with (a) univariate models for tourism data; and (b) univariate models for age-specific time series from French mortality.

Outline

- 1 Australian PBS data
- 2 Probabilistic forecasts
- 3 Extreme log scores
- 4 Using the fable and weird packages
- 5 Online anomaly detection

Online anomaly detection

- Need to compute one-step forecast distributions using prior data. Approximately the same as $N(\hat{y}, \sigma^2)$ using in-sample fit. More accurate using stretch tsibble with one-step forecasts.