R Practical 5: Diagnostic Plots & Final Plot

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Recommended Iteration

Considering the initialization iteration of 10000 without burn-in, and check the maximum of effectiveSize() which indicates the proper effective selection of sample size:

max(effectiveSize(sam.coda))

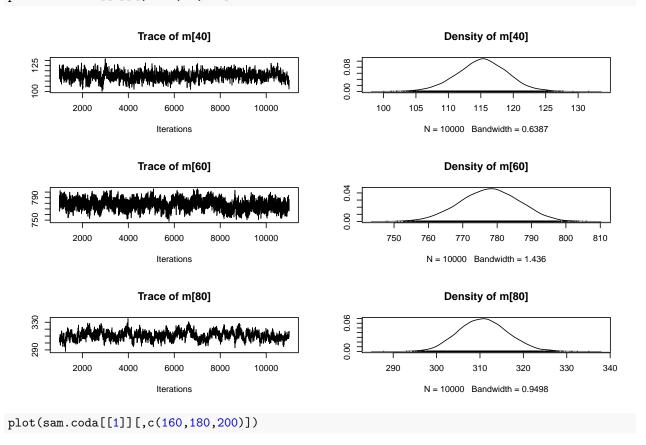
[1] 540.383

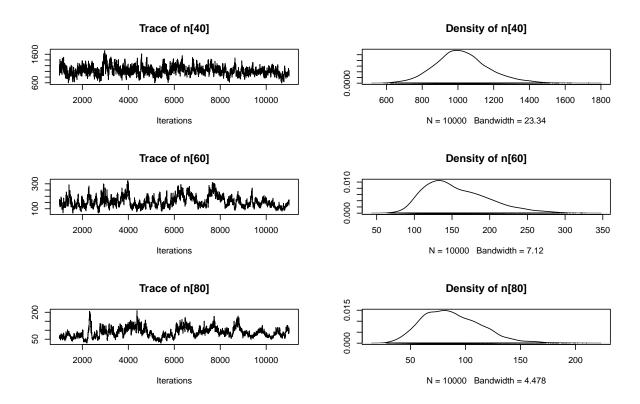
Hence to set the iteration to around 1000 or even slightly less is reasonable.

Recommended Burn-in

By showing the trace plots as following:

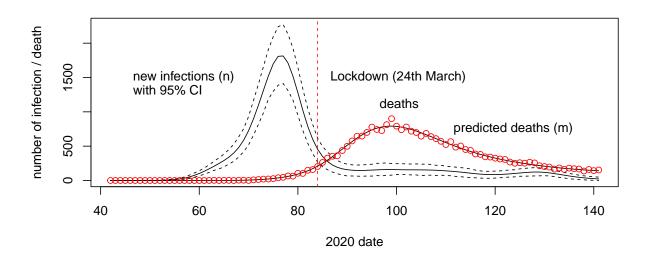
plot(sam.coda[[1]][,c(40,60,80)])





Notice that in most cases, since just considering around 1000 iterations, the first 200 or 300 samples are not stable enough, so a 'burn-in' of around 200 or 300 may be reasonable.





From the final plot we find that there is a lag (duration) between infection and death number, and the lockdown may ensure the decrease of cases in the late period.