

Analysis of West African Crisis

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INTRODUCTION



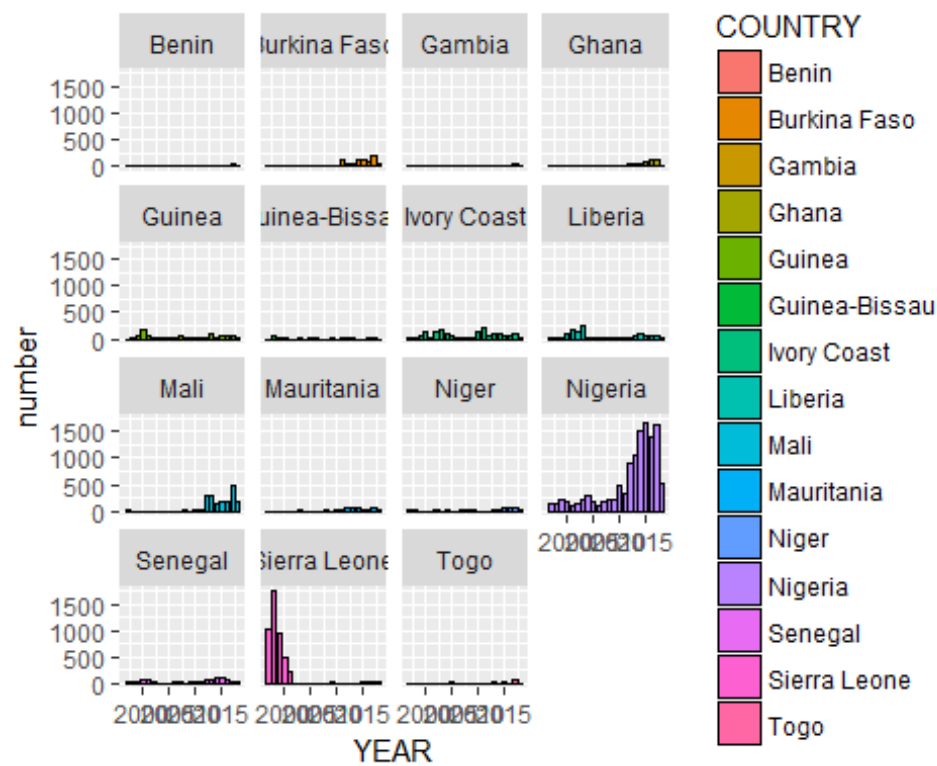
Africa is the second largest continent in the world. Consisting of five regions (Northern, Eastern, Western, Southern and Central). The advent of crisis in the western African region has affected the economy of the region. My analysis is based on crisis level within the 15 countries in the western African region across the span of 21 years. I want to find out if there is similarity in crisis occurrences in the different months for each of the years.

Countries in West Africa



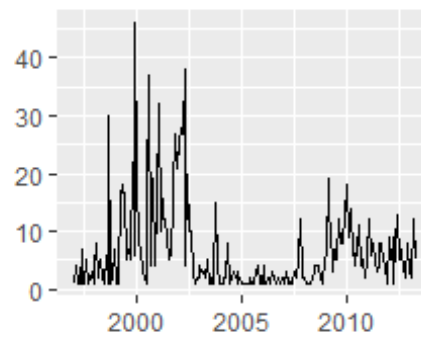
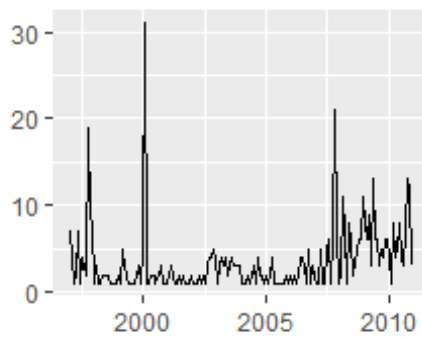
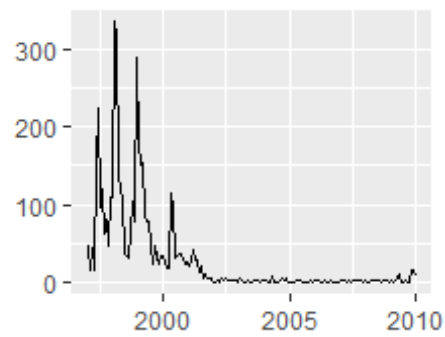
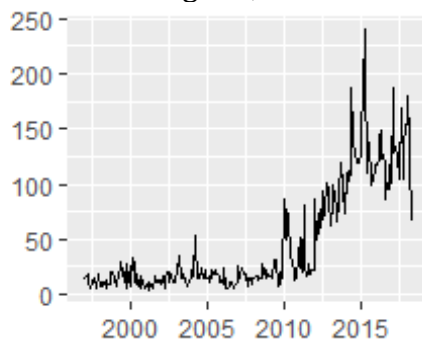
West African Countries

Crisis analysis in each country



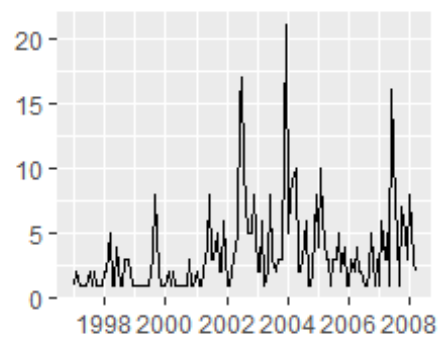
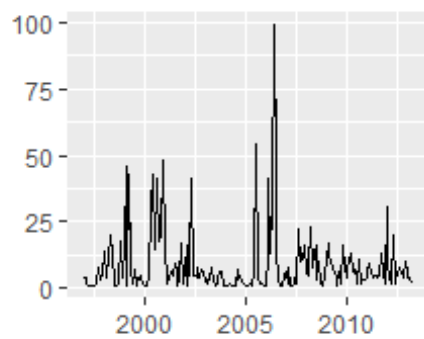
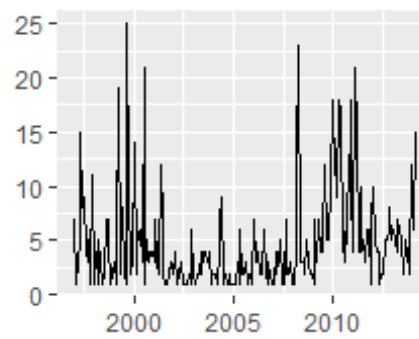
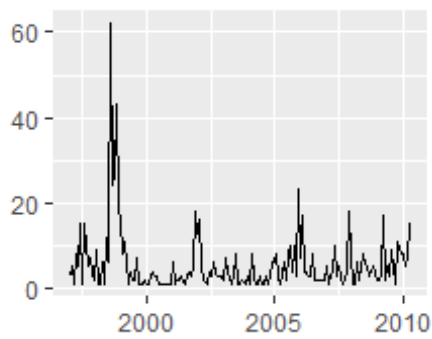
Timeseries plot for each country

From the Left:Nigeria,Sierra Leone,Niger,Liberia



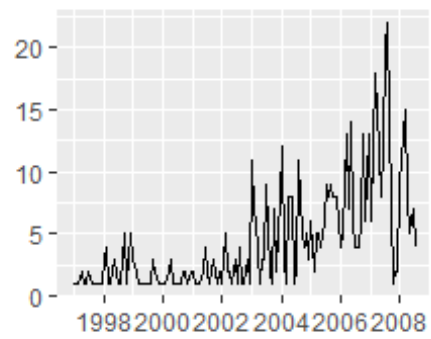
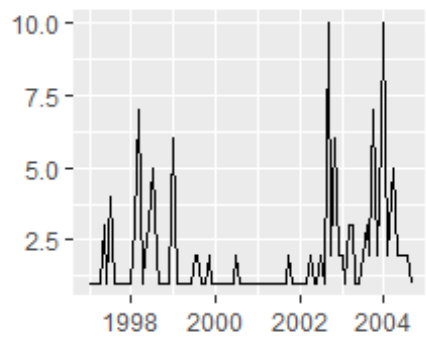
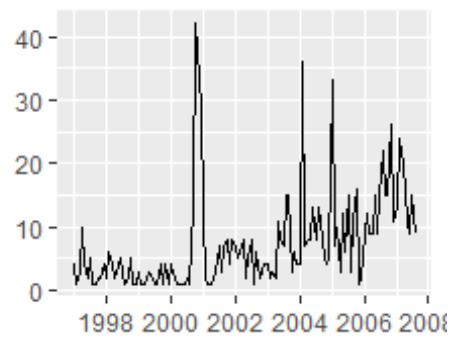
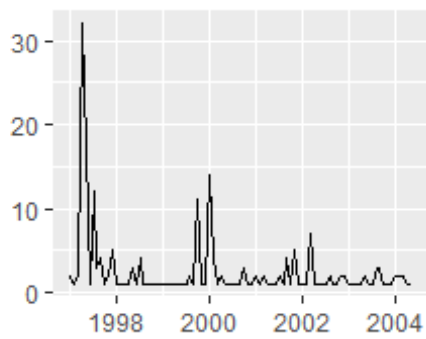
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From the left: Guinea,Senegal,Ivory Coast,Mauritania



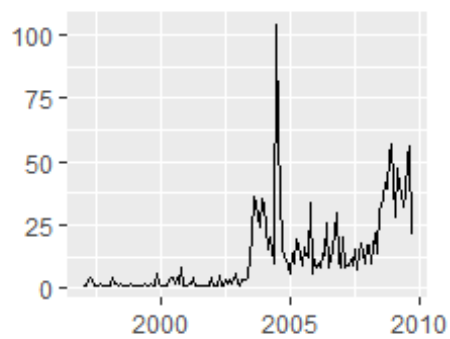
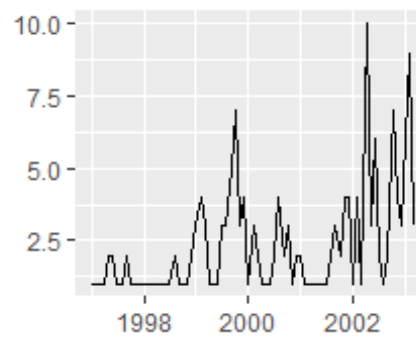
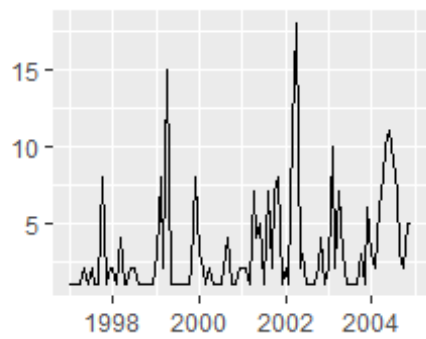
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From the left: Guinea-Bissau, Burkina Faso, Gambia, Ghana,

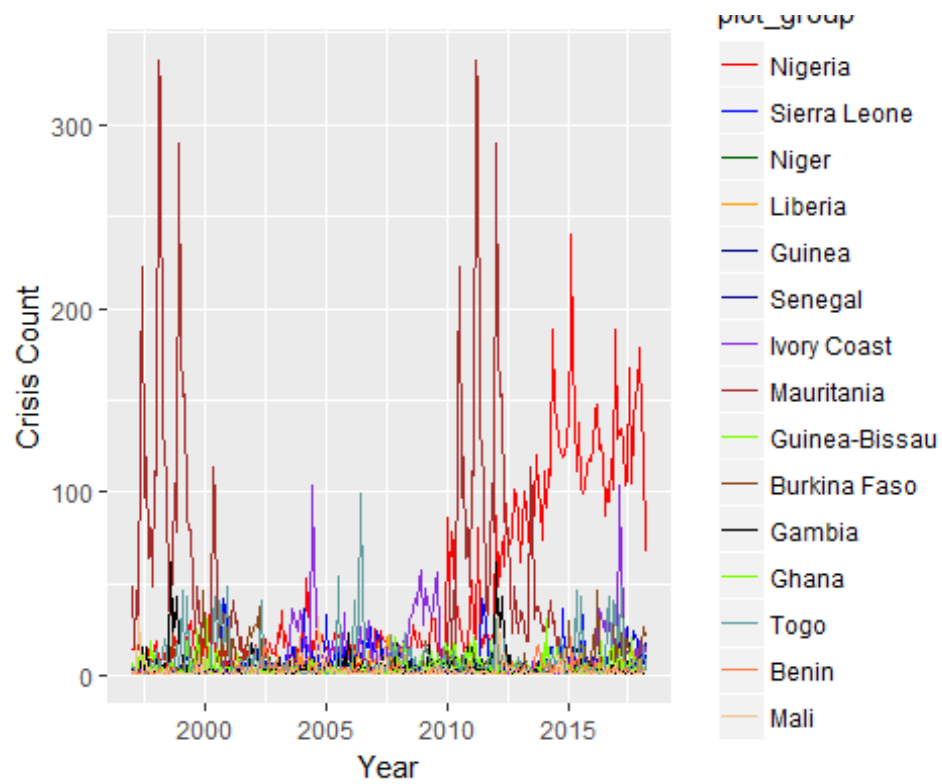


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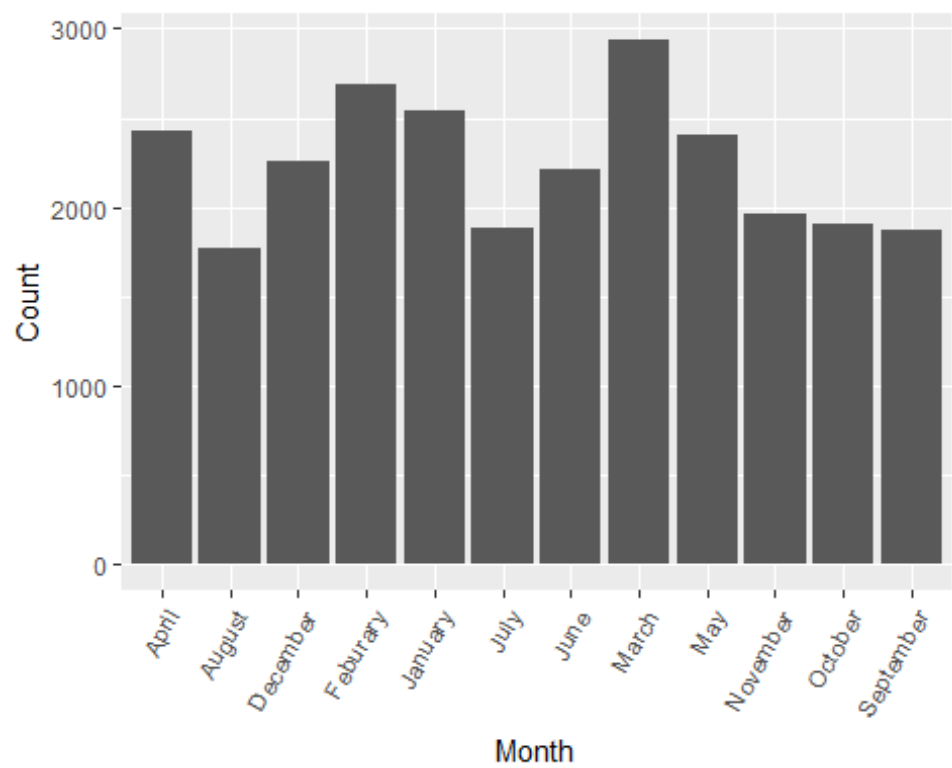
From the left:Togo,Benin,Mali



Timeseries contnd...



Monthly comparison in each year



Chi-Square Test

Chi-squared test for given probabilities

data: observed

X-squared = 0.025329, df = 11, p-value = 1

Conclusion

The crisis rate in the western african region has existed since 1997, though the occurrence in most countries has significantly dropped. In some other areas, there have been recent occurrences (Nigeria). This can be clearly seen from the different graphical representations of the crisis trend across 21 years. The Basis of my analysis was to compare the occurrences within months across the different years, to know if the rate of occurrence is relational to the month (season).

To do this, the chi-square test was used. Based on the resulting p-value, I cannot statistically conclude that this relationship exists. However, pertinent contributory factors to these conflicts include poverty, human rights violations, bad governance and corruption, ethnic marginalization and small arms proliferation.

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