

# Functional Data Analysis

A Short Course

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## Some References

Three references for this course (all Springer)

- Ramsay & Silverman, 2005, "Functional Data Analysis"
- Ramsay & Silverman, 2002, "Applied Functional Data Analysis"
- Ramsay, Hooker & Graves, 2009, "Functional Data Analysis in R and Matlab"

More specialized monographs:

- Ferraty & Vieu, 2002, "Nonparametric Functional Data Analysis"
- Bosq, 2002, "Linear Processes on Function Spaces"

See also a list of articles at end.

## Assumptions and Expectations

Presentation philosophy:

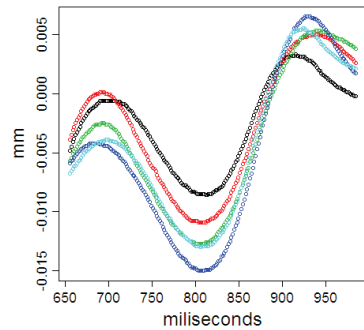
- Geared towards practical/applied use (and extension) of FDA
- Computational tools/methods: "How can we get this done?"
- Focus on particular methods fda library in R; alternative approaches will be mentioned.
- Some pointers to theory and asymptotics.

Assumed background and interest:

- Applied statistics, including some multivariate analysis.
- Familiarity with R
- Smoothing methods/non-parametric statistics covered briefly.
- Assumed interest in using FDA and/or extending FDA methods.

## What is Functional Data?

What are the most obvious features of these data?

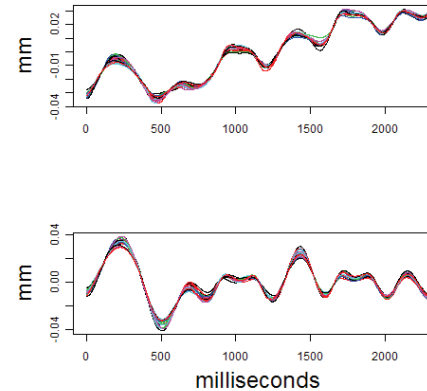


- quantity
- frequency (resolution)
- similarity
- smoothness

## What Is Functional Data?

**Example:** 20 replications, 1401 observations within replications, 2 dimensions

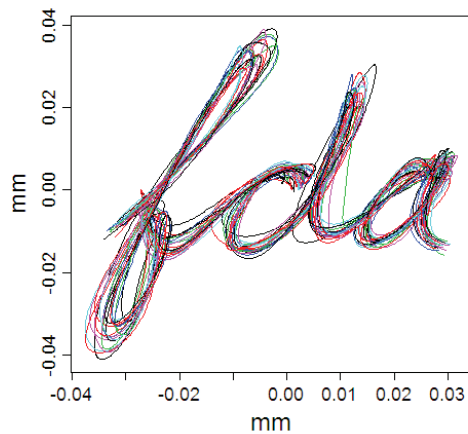
Immediate characteristics:



- High-frequency measurements
- Smooth, but complex, processes
- Repeated observations
- Multiple dimensions
- Let's plot 'y' against 'x'

## Handwriting Data

Measures of position of nib of a pen writing "fda". 20 replications, measurements taken at 200 hertz.



## What Is Functional Data?

*Functional data is multivariate data with an ordering on the dimensions.* (Müller, (2006))

Key assumption is *smoothness*:

$$y_{ij} = x_i(t_{ij}) + \epsilon_{ij}$$

with  $t$  in a continuum (usually time), and  $x_i(t)$  smooth

Functional data = the functions  $x_i(t)$ .

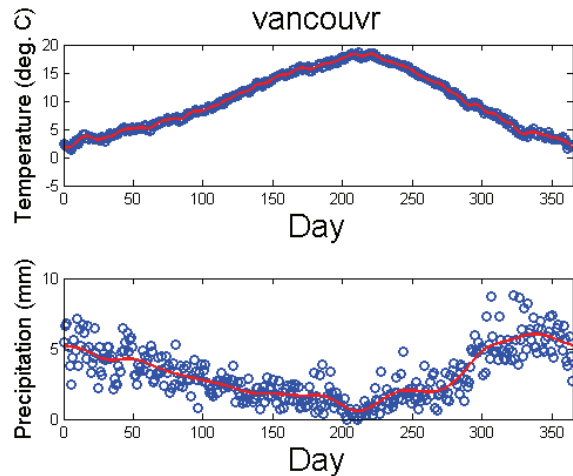
Highest quality data from monitoring equipment

- Optical tracking equipment (eg handwriting data, but also for physiology, motor control,...)
- Electrical measurements (EKG, EEG and others)
- Spectral measurements (astronomy, materials sciences)

But, noisier and less frequent data can also be used.

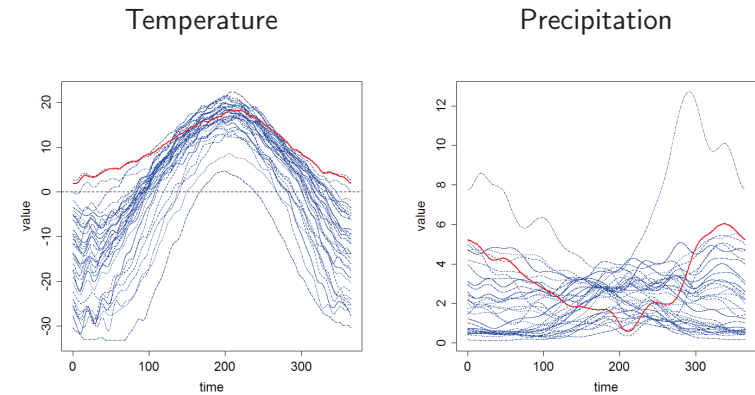
## Weather In Vancouver

Measure of climate: daily precipitation and temperature in Vancouver, BC averaged over 40 years.



## Canadian Weather Data

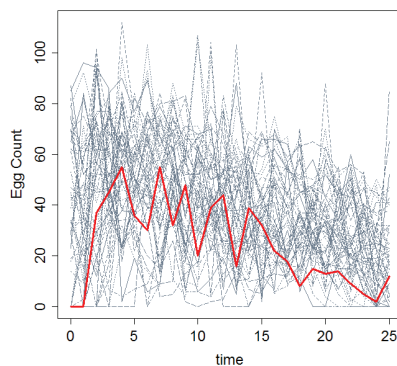
Average daily temperature and precipitation records in 35 weather stations across Canada (classical and much over-used)



Interest is in variation in and relationships between smooth, underlying processes.

## Medfly Data

Records of number of eggs laid by Mediterranean Fruit Fly (*Ceratitis capitata*) in each of 25 days (courtesy of H.-G. Müller).



- Total of 50 flies
- Assume eggcount measurements relate to smooth process governing fertility
- Also record total lifespan of each fly.
- Would like to understand how fecundity at each part of lifetime influences lifespan.

## What Are We Interested In?

- Representations of distribution of functions
  - mean
  - variation
  - covariation
- Relationships of functional data to
  - covariates
  - responses
  - other functions
- Relationships between derivatives of functions.
- Timing of events in functions.

## What Are The Challenges?

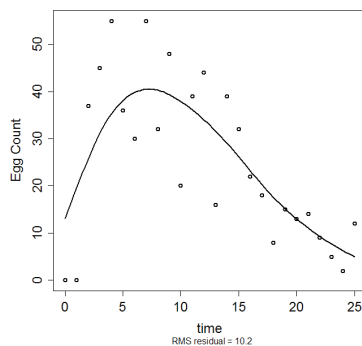
- Estimation of functional data from noisy, discrete observations.
- Numerical representation of infinite-dimensional objects
- Representation of variation in infinite dimensions.
- Description of statistical relationships between infinite dimensional objects.
- $n < p = \infty$ , and use of smoothness.
- Measures of variation in estimates.

## Representing Functional Data

## From Discrete to Functional Data

Represent data recorded at discrete times as a continuous function in order to

### Medfly record 1



- Allow evaluation of record at any time point (especially if observation times are not the same across records).
- Evaluate rates of change.
- Reduce noise.
- Allow registration onto a common time-scale.

## From Discrete to Functional Data

Two problems/two methods

- 1 Representing non-parametric continuous-time functions.
  - Basis-expansion methods:

$$x(t) = \sum_{i=1}^K \phi_i(t) c_i$$

for pre-defined  $\phi_i(t)$  and coefficients  $c_i$ .

- Several basis systems available: focus on Fourier and B-splines
- 2 Reducing noise in measurements
    - Smoothing penalties:

$$c = \operatorname{argmin} \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - x(t_i))^2 + \lambda \int [Lx(t)]^2 dt$$

- $Lx(t)$  measures “roughness” of  $x$
- $\lambda$  a “smoothing parameter” that trades-off fit to the  $y_i$  and roughness; must be chosen.

# 1. Basis Expansions

## Basis Expansions

Consider only one record

$$y_i = x(t_i) + \epsilon_i$$

represent  $x(t)$  as

$$x(t) = \sum_{j=1}^K c_j \phi_j(t) = \Phi(t)c$$

We say  $\Phi(t)$  is a *basis system* for  $x$ .

Terms for curvature in linear regression

$$y_i = \beta_0 + \beta_1 t_i + \beta_2 t_i^2 + \beta_3 t_i^3 + \dots + \epsilon_i$$

implies

$$x(t) = \beta_0 + \beta_1 t + \beta_2 t^2 + \beta_3 t^3 + \dots$$

Polynomials are unstable; Fourier bases and B-splines will be more useful.

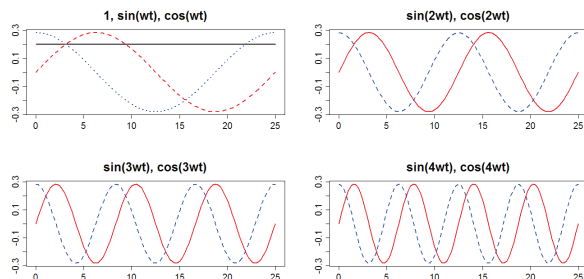
## The Fourier Basis

- basis functions are sine and cosine functions of increasing frequency:

$$1, \sin(\omega t), \cos(\omega t), \sin(2\omega t), \cos(2\omega t), \dots$$

$$\sin(m\omega t), \cos(m\omega t), \dots$$

- constant  $\omega = 2\pi/P$  defines the period  $P$  of oscillation of the first sine/cosine pair.



## Advantages of Fourier Bases

- Only alternative to polynomials until the middle of the 20th century
- Excellent computational properties, especially if the observations are equally spaced.
- Natural for describing periodic data, such as the annual weather cycle

**BUT** representations are periodic; this can be a problem if the data are not.

Fourier basis is first choice in many fields, eg signal processing.

## B-spline Bases

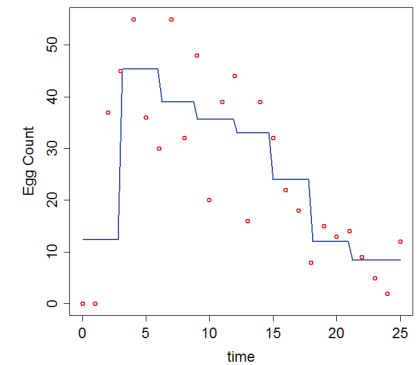
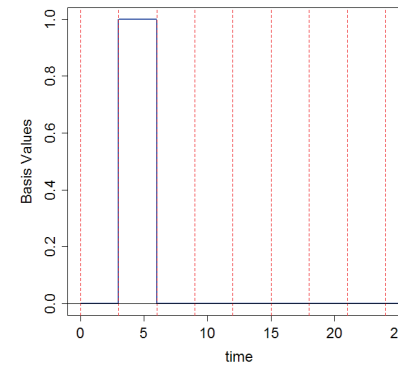
- Splines are polynomial segments joined end-to-end.
- Segments are constrained to be smooth at the joins.
- The points at which the segments join are called *knots*.
- System defined by
  - The order  $m$  (order = degree+1) of the polynomial
  - the location of the knots.
- **Bsplines** are a particularly useful means of incorporating the constraints.

See de Boor, 2001, "A Practical Guide to Splines", Springer.

## Splines

Medfly data with knots every 3 days.

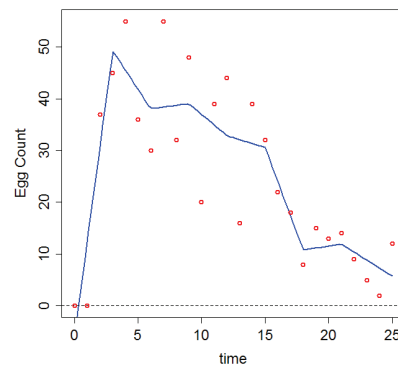
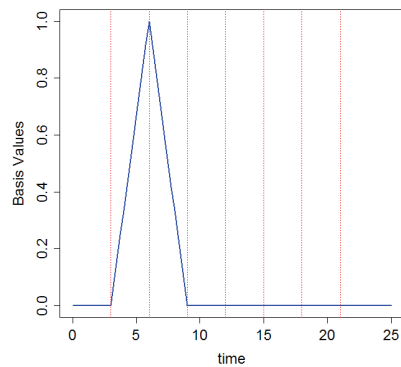
Splines of order 1: piecewise constant, discontinuous.



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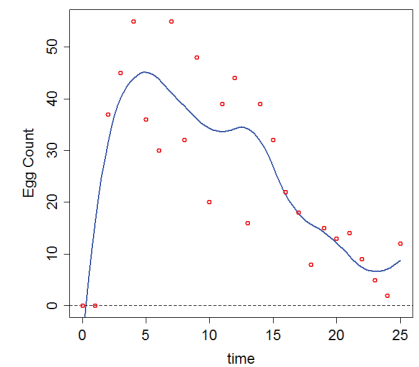
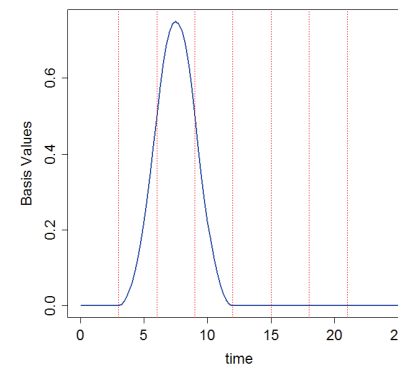
Splines of order 2: piecewise linear, continuous



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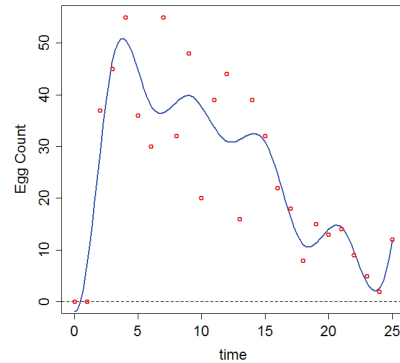
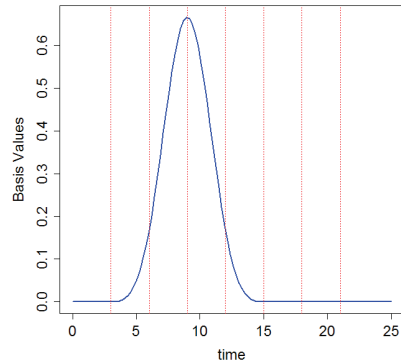
Splines of order 3: piecewise quadratic, continuous derivatives



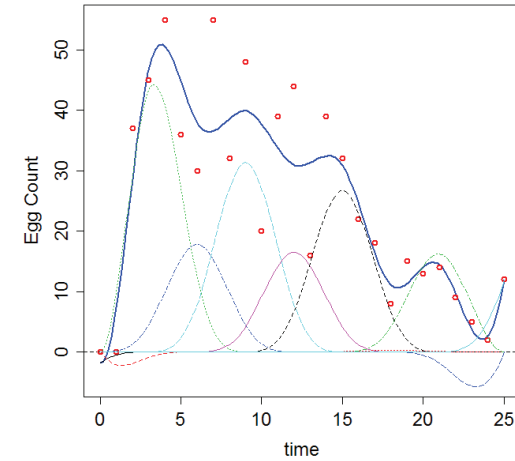
## Splines

Medfly data with knots every 3 days.

Splines of order 4: piecewise cubic, continuous 2nd derivatives



## An illustration of basis expansions for B-splines



Sum of scaled basis functions results in fit.

## Properties of B-splines

- Number of basis functions:

$$\text{order} + \text{number interior knots}$$

- Order  $m$  splines: derivatives up to  $m - 2$  are continuous.
- Support on  $m$  adjacent intervals – highly sparse design matrix.

### Advice

- Flexibility comes from knots; derivatives from order.
- Theoretical justification (later) for knots at observation times.
- Frequently, fewer knots will do just as well (approximation properties can be formalized).

## Other Bases in fda Library

**Constant**  $\phi(t) = 1$ , the simplest of all.

**Monomial**  $1, x, x^2, x^3, \dots$ , mostly for legacy reasons.

**Power**  $t^{\lambda_1}, t^{\lambda_2}, t^{\lambda_3}, \dots$ , powers are distinct but not necessarily integers or positive.

**Exponential**  $e^{\lambda_1 t}, e^{\lambda_2 t}, e^{\lambda_3 t}, \dots$

Other possible bases to represent  $x(t)$ :

**Wavelets** especially for sharp, local features (not in fda)

**Empirical** functional Principal Components (special topics)

## 2. Smoothing Penalties

## Ordinary Least-Squares Estimates

Assume we have observations for a single curve

$$y_i = x(t_i) + \epsilon$$

and we want to estimate

$$x(t) \approx \sum_{j=1}^K c_j \phi_j(t)$$

Minimize the sum of squared errors:

$$SSE = \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - x(t_i))^2 = \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \Phi(t_i)\mathbf{c})^2$$

This is just linear regression!

## Linear Regression on Basis Functions

- If the  $N$  by  $K$  matrix  $\Phi$  contains the values  $\phi_j(t_k)$ , and  $\mathbf{y}$  is the vector  $(y_1, \dots, y_N)$ , we can write

$$SSE(\mathbf{c}) = (\mathbf{y} - \Phi\mathbf{c})^T (\mathbf{y} - \Phi\mathbf{c})$$

- The error sum of squares is minimized by the *ordinary least squares estimate*

$$\hat{\mathbf{c}} = (\Phi^T \Phi)^{-1} \Phi^T \mathbf{y}$$

- Then we have the estimate

$$\hat{x}(t) = \Phi(t)\hat{\mathbf{c}} = \Phi(t) (\Phi^T \Phi)^{-1} \Phi^T \mathbf{y}$$

## Smoothing Penalties

- Problem: how to choose a basis? Large affect on results.
- Finesse this by specifying a very rich basis, but then imposing smoothness.
- In particular, add a penalty to the least-squares criterion:

$$\text{PENSSSE} = \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - x(t_i))^2 + \lambda J[x]$$

- $J[x]$  measures “roughness” of  $x$ .
- $\lambda$  represents a continuous tuning parameter (to be chosen):
  - $\lambda \uparrow \infty$ : roughness increasingly penalized,  $x(t)$  becomes smooth.
  - $\lambda \downarrow 0$ : penalty reduces,  $x(t)$  fits data better.

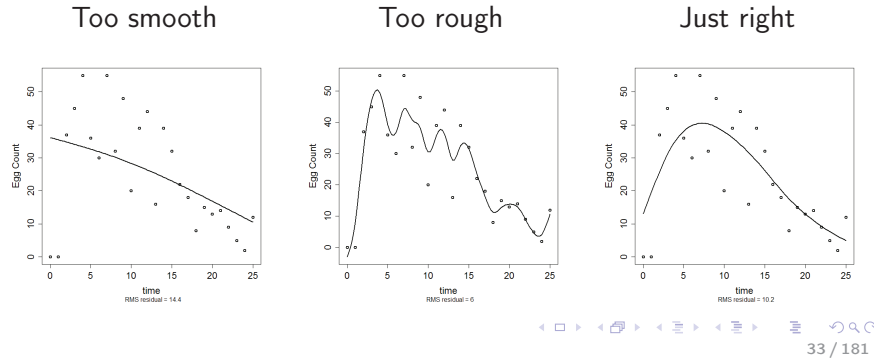


## What do we mean by smoothness?

Some things are fairly clearly smooth:

- constants
- straight lines

What we really want to do is eliminate small “wiggles” in the data while retaining the right shape



## The $D$ Operator

We use the notation that for a function  $x(t)$ ,

$$Dx(t) = \frac{d}{dt}x(t)$$

We can also define further derivatives in terms of powers of  $D$ :

$$D^2x(t) = \frac{d^2}{dt^2}x(t), \dots, D^kx(t) = \frac{d^k}{dt^k}x(t), \dots$$

- $Dx(t)$  is the instantaneous *slope* of  $x(t)$ ;  $D^2x(t)$  is its *curvature*.
- We measure the size of the curvature for all of  $x$  by

$$J_2[x] = \int [D^2x(t)]^2 dt$$

## The Smoothing Spline Theorem

Consider the “usual” penalized squared error:

$$PENSSE_\lambda(x) = \sum (y_i - x(t_i))^2 + \lambda \int [D^2x(t)]^2 dt$$

- The function  $x(t)$  that minimizes  $PENSSE_\lambda(x)$  is
  - a spline function of order 4 (piecewise cubic)
  - with a knot at each sample point  $t_i$

Cubic B-splines are exact; other systems will approximate solution as close as desired.

## Calculating the Penalized Fit

When  $x(t) = \Phi(t)c$ , we have that

$$\int [D^2x(t)]^2 dt = \int c^T [D^2\Phi(t)] [D^2\Phi(t)]^T c dt = c^T R_2 c$$

$[R_2]_{jk} = \int [D^2\phi_j(t)][D^2\phi_k(t)] dt$  is the *penalty matrix*.

The penalized least squares estimate for  $c$  is  $n$

$$\hat{c} = [\Phi^T \Phi + \lambda R_2]^{-1} \Phi^T y$$

This is still a linear smoother:

$$\hat{y} = \Phi [\Phi^T \Phi + \lambda R_2]^{-1} \Phi^T y = S(\lambda)y$$

## More General Smoothing Penalties

- $D^2x(t)$  is only one way to measure the roughness of  $x$ .
- If we were interested in  $D^2x(t)$ , we might penalize  $D^4x(t)$ .
- What about the weather data? We know temperature is periodic, and not very different from a sinusoid.
- The *Harmonic acceleration* of  $x$  is

$$Lx = \omega^2 D^2x + D^4x$$

and  $L \cos(\omega t) = 0 = L \sin(\omega t)$ .

- We can measure departures from a sinusoid by

$$J_L[x] = \int [Lx(t)]^2 dt$$

## A Very General Notion

We can be even more general and allow roughness penalties to use any *linear differential operator*

$$Lx(t) = \sum_{k=1}^m \alpha_k(t) D^k x(t)$$

Then  $x$  is “smooth” if  $Lx(t) = 0$ .

We will see later on that we can even ask the data to tell us what should be smooth.

However, we will rarely need to use anything so sophisticated.

## Linear Smooths and Degrees of Freedom

- In least squares fitting, the degrees of freedom used to smooth the data is exactly  $K$ , the number of basis functions
- In penalized smoothing, we can have  $K > n$ .
- The smoothing penalty reduces the flexibility of the smooth
- The degrees of freedom are controlled by  $\lambda$ . A natural measure turns out to be

$$df(\lambda) = \text{trace}[S(\lambda)], \quad S(\lambda) = \Phi \left[ \Phi^T \Phi + \lambda R_L \right]^{-1} \Phi^T$$

- Medfly data fit with 25 basis functions,  $\lambda = e^4$  resulting in  $df = 4.37$ .

## Choosing Smoothing Parameters: Cross Validation

There are a number of data-driven methods for choosing smoothing parameters.

- Ordinary Cross Validation: leave one point out and see how well you can predict it:

$$\text{OCV}(\lambda) = \frac{1}{n} \sum (y_i - x_{\lambda}^{-i}(t_i))^2 = \frac{1}{n} \sum \frac{(y_i - x_{\lambda}(t_i))^2}{(1 - S(\lambda)_{ii})^2}$$

- Generalized Cross Validation tends to smooth more:

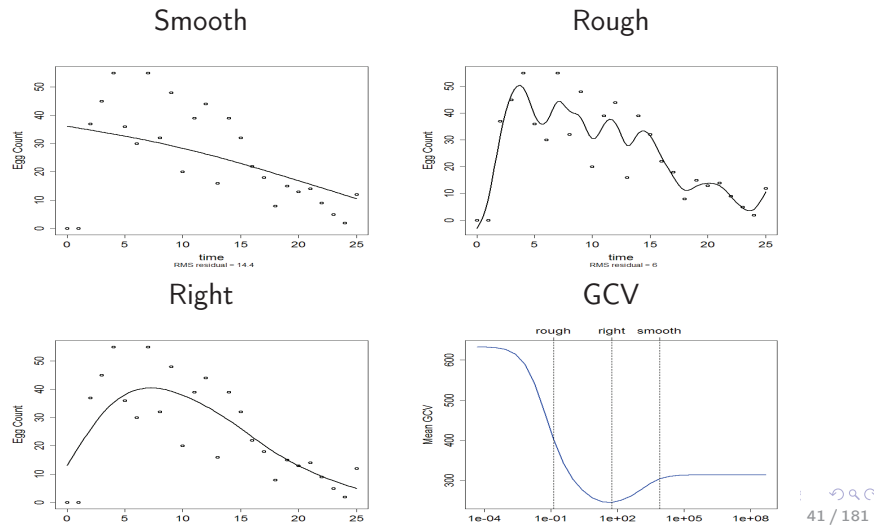
$$\text{GCV}(\lambda) = \frac{\sum (y_i - x_{\lambda}(t_i))^2}{[\text{trace}(\mathbb{I} - S(\lambda))]^2}$$

will be used here.

- Other possibilities: AIC, BIC,...

## Generalized Cross Validation

Use a grid search, best to do this for  $\log(\lambda)$



## Alternatives: Smoothing and Mixed Models

Connection between the smoothing criterion for  $\mathbf{c}$ :

$$\text{PENSSE}(\lambda) = \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \mathbf{c}^T \Phi(t_i))^2 + \lambda \mathbf{c}^T R \mathbf{c}$$

and negative log likelihood if  $\mathbf{c} \sim N(0, \tau^2 R^{-1})$ :

$$\log L(\mathbf{c}|\mathbf{y}) = \frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \mathbf{c}^T \Phi(t_i))^2 + \frac{1}{2\tau^2} \mathbf{c}^T R \mathbf{c}$$

(note that  $R$  is singular – must use generalized inverse).

Suggests using ReML estimates for  $\sigma^2$  and  $\tau^2$  in place of  $\lambda$ .

This can be carried further in FDA; see references.

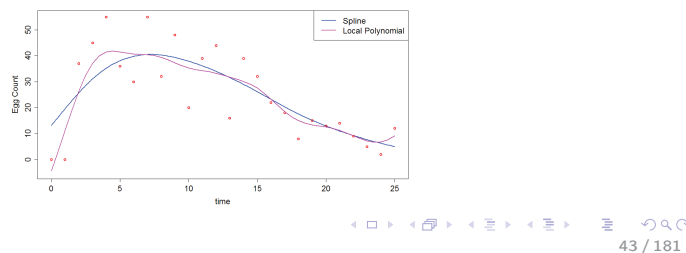
## Alternatives: Local Polynomial Regression

- Alternative to basis expansions.
- Perform polynomial regression, but only near point of interest

$$(\hat{\beta}_0(t), \hat{\beta}_1(t)) = \operatorname{argmin}_{\beta_0, \beta_1} \sum_{i=1}^N (y_i - \beta_0 - \beta_1(t - t_i))^2 K\left(\frac{t - t_i}{\lambda}\right)$$

Weights  $(y_i, t_i)$  by distance from  $t$

- Estimate  $\hat{x}(t) = \hat{\beta}_0(t)$ ,  $\widehat{Dx}(t) = \hat{\beta}_1(t)$ .
- $\lambda$  is bandwidth: how far away can  $(y_i, t_i)$  have influence?



## Summary

### 1 Basis Expansions

$$x_i(t) = \Phi(t)c_i$$

- Good basis systems approximate any (sufficiently smooth) function arbitrarily well.
  - Fourier bases useful for periodic data.
  - B-splines make efficient, flexible generic choice.
- ### 2 Smoothing Penalties
- used to penalize roughness of result
  - $Lx(t) = 0$  defines what is "smooth".
  - Commonly  $Lx = D^2x \Rightarrow$  straight lines are smooth.
  - Alternative:  $Lx = D^3x + wDx \Rightarrow$  sinusoids are smooth.
  - Departures from smoothness traded off against fit to data.
  - GCV used to decide on trade off; other possibilities available.

These tools will be used throughout the rest of FDA.

Once estimated, we will treat smooths as fixed, observed data (but see comments at end).

# Exploratory Data Analysis

## Mean and Variance

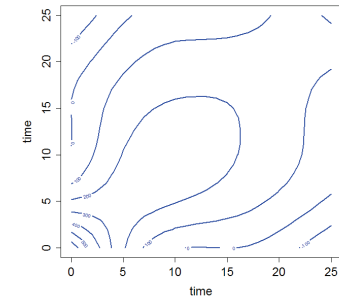
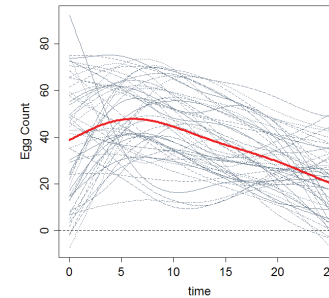
Summary statistics:

- mean  $\bar{x}(t) = \frac{1}{n} \sum x_i(t)$

- covariance

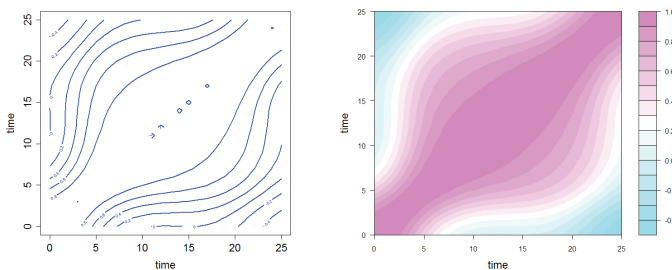
$$\sigma(s, t) = \text{cov}(x(s), x(t)) = \frac{1}{n} \sum (x_i(s) - \bar{x}(s))(x_i(t) - \bar{x}(t))$$

Medfly Data:



## Correlation

$$\rho(s, t) = \frac{\sigma(s, t)}{\sqrt{\sigma(s, s)}\sqrt{\sigma(t, t)}}$$



From multivariate to functional data: turn subscripts  $j, k$  into arguments  $s, t$ .

## Functional PCA

- Instead of covariance matrix  $\Sigma$ , we have a surface  $\sigma(s, t)$ .
- Would like a low-dimensional summary/interpretation.
- Multivariate PCA, use Eigen-decomposition:

$$\Sigma = U^T D U = \sum_{j=1}^P d_j u_j u_j^T$$

and  $u_i^T u_j = I(i = j)$ .

- For functions: use Karhunen-Loève decomposition:

$$\sigma(s, t) = \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} d_j \xi_j(s) \xi_j(t)$$

for  $\int \xi_i(t) \xi_j(t) dt = I(i = j)$

## PCA and Karhunen-Loève

$$\sigma(s, t) = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} d_i \xi_i(s) \xi_i(t)$$

- The  $\xi_i(t)$  maximize  $\text{Var} \left[ \int \xi_i(t) x_j(t) dt \right]$ .
- $d_i = \text{Var} \left[ \int \xi_i(t) x_j(t) dt \right]$
- $d_i / \sum d_i$  is proportion of variance explained
- Principal component scores are

$$f_{ij} = \int \xi_j(t) [x_i(t) - \bar{x}(t)] dt$$

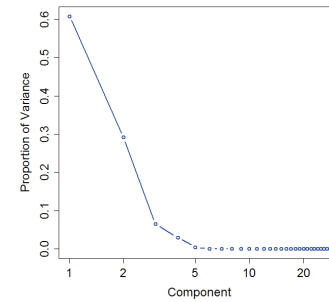
- Reconstruction of  $x_i(t)$ :

$$x_i(t) = \bar{x}(t) + \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} f_{ij} \xi_j(t)$$

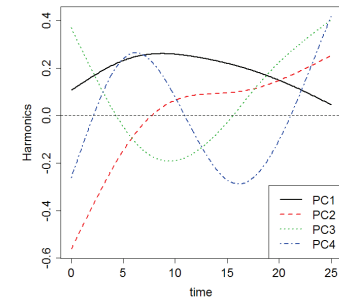
## functional Principal Components Analysis

fPCA of Medfly data

Scree Plot



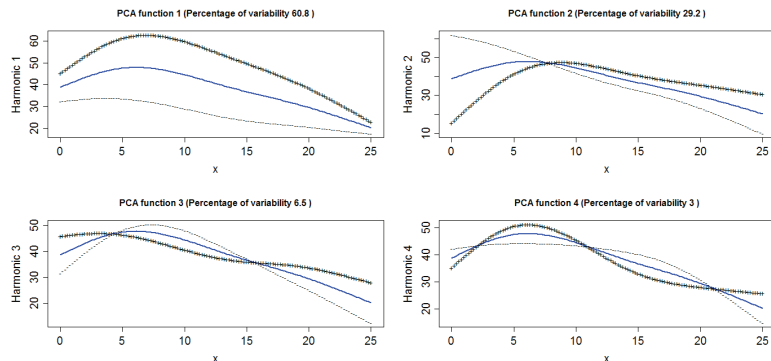
Components



Usual multivariate methods: choose # components based on percent variance explained, screeplot, or information criterion.

## functional Principal Components Analysis

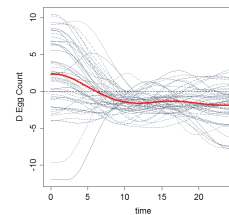
Interpretation often aided by plotting  $\bar{x}(t) \pm 2\sqrt{d_i} \xi_i(t)$



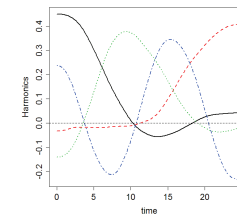
- PC1 = overall fecundity
- PC2 = beginning versus end
- PC3 = middle versus ends

## Derivatives

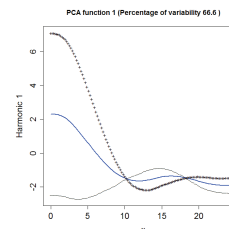
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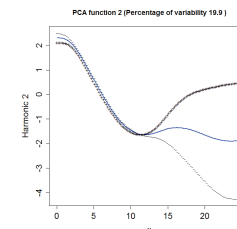
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Component 1



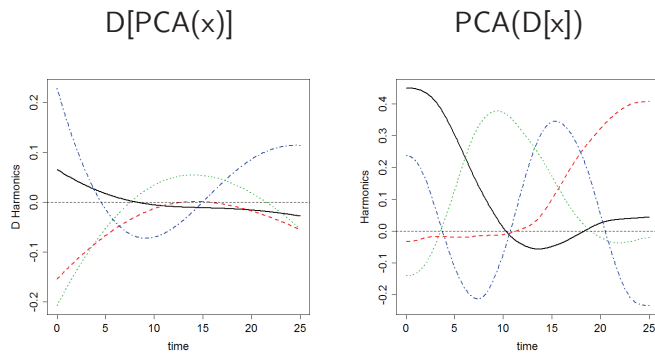
Component 2



- Often useful to examine a rate of change.
- Examine first derivative of medfly data.
- Variation divides into fast or slow either early or late.

## Derivatives and Principal Components

Note that the derivatives of Principal Components are *not* the same as the Principal Components of Derivatives.



## The fda Package

## fda Objects

The fda package provides utilities based on basis expansions and smoothing penalties.

fda works by defining objects that can be manipulated with pre-defined functions.

In particular

**basis objects** define basis systems that can be used

**fd objects** store functional data objects

**bifd objects** store functions of two-dimensions

**Lfd objects** define smoothing penalties

**fdPar objects** collect all three plus a smoothing parameter

Each of these are lists with prescribed elements.

## Basis Objects

Define basis systems of various types. They have elements

**rangeval** Range of values for which basis is defined.

**nbasis** Number of basis functions.

Specific basis systems require other arguments.

Basis objects created by `create...basis` functions. eg

```
fbasis = create.fourier.basis(c(0,365),21)
```

creates a fourier basis on [0 365] with 21 basis functions.

## Bspline Basis Objects

Bspline bases also require

`norder` Order of the splines.

`breaks` Knots (or break-points) for the splines.

```
nbasis = 17
norder = 6
months = cumsum(c(0,31,28,31,30,31,30,31,31,30,31,30,31))
bbasis = create.bspline.basis(c(0,365),nbasis,norder,months)
```

Creates a B-spline basis of order 6 on the year ([0 365]) with knots at the months.

Note that

$$\text{nbasis} = \text{length}(\text{knots}) + \text{norder} - 2$$

`nbasis` is fragile in case of conflict.

## Manipulating Basis Objects

Some functions that work with bases:

```
plot(bbasis)
```

plots `bbasis`.

```
eval.basis(0:365,fbasis)
```

evaluates `fbasis` at times 0:365.

```
inprod(bbasis,fbasis)
```

produces the inner product matrix  $J_{ij} = \int \phi_i(t)\psi_j(t)dt$ .

Additional arguments allow use of  $L\Phi$  for linear differential operators  $L$ .

## Functional Data (fd) Objects

Stores functional data: a list with elements

`coefs` array of coefficients

`basis` basis object

`fdnames` defines dimension names

```
fdobj = fd(coefs,bbasis)
```

creates a functional data object with coefficients `coefs` and basis `bbasis` `coefs` has three dimensions corresponding to

- 1 index of the basis function
- 2 replicate
- 3 dimension

## Functional Arithmetic

fd objects can be manipulated arithmetically

```
fdobj1+fdobj2, fdobj1^k, fdobj1*fdobj2
```

are defined pointwise.

fd objects can also be subset

```
fdobj[3,2]
```

gives the 2nd dimension of the 3rd observation

Additionally

`eval.fd(0:365,fdobj)` returns an array of values of `fdobj` on 0:365.

`deriv.fd(fdobj,nderiv)` gives the `nderiv`-th derivative of `fdobj`.

`plot(fdobj)` plots `fdobj`

`eval.fd` and `plot` can also take argument `nderiv`.

## Lfd Objects

Define smoothing penalties

$$Lx = D^m x - \sum_{j=0}^{m-1} \alpha_j(t) D^j x$$

and require the  $\alpha_j$  to be given as a list of fd objects.

Two common shortcuts:

`int2Lfd(k)` creates an Lfd object  $Lx = D^k x$

`vec2Lfd(a)` for vector  $a$  of length  $m$  creates an Lfd object  
 $Lx = D^m x - \sum_{j=1}^m a_j D^{j-1} x$ .

In particular

`vec2Lfd(c(0, -2*pi/365, 0))`

creates a Harmonic acceleration penalty  $Lx = D^3 x + \frac{2\pi}{365} Dx$ .

## fdPar Objects

This is a utility for imposing smoothing. It collects

`fdobj` an fd (or a basis) object.

`Lfdobj` a Lfd object.

`lambda` a smoothing parameter.

## bifd Objects

Represents functions of two dimensions  $s$  and  $t$  as

$$x(s, t) = \sum_{i=1}^{K_1} \sum_{j=1}^{K_2} \phi_i(s) \psi_j(t) c_{ij}$$

requires

`coefs` for the matrix of  $c_{ij}$ .

`sbasis` basis object defining the  $\phi_i(s)$ .

`tbasis` basis object defining the  $\psi_j(t)$ .

Can also be evaluated (but not plotted).

`bifdPar` objects store `bifd` plus `Lfd` objects and  $\lambda$  for each of  $s$  and  $t$ .

## Smoothing Functions

Main smoothing function is `smooth.basis`

```
data(daily)
argvals = (1:365)-0.5
fdParobj = fdPar(fbasis,int2Lfd(2),1e-2)
tempSmooth =
smooth.basis(argvals,daily$tempav,fdParobj)
```

smooths the Canadian temperature data with a second derivative penalty,  $\lambda = 0.01$ . Along with an fd object it returns

`df` equivalent degrees of freedom

`SSE` total sum of squared errors

`gcv` vector giving GCV for each smooth

Typically,  $\lambda$  is chosen to minimize average `gcv`.

Note: numerous other smoothing functions, `Data2fd` just returns the `fd` and can avoid the `fdPar` object, `data2fd` is deprecated.



## Functional Statistics

Basic utilities:

`mean.fd` mean fd object

`var.fd` Variance or covariance (bifd object)

`cor.fd` Correlation (given as a matrix)

`sd.fd` Standard deviation (root diagonal of `var.fd`)

In addition, fPCA obtained through

```
tempppca=pca.fd(tempfd$fd,nharm=4,fdParobj)
```

(Smoothing not strictly necessary). `pca.fd` output:

`harmonics` fd objects giving eigen-functions

`values` eigen values

`scores` PCA scores

`varprop` Proportion of variance explained

Diagnostics plots given by `plot(tempppca)`

## Functional Linear Models

## Statistical Models

So far we have focussed on *exploratory data analysis*

- Smoothing
- Functional covariance
- Functional PCA

Now we wish to examine predictive relationships → generalization of linear models.

$$y_i = \alpha + \sum \beta_j x_{ij} + \epsilon_i$$

## Functional Linear Regression

$$y_i = \alpha + \mathbf{x}_i \beta + \epsilon_i$$

Three different scenarios for  $y_i$   $\mathbf{x}_i$

- Functional covariate, scalar response
- Scalar covariate, functional response
- Functional covariate, functional response

We will deal with each in turn.

# Scalar Response Models

## Scalar Response Models

We observe  $y_i, x_i(t)$ , and want to model dependence of  $y$  on  $x$ .

Option 1: choose  $t_1, \dots, t_k$  and set

$$\begin{aligned} y_i &= \alpha + \sum \beta_j x_i(t_j) + \epsilon_i \\ &= \alpha + \mathbf{x}_i \beta + \epsilon \end{aligned}$$

But how many  $t_1, \dots, t_k$  and which ones?

See McKeague 2010, for this approach.

## In the Limit

If we let  $t_1, \dots$  get increasingly dense

$$y_i = \alpha + \sum \beta_j x_i(t_j) + \epsilon_i = \alpha + \mathbf{x}_i \beta + \epsilon_i$$

becomes

$$y_i = \alpha + \int \beta(t) x_i(t) dt + \epsilon_i$$

General trick: functional data model = multivariate model with sums replaced by integrals.

Already seen in fPCA scores  $x^T u_i \rightarrow \int x(t) \xi_i(t) dt$ .

## Identification

Problem:

- In linear regression, we must have fewer covariates than observations.
- If I have  $y_i, x_i(t)$ , there are *infinitely* many covariates.

$$y_i = \alpha + \int \beta(t) x_i(t) dt + \epsilon_i$$

Estimate  $\beta$  by minimizing squared error:

$$\beta(t) = \operatorname{argmin} \sum \left( y_i - \alpha - \int \beta(t) x_i(t) dt \right)^2$$

But I can always make the  $\epsilon_i = 0$ .

## Smoothing

Additional constraints: we want to insist that  $\beta(t)$  is smooth.

Add a smoothing penalty:

$$\text{PENSSE}_\lambda(\beta) = \sum_{i=1}^n \left( y_i - \alpha - \int \beta(t)x_i(t)dt \right)^2 + \lambda \int [L\beta(t)]^2 dt$$

Very much like smoothing (can be made mathematically precise).

Still need to represent  $\beta(t)$  – use a basis expansion:

$$\beta(t) = \sum c_i \phi_i(t).$$

## Calculation

$$y_i = \alpha + \int \beta(t)x_i(t)dt + \epsilon_i = \alpha + \left[ \int \Phi(t)x_i(t)dt \right] \mathbf{c} + \epsilon_i$$

$$= \alpha + \mathbf{x}_i \mathbf{c} + \epsilon_i$$

for  $\mathbf{x}_i = \int \Phi(t)x_i(t)dt$ . With  $Z_i = [1 \mathbf{x}_i]$ ,

$$\mathbf{y} = Z \begin{bmatrix} \alpha \\ \mathbf{c} \end{bmatrix} + \epsilon$$

and with smoothing penalty matrix  $R_L$ :

$$[\hat{\alpha} \hat{\mathbf{c}}^T]^T = (Z^T Z + \lambda R_L)^{-1} Z^T \mathbf{y}$$

Then

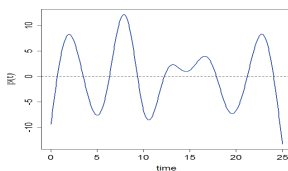
$$\hat{\mathbf{y}} = \int \hat{\beta}(t)x_i(t)dt = Z \begin{bmatrix} \hat{\alpha} \\ \hat{\mathbf{c}} \end{bmatrix} = S_{\lambda} \mathbf{y}$$

## Choosing Smoothing Parameters

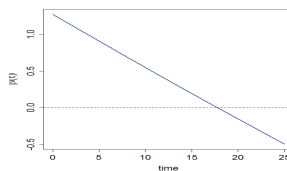
Cross-Validation:

$$\text{OCV}(\lambda) = \sum \left( \frac{y_i - \hat{y}_i}{1 - S_{ii}} \right)^2$$

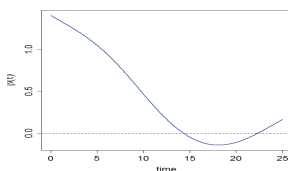
$\lambda = e^{-1}$



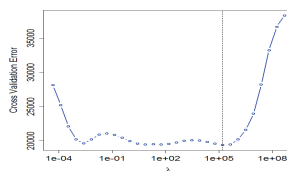
$\lambda = e^{20}$



$\lambda = e^{12}$



CV Error



## Confidence Intervals

Assuming independent

$$\epsilon_i \sim N(0, \sigma_e^2)$$

We have that

$$\text{Var} \begin{bmatrix} \hat{\alpha} \\ \hat{\mathbf{c}} \end{bmatrix} = \left[ (Z^T Z + \lambda R)^{-1} Z^T \right] [\sigma_e^2 \mathbf{I}] \left[ Z (Z^T Z + \lambda R)^{-1} \right]$$

Estimate

$$\hat{\sigma}_e^2 = \text{SSE} / (n - df), \quad df = \text{trace}(S_\lambda)$$

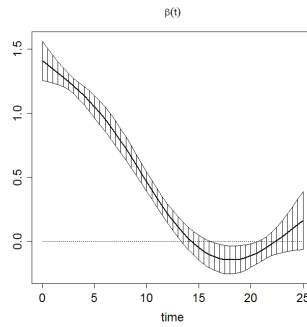
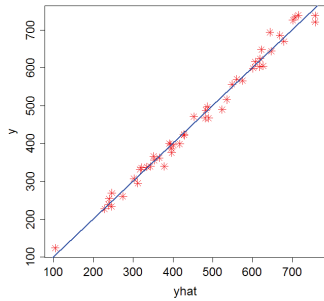
And (pointwise) confidence intervals for  $\beta(t)$  are

$$\Phi(t)\hat{\mathbf{c}} \pm 2\sqrt{\Phi(t)^T \text{Var}[\hat{\mathbf{c}}]\Phi(t)}$$

## Confidence Intervals

$$R^2 = 0.987$$

$$\sigma^2 = 349, \text{ df} = 5.04$$



Extension to multiple functional covariates follows same lines:

$$y_i = \beta_0 + \sum_{j=1}^p \int \beta_j(t) x_{ij}(t) dt + \epsilon_i$$

# functional Principal Components Regression

## functional Principal Components Regression

Alternative: principal components regression.

$$x_i(t) = \sum d_{ij} \xi_j(t) \quad d_{ij} = \int x_i(t) \xi_j(t) dt$$

Consider the model:

$$y_i = \beta_0 + \sum \beta_j d_{ij} + \epsilon_i$$

- Reduces to a standard linear regression problem.
- Avoids the need for cross-validation (assuming number of PCs is fixed).

By far the most theoretically studied method.

## fPCA and Functional Regression Interpretation

$$y_i = \beta_0 + \sum \beta_j d_{ij} + \epsilon_i$$

Recall that  $d_{ij} = \int x_i(t) \xi_j(t) dt$  so

$$y_i = \beta_0 + \sum \int \beta_j \xi_j(t) x_i(t) dt + \epsilon_i$$

and we can interpret

$$\beta(t) = \sum \beta_j \xi_j(t)$$

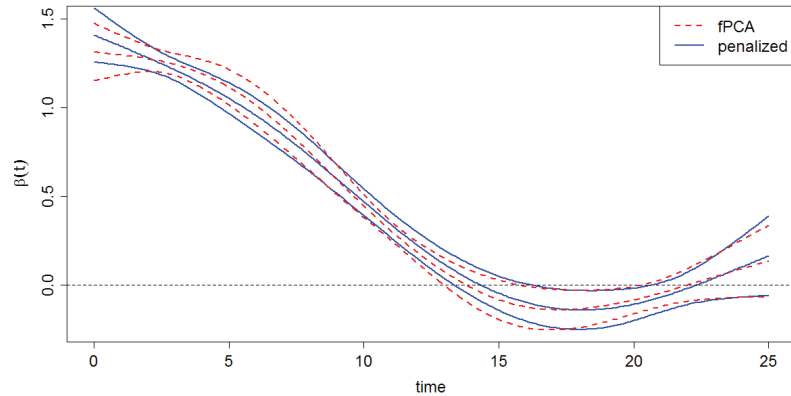
and write

$$y_i = \beta_0 + \int \beta(t) x_i(t) dt + \epsilon_i$$

Confidence intervals derive from variance of the  $d_{ij}$ .

## A Comparison

Medfly Data: fPCA on 4 components ( $R^2 = 0.988$ ) vs Penalized Smooth ( $R^2 = 0.987$ )



# Functional Response Models

## Two Fundamental Approaches

(Almost) all methods reduce to one of

- 1 Perform fPCA and use PC scores in a multivariate method.
- 2 Turn sums into integrals and add a smoothing penalty.

Applied in functional versions of

- generalized linear models
- generalized additive models
- survival analysis
- mixture regression
- ...

Both methods also apply to functional response models.

## Functional Response Models

Case 1: Scalar Covariates:  $(y_i(t), x_i)$ , most general linear model is

$$y_i(t) = \beta_0(t) + \sum_{j=1}^p \beta_j(t) x_{ij}.$$

Conduct a linear regression at each time  $t$  (also works for ANOVA effects).

But we might like to smooth; penalize *integrated squared error*

$$\text{PENSISE} = \sum_{i=1}^n \int (y_i(t) - \hat{y}_i(t))^2 dt + \sum_{j=0}^p \lambda_j \int [L_j \beta_j(t)]^2 dt$$

Usually keep  $\lambda_j, L_j$  all the same.

## Concurrent Linear Model

Extension of scalar covariate model: response only depends on  $x(t)$  at the current time

$$y_i(t) = \beta_0(t) + \beta_1(t)x_i(t) + \epsilon_i(t)$$

- $y_i(t)$ ,  $x_i(t)$  must be measured on same time domain.
- Must be appropriate to compare observations time-point by time-point (see registration section).
- Especially useful if  $y_i(t)$  is a derivative of  $x_i(t)$  (see dynamics section).

## Confidence Intervals

We assume that

$$\text{Var}(\epsilon_i) = \sigma(s, t)$$

then

$$\text{Cov}(\beta(t), \beta(s)) = (X^T X)^{-1} \sigma(s, t).$$

Estimate  $\sigma(s, t)$  from  $e_i(t) = y_i(t) - \hat{y}_i(t)$ .

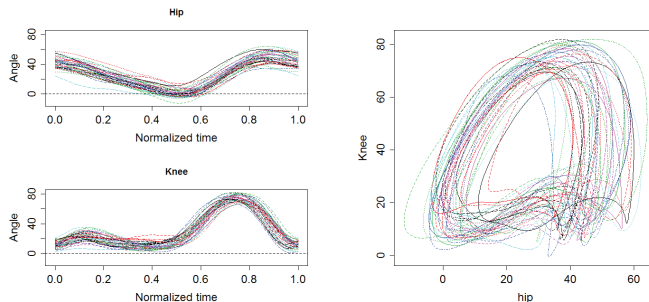
Pointwise confidence intervals ignore covariance; just use

$$\text{Var}(\beta(t)) = (X^T X)^{-1} \sigma(t, t).$$

Effect of smoothing penalties (both for  $y_i$  and  $\beta_j$ ) can be incorporated.

## Gait Data

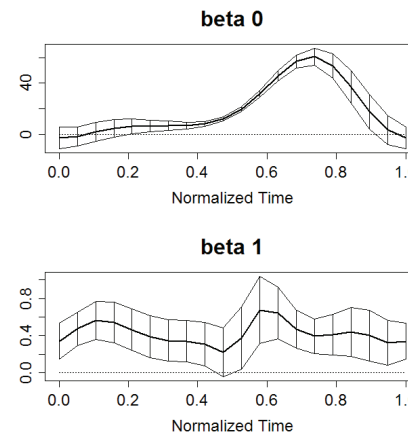
Gait data - records of the angle of hip and knee of 39 subjects taking a step.



Interest in kinetics of walking.

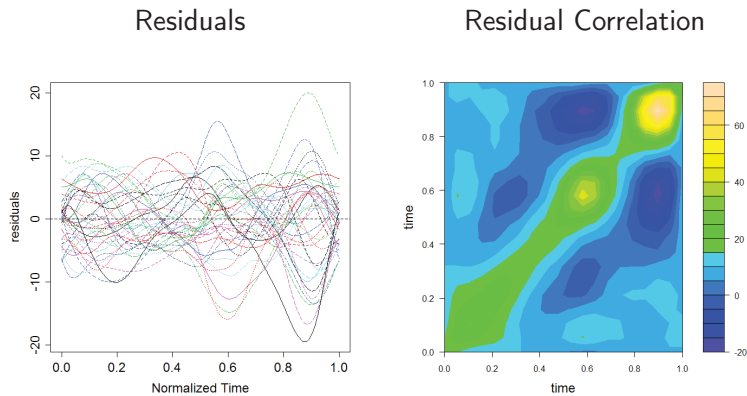
## Gait Model

$$\text{knee}(t) = \beta_0(t) + \beta_1(t)\text{hip}(t) + \epsilon(t)$$



- $\beta_0(t)$  indicates a well-defined autonomous knee cycle.
- $\beta_1(t)$  modulation of cycle with respect to hip
- More hip bend also indicates more knee bend; by a fairly constant amount throughout cycle.

## Gait Residuals: Covariance and Diagnostics



Examine residual functions for outliers, skewness etc (can be challenging).

Residual correlation may be of independent interest.

## Functional Response, Functional Covariate

General case:  $y_i(t), x_i(s)$  - a functional linear regression at each time  $t$ :

$$y_i(t) = \beta_0(t) + \int \beta_1(s, t)x_i(s)ds + \epsilon_i(t)$$

- Same identification issues as scalar response models.
- Usually penalize  $\beta_1$  in each direction separately

$$\lambda_s \int [L_s \beta_1(s, t)]^2 ds dt + \lambda_t \int [L_t \beta_1(s, t)]^2 ds dt$$

- Confidence Intervals etc. follow from same principles.

## Summary

Three models

**Scalar Response Models** ■ Functional covariate implies a functional parameter.

- Use smoothness of  $\beta_1(t)$  to obtain identifiability.
- Variance estimates come from sandwich estimators.

**Concurrent Linear Model** ■  $y_i(t)$  only depends on  $x_i(t)$  at the current time.

- Scalar covariates = constant functions.
- Will be used in dynamics.

**Functional Covariate/Functional Response** ■ Most general functional linear model.

- See special topics for more + examples.

## Functional Linear Models in R

## fRegress

Main function for scalar responses and concurrent model, requires

`y` response, either vector or fd object.

`xlist` list containing covariates; vectors or fd objects.

`betalist` list of fdPar objects to define bases and smoothing penalties for each coefficient

**Note:** scalar covariates have *constant* coefficient functions, use a constant basis.

Returns depend on `y`; always

`betaestlist` list of fdPar objects with estimated  $\beta$  coefficients

`yhatfdobj` predicted values, either numeric or fd.

## fRegress.stderr

Produces pointwise standard errors for the  $\hat{\beta}_j$ .

`model` output of fRegress

`y2cmap` smoothing matrix for the response (obtained from `smooth.basis`)

`SigmaE` Error covariance for the response.

Produces a list including `betastderrlist`, which contains fd objects giving the pointwise standard errors.

## Other Utilities

`fRegress.CV` provides leave-one-out cross validation

- Same arguments as `fRegress`, allows use of specific observations.
- For concurrent linear models, we cross-validate by

$$CV(\lambda) = \sum_{i=1}^n \int (y_i(t) - \hat{y}_{\lambda}^{-i}(t))^2 dt$$

$\hat{y}_{\lambda}^{-i}(t)$  = prediction with smoothing parameter  $\lambda$  and without  $i$ th observation

- Redundant (and slow) for scalar response models – use OCV in output of `fRegress` instead.

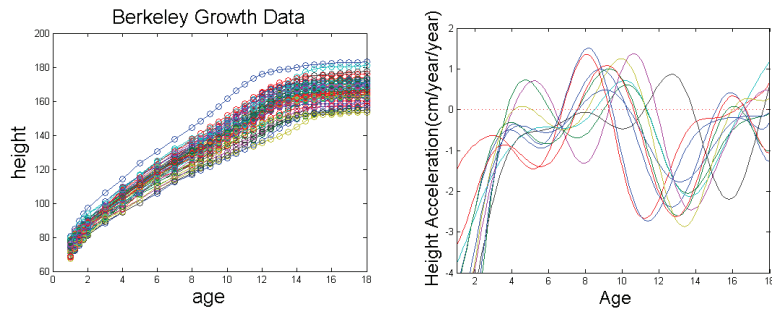
`plotbeta(betaestlist, betastderrlist)` produces graphs with confidence regions.

## Registration



## Berkeley Growth Data

- Heights of 20 girls taken from ages 0 through 18.
- Growth process easier to visualize in terms of acceleration.
- Peaks in acceleration = start of growth spurts.

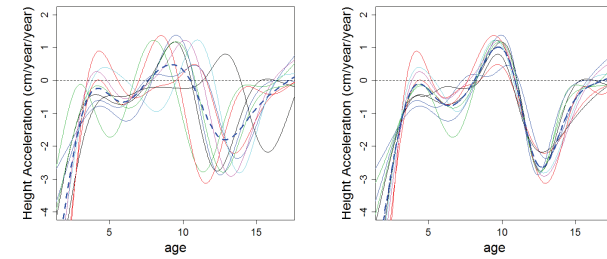


## The Registration Problem

Most analyzes only account for variation in *amplitude*.

Frequently, observed data exhibit features that vary in *time*.

Berkeley Growth Acceleration  
Observed                      Aligned



- Mean of unregistered curves has smaller peaks than any individual curve.
- Aligning the curves reduces variation by 25%

## Defining a Warping Function

Requires a transformation of *time*.

Seek

$$s_j = w_i(t)$$

so that

$$\tilde{x}_i(t) = x_i(s_j)$$

are well aligned.

$w_i(t)$  are *time-warping* (also called *registration*) functions.

## Landmark registration

For each curve  $x_i(t)$  we choose points

$$t_{i1}, \dots, t_{iK}$$

We need a reference (usually one of the curves)

$$t_{01}, \dots, t_{0K}$$

so these define constraints

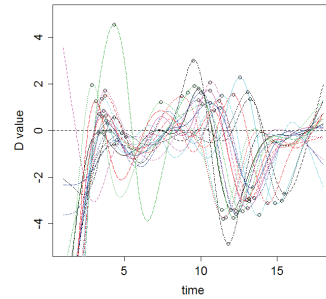
$$w_i(t_{ij}) = t_{0j}$$

Now we define a smooth function to go between these.

## Identifying Landmarks

Major landmarks of interest:

- where  $x_i(t)$  crosses some value
- location of peaks or valleys
- location of inflections

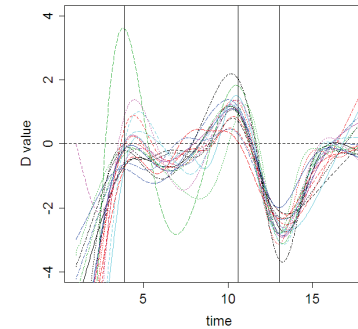


Almost all are points at which some derivative of  $x_i(t)$  crosses zero.

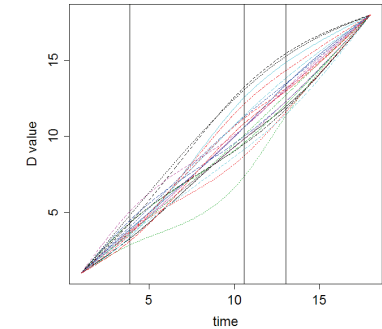
In practise, zero-crossings can be found automatically, but usually still require manual checking.

## Results of Warping

Registered Acceleration

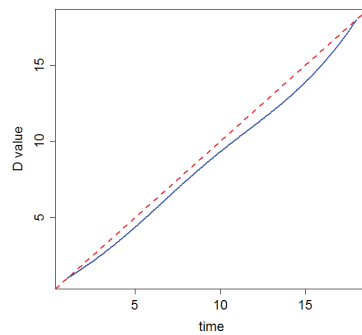


Warping Functions

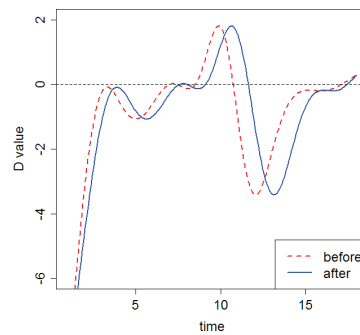


## Interpretation

Warping Functions



Result



Warping function below diagonal pushes registered function *later* in time.

## Constraints on Warping Functions

Let  $t \in [0, T]$ , the  $w_i(t)$  should follow a number of constraints:

- Initial conditions

$$w_i(0) = 0, \quad w_i(T) = T$$

- landmarks

$$w_i(t_{ij}) = t_{0j}$$

- Monotonicity: if  $t_1 < t_2$ ,

$$w_i(t_1) < w_i(t_2)$$

## Enforcing Constraints

Starting from the basis expansion

$$W_i(t) = \Phi(t)c_i$$

we can transform  $W_i(t)$  to enforce the following constraints:

Positive

$$E_i(t) = \exp(W_i(t))$$

Monotonic

$$I_i(t) = \int_0^t \exp(W_i(s)) ds$$

Normalized

$$w_i(t) = T \frac{I_i(t)}{I_i(T)} = T \frac{\int_0^t \exp(W_i(s)) ds}{\int_0^T \exp(W_i(s)) ds}$$

The last of these defines a warping function.

## Computing Landmark Registration

Requires an estimate of

$$t_{0k} = \int_0^{t_{ik}} \exp(\Phi(s)c_i) ds$$

obtained from non-linear least squares.

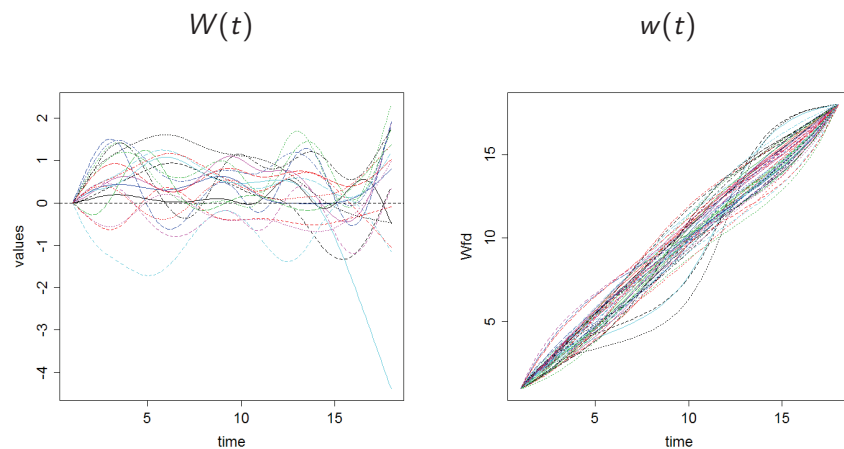
Convex optimization problem, but can be problematic.

Directly estimating  $c_i$  to satisfy

$$t_{0k} = \Phi(t_{ik})c_i$$

frequently retains monotonicity: easier, but should be checked.

## From $W(t)$ to $w(t)$



$W(0) = 0$  to obtain identifiability under normalization.

## Interpreting Registration with Monotone Smoothing

Recall that for monotone smoothing we have

$$w_i(t) = T \int_0^t e^{W_i(s)} ds / \int_0^T e^{W_i(s)} ds$$

Notes:

- $t > w_i(t)$  = events in  $x_i(t)$  are running early
- $W_i(t) > \log(T / \int_0^T e^{W_i(s)} ds) \Rightarrow$  slope of  $w_i(t) > 1$
- $W_i(t) < \log(T / \int_0^T e^{W_i(s)} ds)$  corresponds “natural time” speeding up relative to template curve.

## Automatic Methods

Landmark registration requires

- clearly identifiable landmarks
- manual care in defining and finding landmarks

can we come up with something more general?

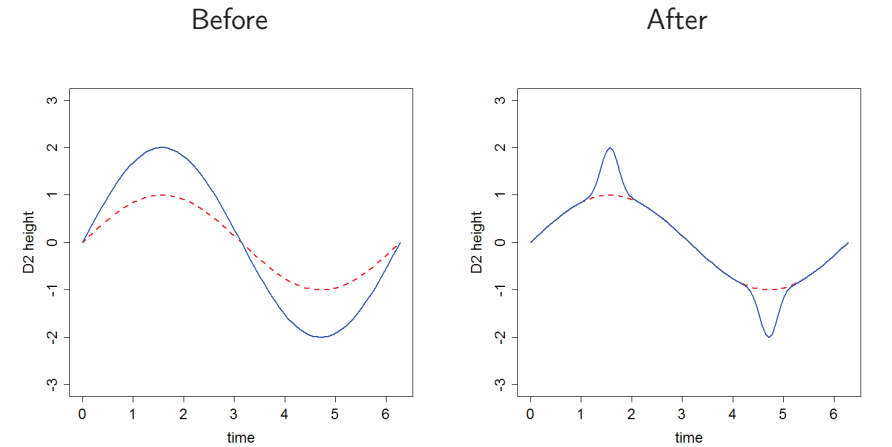
Obvious criterion is *between-curve sum of squares* for each curve

$$\text{BCSSE}[w_i] = \int (x_0(t) - x_i(w_i(t)))^2 dt$$

Requires a reference  $x_0(t)$ , works well for simple  $w_i$  (eg linear transformations).

## Why Squared Error Doesn't Work for Flexible Methods

Amplitude-only variation is not ignored.



## Alternatives

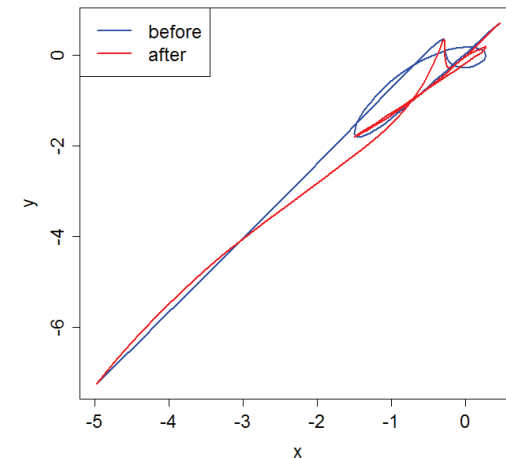
Major issue: we do not want to account for effects that are due solely to amplitude variation.

Instead want a measure of linearity between  $x_i(w_i(t))$  and  $x_0(t)$ .

- For univariate  $x_i(t)$ , this is just correlation between curves.
- For multivariate  $x_i(t)$ , minimize smallest eigenvalue of correlation matrix.

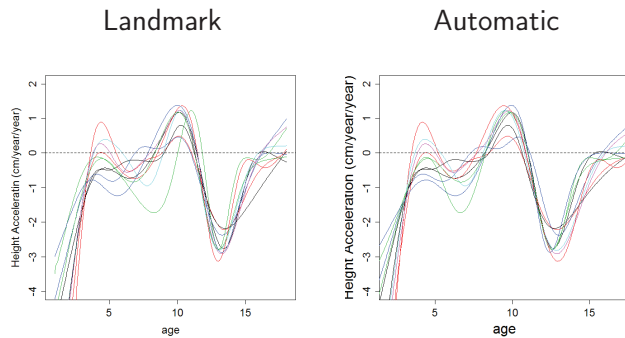
Many other methods have been proposed.

## Collinearity Before and After Registration



## Comparison Of Registration Results

First 10 subjects:



Note: minimum-eigenvalue condition can have local minima and yield poor results.

## Summary

- Registration – important tool for analyzing non-amplitude variation.
- Easiest: landmark registration, requires manual supervision.
- Continuous registration: numerically difficult alternative.
- Usually a preprocessing step; unaccounted for in inference.
- Warning: interaction with derivatives

$$D[x(w(t))] = D[w](t)D[x][w(t)]$$

Registration and  $D$  do not commute; this can affect dynamics.

- R functions: `landmarkreg` and `register.fd`.

## Dynamics

### Relationships Between Derivatives

Access to derivatives of functional data allows new models.

Variant on the concurrent linear model: e.g.

$$Dy_i(t) = \beta_0(t) + \beta_1(t)y_i(t) + \beta_2(t)x_i(t) + \epsilon_i(t)$$

Higher order derivatives could also be used.

Can be estimated like concurrent linear model.

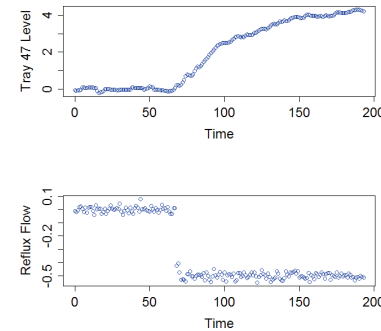
But how do we understand these systems?

Focus: physical analogies and behavior of first and second order systems.

# First Order Systems

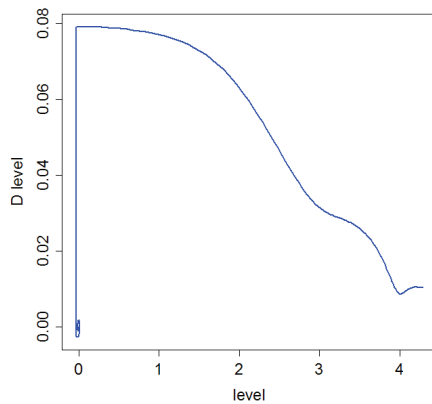
## Oil-Refinery Data

Measurement of level of oil in a refinery bucket and reflux flow out of bucket.



- Clearly, level responds to outflow.
- No linear model will capture this relationship.
- But, there is clearly something with fairly simple structure going on.

## Relationships Among Derivatives



- Initial period flat – no relationship.
- Following: negative relationship between  $Dx$  and  $x$ .
- Suggests

$$Dx(t) = -\beta x(t) + \alpha u(t)$$

for input  $u(t)$  (reflux flow).

## Mechanistic Models for Rates

Imagine a bucket with a hole in the bottom.

- Left to itself, the water will flow out the hole and the level will drop
- Adding water will increase the level in the bucket
- We want to describe the rate at which this happens



## Thinking About Models for Rates

Water in a leaky bucket.

To make things simple, assume the bucket has straight sides. Let  $x(t)$  be the current volume of liquid in the bucket.

- Firstly, we need a rate for outflow without input ( $u(t) = 0$ ).
  - The rate at which water leaves the bucket is proportional to how much pressure it is under.

$$Dx(t) = -Cp(t)$$

- The pressure will be proportional to the weight of liquid. This in turn is proportional to volume:  $p(t) = Kx(t)$ . So

$$Dx(t) = -\beta x(t)$$

## Solution to First Order ODE

When the tap is turned on:

$$Dx(t) = -\beta x(t) + \alpha u(t)$$

Solutions to this equation are of the form

$$x(t) = Ce^{-\beta t} + \alpha \int_0^t e^{-(t-s)\beta} u(s) ds$$

This formula is not particularly enlightening; we would like to investigate how  $x(t)$  behaves.

## Characterizing Solutions to Step-Function Inputs

In engineering, it is common to study the reaction of  $x(t)$  when  $u(t)$  is abruptly stepped up or down.

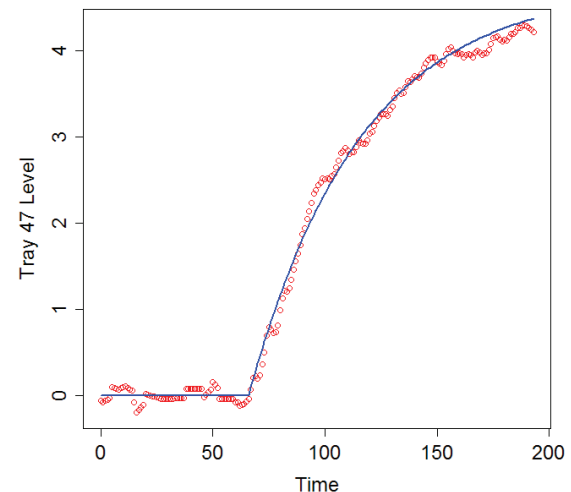
Let's start from  $x(0) = 0$   $u(0) = 0$  and step  $u(t)$  to 1 at time  $t$

$$x(t) = \begin{cases} 0 & 0 \leq t \leq 1 \\ (\alpha/\beta) [1 - e^{-\beta(t-1)}] & t > 1 \end{cases}$$

- when  $u$  is increased,  $x$  tends to  $\alpha/\beta$ .
- Trend is exponential – gets to 98% of  $\alpha/\beta$  in about  $4/\beta$  time units.

## Fit to Oil Refinery Data

Set  $\alpha = -0.19$ ,  $\beta = 0.02$



## Nonconstant Coefficients

For the inhomogeneous system

$$Dx(t) = -\beta(t)x(t) + \alpha(t)u(t)$$

solution is

$$x(t) = Ce^{\int_0^t -\beta(s)ds} + e^{-\int_0^t \beta(s)ds} \int_0^t \alpha(s)u(s)e^{\int_0^s \beta(v)dv} ds$$

- When  $\alpha(t)$  and  $\beta(t)$  change slower  $x(t)$  easiest to think of instantaneous behavior.
- $x(t)$  is tending towards  $\alpha(t)/\beta(t)$  at an exponential rate  $e^{-\beta(t)}$ .

## Second Order Systems

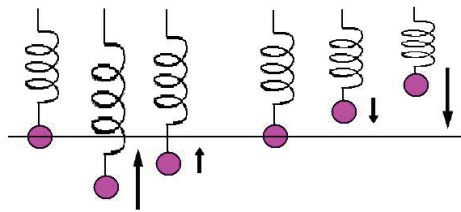
## Second Order Systems

Physical processes often measured in terms of acceleration

We can imagine a weight at the end of a spring. For simple mechanics

$$D^2x(t) = f(t)/m$$

here the force,  $f(t)$ , is a sum of components



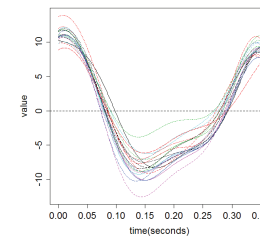
- 1  $-\beta_0(t)x(t)$ : the force pulling the spring back to rest position.
- 2  $-\beta_1(t)Dx(t)$ : forces due to friction in the system
- 3  $\alpha(t)u(t)$ : external forces driving the system

Springs make good initial models for physiological processes, too.

## Lip Data

Measured position of lower lip saying the word "Bob".

20 repetitions.



- initial rapid opening
- sharp transition to nearly linear motion
- rapid closure.

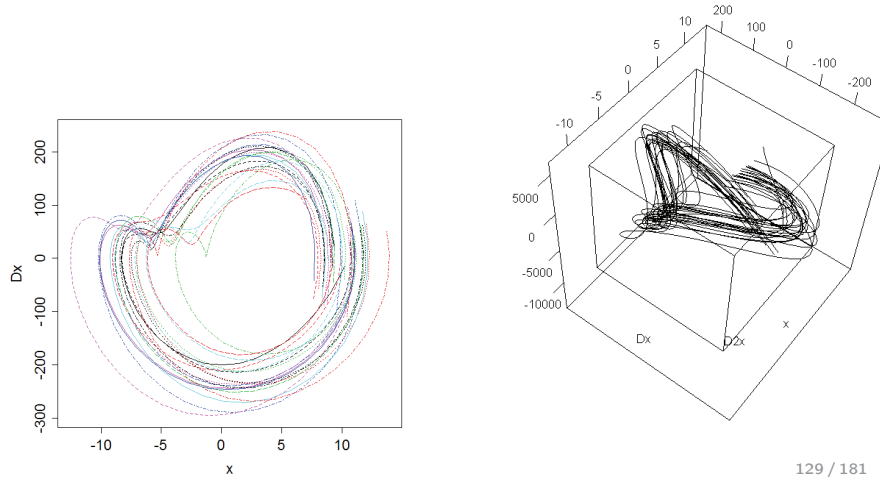
Approximate second-order model – think of lip as acting like a spring.

$$D^2x(t) = -\beta_1(t)Dx(t) - \beta_0(t)x(t) + \epsilon(t)$$



## Looking at Derivatives

Clear relationship of  $D^2x$  to  $Dx$  and  $x$ .



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## The Discriminant Function

$$D^2x(t) = -\beta_1(t)Dx(t) - \beta_0(t)x(t)$$

Constant co-efficient solutions are of the form:

$$x(t) = C_1e^{[-\frac{\beta_1}{2} + \sqrt{d}]t} + C_2e^{[-\frac{\beta_1}{2} - \sqrt{d}]t}$$

with the *discriminant* being

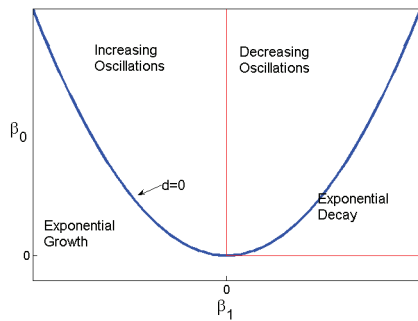
$$d = \left(\frac{\beta_1}{2}\right)^2 - \beta_0$$

- If  $d < 0$ ,  $e^{it} = \sin(t)$ ; system oscillates with growing or shrinking cycles according to the sign of  $\beta_1$ .
- If  $d > 0$  the system is *over-damped*
  - If  $\beta_1 < 0$  or  $\beta_0 > 0$  the system exhibits exponential growth.
  - If  $\beta_1 > 0$  and  $\beta_0 < 0$  the system decays exponentially.

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## Graphically

This means we can partition  $(\beta_0, \beta_1)$  space into regions of different qualitative dynamics.



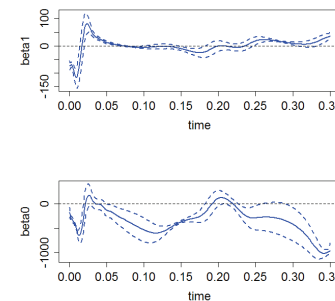
This is known as a bifurcation diagram.

Time-varying dynamics. Like constant-coefficient dynamics at each time, if  $\beta_1(t)$ ,  $\beta_0(t)$  evolve more slowly than  $x(t)$ .

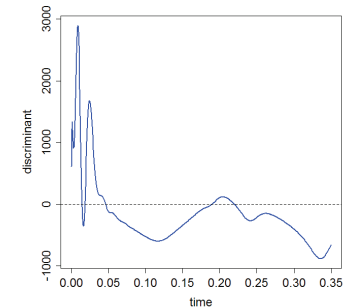
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## Estimates From a Model

Estimated Coefficients



Discriminant

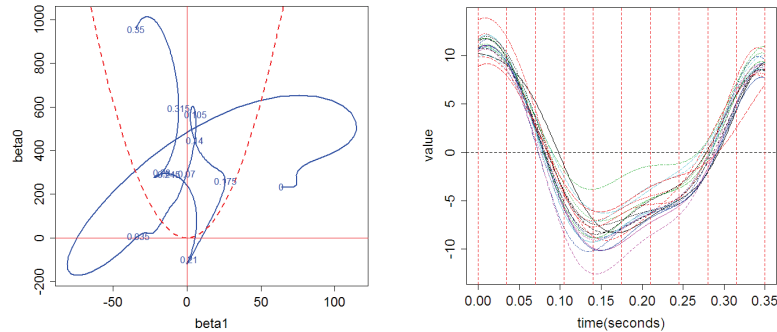


- initial impulse
- middle period of damped behavior (vowel)
- around periods of undamped behavior with period around 30-40 ms.

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## On a Bifurcation Diagram

Plot  $(-\beta_1(t), -\beta_0(t))$  from `pda.fd` and add the discriminant boundary.



## Principle Differential Analysis

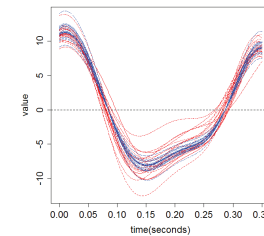
Translate autonomous dynamic model into linear differential operator:

$$Lx = D^2x + \beta_1(t)Dx(t) + \beta_0(t)x(t) = 0$$

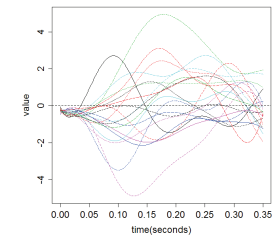
Potential use in improving smooths (theory under development).

We can ask what is smooth? How does the data deviate from smoothness?

Solutions of  $Lx(t) = 0$



Observed  $Lx(t)$



## Summary

- FDA provides access to models of rates of change.
- Dynamics = models of relationships among derivatives.
- Interpretation of dynamics relies on physical intuition/analogies.
  - First order systems – derivative responds to input; most often control systems.
  - Second order systems – Newton's laws; springs and pendulums.
  - Higher-dimensional models also feasible (see special topics).
- Many problems remain:
  - Relationship to SDE models.
  - Appropriate measures of confidence.
  - Which orders of derivative to model.

## Future Problems

## Correlated Functional Data

- Most models so far assume the  $x_i(t)$  to be independent.
- But, increasing situations where a set of functions has its own order
  - Time series of functions.
  - Spatially correlated functions.
- We need new models and methods to deal with these processes.

## Time Series of Functions

- A functional AR(1) process

$$y_{i+1}(t) = \beta_0(t) + \int \beta_1(s, t)y_i(s)dt + \epsilon_i(t)$$

can be fit with a functional linear model.

- Additional covariates can be incorporated, too.
- What about ARMA process etc?

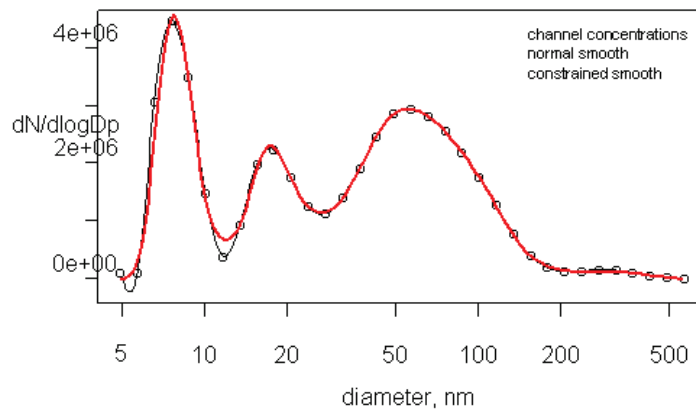
$$y_i(t) = \beta_0(t) + \sum_{j=1}^p \int \beta_j(s, t)y_{i-j}(s)dt + \sum_{k=1}^q \int \gamma_j(s, t)\epsilon_{i-k}(s)ds$$

- Are these always the best way of modeling functional time series? How do we estimate them?

## Example: Particulate Matter Distributions

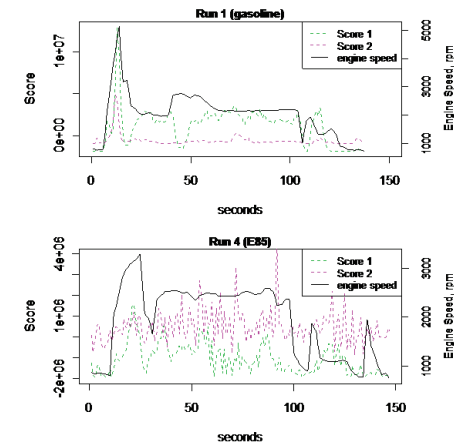
Project in Civil and Environmental Engineering at Cornell University

- Records distribution of particle sizes in car exhaust.
- 36 size bins, measured every second.



## Particulate Matter Models

First step: take an fPCA and use multivariate time series of PC scores.



Legitimate when stationary, but in presence of covariates?

## Particulate Matter Models

Possible AR models ( $s$  used for "size"):

$$y_{i+1}(s) = \alpha(s) + \gamma(s)z_i + \int \beta_1(u, s)y_i(u)du + \epsilon_i(s)$$

$z_i$  = engine speed and other covariates

High-frequency data: should we consider smooth change over time?

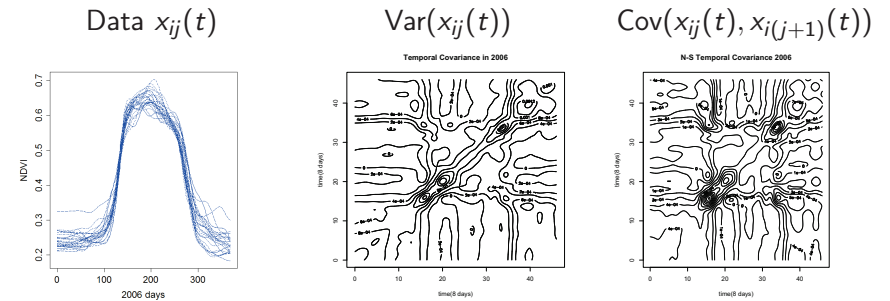
$$D_t y(t, s) = \alpha(t) + \gamma(s)z(t) + \int \beta_1(u, s)y_i(t, u)du + \epsilon_i(s)$$

Dynamic model: how do we fit? How do we distinguish from discrete time?

## Spatial Correlation

Example: Boston University Geosciences

- $x_{ij}(t)$  gives 8-day NDVI ("greenness") values at adjacent 500-yard patches on a square.
- Interest in year-to-year variation, but also spatial correlation.



Required: models and methods for correlation at different spatial scales.

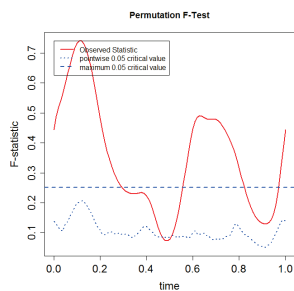
## Tests and Bootstrap

How do we test for significance of a model? Eg

$$y_i(t) = \beta_0 + \beta_1(t)x_i(t) + \epsilon_i(t)$$

Existing method: permutation tests ( $F_{perm.f.d}$ )

### Permutation test for Gait model



- 1 Pair response with randomly permuted covariate and estimate model.
- 2 Calculate  $F$  statistic at each point  $t$ .
- 3 Compare observed  $F(t)$  statistic to permuted  $F$ .
- 4 Test based on  $\max F(t)$ .

## Tests and Bootstrap

Formalizing statistical properties of tests

- Some theoretical results on asymptotic normality of test statistics.
- Still requires bootstrap/permutation procedures to evaluate.
- Consistency of bootstrap for functional models unknown.
- Many possible models/methods to be considered.

## Model Selection

- Usual problem: which covariates to use?
  - Tests (see previous slide)
  - Functional information criteria.
- Also: which *parts* of a functional covariate to use?  
See James and Zhu (2007)
- Not touched: which derivative to model?
- Similarly, which derivative to register?

## Functional Random Effects

- Avoiding functional random effects a unifying theme.
- But, much of FDA can be written in terms of functional random effects.

### Eg 1: Smoothing and Functional Statistics

$$y_{ij} = x_i(t_{ij}) + \epsilon_{ij}$$

$$x_i(t) \sim (\mu(t), \sigma(s, t))$$

Kauermann & Wegener (2010) assume the  $x_i(t)$  have a Gaussian Process distribution.

Estimate  $\mu(t)$ ,  $\sigma(s, t)$  with MLE + smoothing penalty.

## Functional Random Effects

Eg 2: Registration re-characterized as

$$y_i(t) = x_i(w_i(t))$$

$$x_i(t) \sim (\mu(t), \sigma(s, t))$$

$$\log Dw_i(t) \sim (0, \tau(s, t))$$

- use  $\log Dw_i(t)$  so that  $w_i$  is monotone
- Calculation: highly nonlinear; MCMC?
- Some work done on restricted models.
- Growth data: replace first line with acceleration?

$$D^2 y_i(t) = x_i(w_i(t))$$

Model selection question!

## Functional Random Effects

Eg 3: Accounting for Smoothing with functional covariate

$$y_i = \beta_0 + \int \beta_1(t) x_i(t) dt + \epsilon_i$$

$$z_{ij} = x_i(t_{ij}) + \eta_{ij}$$

$$x_i(t) \sim (\mu(t), \sigma(s, t))$$

More elaborate models feasible

- Include observation process in registration.
- Linear models involving registration functions:

$$f_i = \beta_0 + \int \beta_1(t) w_i(t) dt + \zeta_i$$

- Needs numerical machinery for estimation.

## Conclusions

- FDA seeing increasing popularity in application and theory.
- Much basic definitional work already carried out.
- Many problems remain open in
  - Theoretical properties of testing methods.
  - Representations of dependence between functional data.
  - Random effects in functional data.
  - Functional data and dynamics.

Still lots of room to have some fun.

## Special Topics

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## Smoothing and fPCA

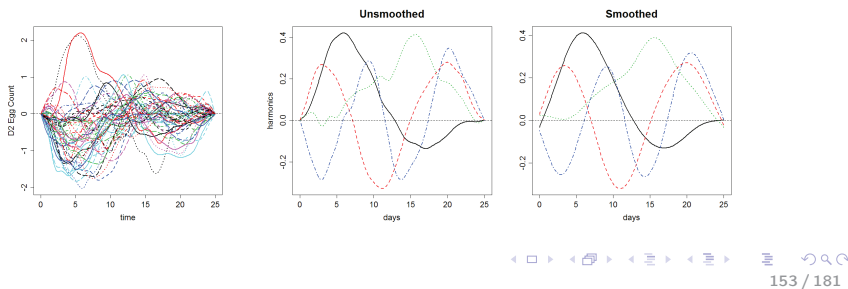
## Smoothing and fPCA

When observed functions are rough, we may want the PCA to be smooth

- reduces high-frequency variation in the  $x_i(t)$
- provides better reconstruction of future  $x_i(t)$

We therefore want to find a way to impose smoothness on the principal components.

PCA of 2nd derivative of medfly data:



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## Penalized PCA

Standard penalization = add a smoothing penalty to fitting criteria.

eg

$$\text{Var} \left( \int \xi_1(t) x_i(t) dt \right) + \lambda \int [L\xi_1(t)]^2 dt$$

For PCA, fitting is done sequentially – choice of smoothing for first component affects second component.

Instead, we would like a single penalty to apply to all PCs at once.

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## Penalized PCA

For identifiability, we usually normalize PCs:

$$\xi_1(t) = \text{argmax} \text{Var} \left\{ \left[ \int x_i(t) \xi(t) dt \right] / \|\xi(t)\|_2^2 \right\}$$

To penalize, we include a derivative in the norm:

$$\|\xi(t)\|_L^2 = \int \xi(t)^2 dt + \lambda \int [L\xi(t)]^2 dt$$

Search for the  $\xi$  that maximizes

$$\frac{\text{Var} \left[ \int \xi(t) x_i(t) dt \right]}{\int \xi(t)^2 dt + \lambda \int [L\xi(t)]^2 dt}$$

Large  $\lambda$  focusses on reducing  $L\xi(t)$  instead of maximizing variance.

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## Choice of $\lambda$

Equivalent to leave-one-out cross validation: try to reconstruct  $x_i$  from first  $k$  PCs

- Estimate  $\hat{\xi}_{\lambda 1}^{-i}, \dots, \hat{\xi}_{\lambda k}^{-i}$  without  $i$ th observation.
- Attempt a reconstruction

$$\tilde{x}_{i\lambda}(t) = \text{argmin}_c \int \left( x(t) - \sum_{j=1}^k c_j \hat{\xi}_{\lambda j}^{-i}(t) \right)^2 dt$$

- Measure

$$\text{CV}(\lambda) = \sum_{i=1}^n \int (x_i(t) - \tilde{x}_{i\lambda}(t))^2 dt$$

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# FDA and Sparse Data

Consider the use of smoothing for data with

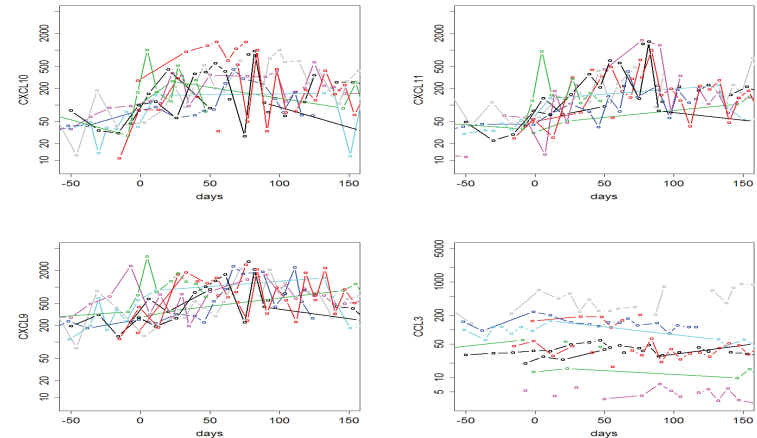
$$y_{ij} = x_i(t_{ij}) + \epsilon_i$$

with

- $t_{ij}$  sparse, unevenly distributed between records
- Assumed common mean and variance of the  $x_i(t)$

## HCV Data

Measurements of chemokines (immune response) up to and post infection with Hepatitis C in 10 subjects.



Sparse, noisy, high-dimensional. Aim is to understand dynamics.

## Smoothed Moment-Based Variance Estimates

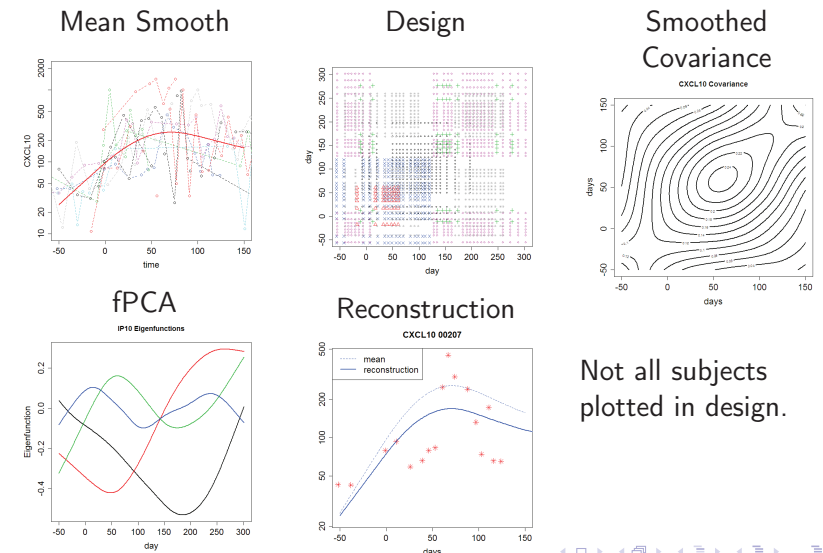
(Based on Yao, Müller, Wang, 2005, JASA)

- When data are sparse for each curve, smoothing may be poor.
- But, we may over-all, have enough to estimate a covariance.
  - 1 Estimate a smooth  $\hat{m}(t)$  from all the data pooled together
  - 2 For observation times  $t_{ij}, t_{ik}, j \neq k$  of curve  $i$  compute one-point covariance estimate

$$Z_{ijk} = (Y_{ij} - \hat{m}(t_{ij}))(Y_{ik} - \hat{m}(t_{ik}))$$

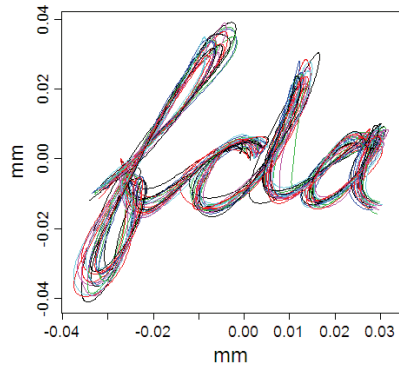
- 3 Now smooth the data  $(t_{ij}, t_{ik}, Z_{ijk})$  to obtain  $\hat{\sigma}(s, t)$ .
- PCA of  $\hat{\sigma}(s, t)$  can be used to reconstruct trajectories, or in functional linear regression.

## Smoothed Moment-Based Variance Estimates





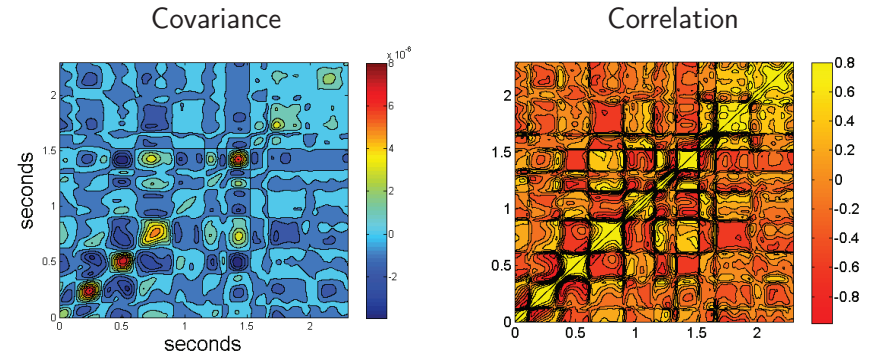
# Exploratory Analysis of Handwriting Data



## Covariance and Correlation

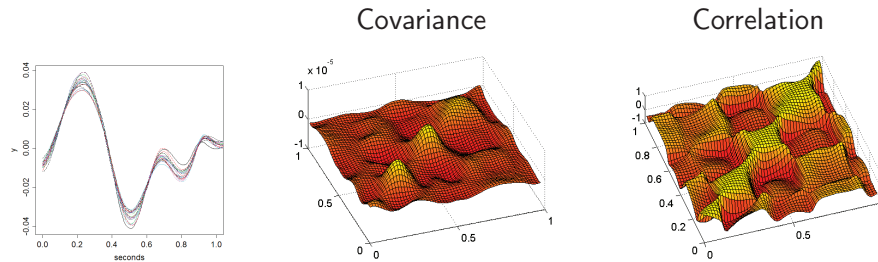
Correlation often brings out sharper timing features.

Handwriting y-direction:



## Correlation

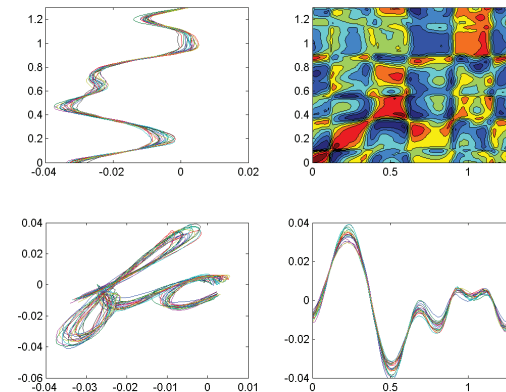
A closer look at the handwriting data



Clear timing points are associated with loops in letters.

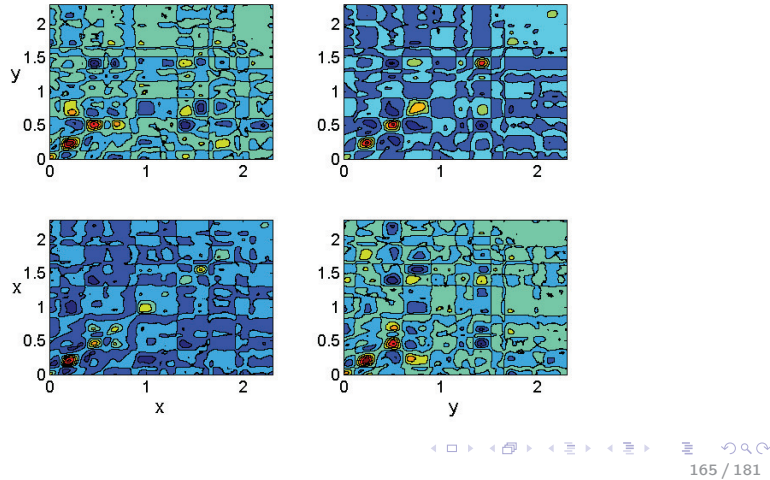
## Cross Covariance

$$\sigma_{xy}(s, t) = \frac{1}{n} \sum (x_i(s) - \bar{x}(s))(y_i(t) - \bar{y}(t))$$



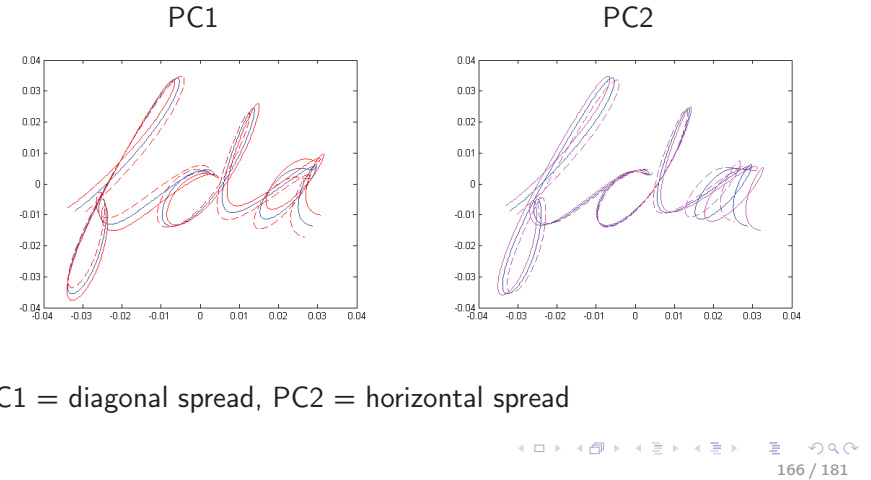
## Cross Covariance

For fPCA, the distribution includes variance within and between dimensions



## Principal Components Analysis

Obtain the *joint* fPCA for both directions.

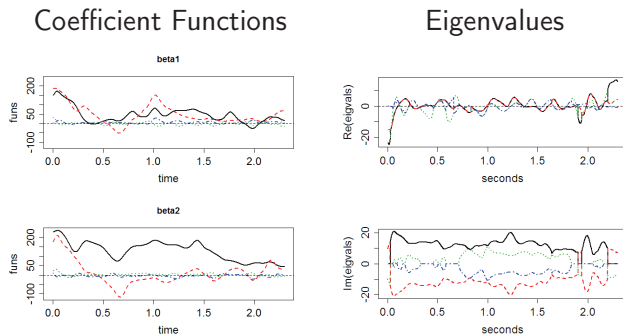


## Principal Differential Analysis

Second order model:

$$D^2\mathbf{x}(t) = \beta_2(t)D\mathbf{x}(t) + \beta_1(t)\mathbf{x}(t) + \epsilon(t)$$

Coefficients largely uninterpretable (may be of interest elsewhere)



Stability analysis  $\Rightarrow$  almost entirely cyclic; one cycle at 1/3 second, another modulates it.

## Functional Response, Functional Covariate Models

## Functional Response, Functional Covariate

General case:  $y_i(t), x_i(s)$  not necessarily on the same domain.  
Multivariate model

$$Y = B_0 + XB + E$$

Generalizes to

$$y_i(t) = \beta_0(t) + \int \beta_1(s, t)x_i(s)ds + \epsilon_i(t)$$

Fitting criterion is *Sum of Integrated Squared Errors*

$$SISE = \sum \int (y_i(t) - \hat{y}_i(t))^2 dt$$

Same identification issues as scalar response models.

## Identification of Functional Response Model

- Need to add on a smoothing penalty for identification.
- Usually penalize  $\beta_1$  in each direction separately

$$J[\beta_1, \lambda_s, \lambda_t] = \lambda_s \int [L_s \beta_1(s, t)]^2 ds dt + \lambda_t \int [L_t \beta_1(s, t)]^2 ds dt$$

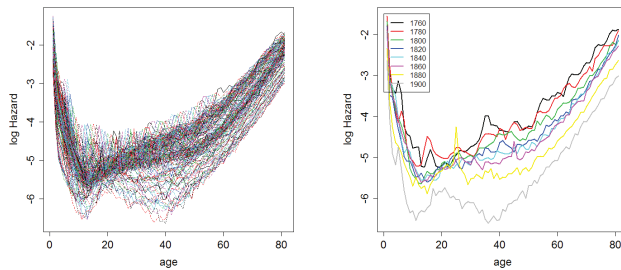
- Now minimize

$$PENSISE = \sum \int (y_i(t) - \hat{y}_i(t))^2 dt + J[\beta_1, \lambda_s, \lambda_t]$$

- Confidence Intervals etc follow from usual principles.
- Choice of  $\lambda$ 's from leave-one-curve-out cross validation.

## Swedish Mortality Data

- log hazard rates calculated from tables of mortality at ages 0 through 80 for Swedish women.
- Data available for birth years 1757 through 1900.
- Interest in looking at mortality trends.

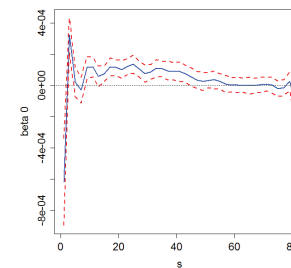


Clear over-all reduction in mortality; but effects common to adjacent cohorts?

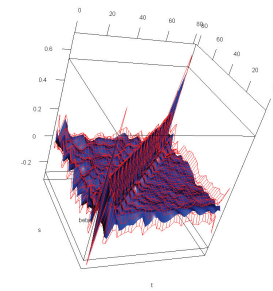
## Swedish Mortality Data

Fit a *functional auto-regressive model*:

$$y_{i+1}(t) = \beta_0(t) + \int \beta_1(s, t)y_i(s)ds + \epsilon_i(t)$$



$\beta_0$



$\beta_1(s, t)$

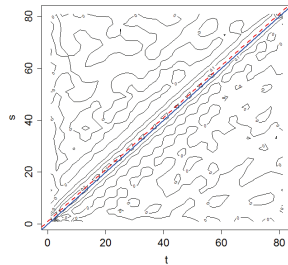
## Swedish Mortality Data

Central ridge in  $\beta_1(s, t)$  one year off diagonal:

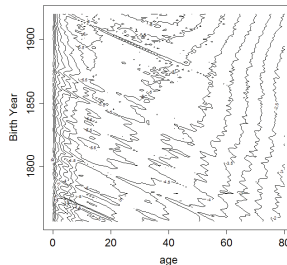
$$\int \beta_1(s, t) y_i(s) ds \approx y_i(t + 1)$$

what affects one cohort, affects the next when one year younger!

$\beta_1(s, t)$



Original Data



1918 flu pandemic obvious as diagonal band.

## linmod

Produces complete functional covariate/functional response model for a single covariate.

`yfdobj` fd object for response

`xfobj` fd object for covariate

`betaList` smoothing and basis definitions for parameters

1 `fdPar` object for  $\beta_0$

2 `bifdPar` object for  $\beta_1$

Returns `beta0estfd`, `beta1estbifd` and `yhatfdobj`.

Full plotting/standard error features not yet implemented.

## Multidimensional Principal Differential Analysis

### Higher-Order and Multidimensional Systems

For dynamic analysis, second order system

$$D^2x(t) = \beta_1(t)Dx(t) + \beta_0(t)x(t)$$

reduces to multidimensional system

$$\begin{pmatrix} Dy(t) \\ Dx(t) \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \beta_1(t) & \beta_0(t) \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} y(t) \\ x(t) \end{pmatrix}$$

with  $y(t) = Dx(t)$ .

Can be carried on to higher-order multidimensional systems.

Still fit with original concurrent linear model (Query: is this a good idea?)

But we need to know how to analyze multidimensional systems.

## Higher-Order and Multidimensional Systems

Analysis of multidimensional systems

$$Dx(t) = Ax(t)$$

has solutions of the form

$$x_j(t) = \sum c_{ij} e^{d_i t}$$

for  $d_i$  the eigenvalues of  $A$ .

$d_i = d_i^{Re} + id_i^{Im}$  can be complex. Recall

$$e^{d_i t} = e^{d_i^{Re} t} \sin(d_i^{Im} t)$$

Interpretation:

- Positive real parts = exponential growth
- Negative real parts = exponential decay
- Imaginary parts = cyclic with period  $2\pi/d_i^{Im}$ .

Can interpret *instantaneous* qualitative behavior.

## 2nd Order Analysis of Gait Data

2nd order system to approximate cyclic motion (eg of a pendulum)

We now have a two-dimensional system

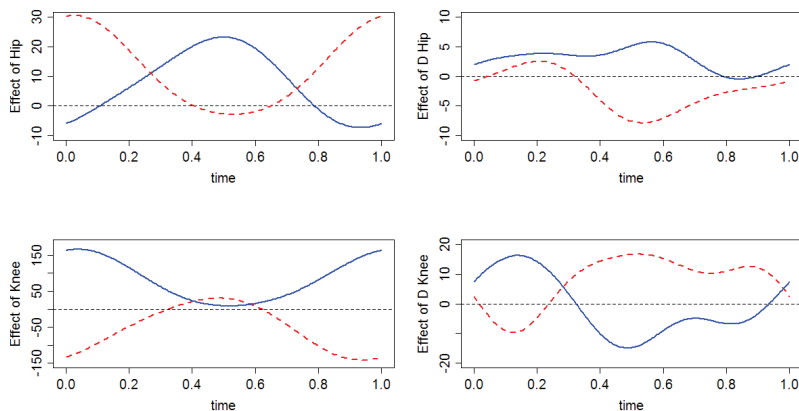
- $x$  corresponds to Hip
- $y$  corresponds to Knee

$$D^2x(t) = -\beta_{x1}(t)Dx(t) - \beta_{x0}(t)x(t) + \alpha_{x0}(t)y(t) + \alpha_{x1}(t)Dy(t)$$

$$D^2y(t) = -\beta_{y1}(t)Dy(t) - \beta_{y0}(t)y(t) + \alpha_{y0}(t)x(t) + \alpha_{y1}(t)Dx(t)$$

which we fit by the squared discrepancy from equality.

## Estimates of Coefficient Functions



Blue = influence on  $D2$  Hip, Red = influence on  $D2$  Knee.

Surprise = strong effect of knee angle on hip.

## Examining Stability

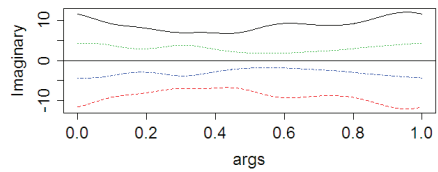
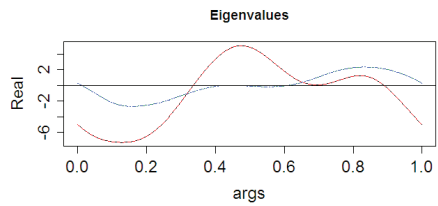
Recall that the stability of the system depends on the eigenvalues of

$$\begin{pmatrix} D^2x(t) \\ D^2y(t) \\ Dx(t) \\ Dy(t) \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -\beta_{x1}(t) & \alpha_{x1}(t) & -\beta_{x0}(t) & \alpha_{x0}(t) \\ \alpha_{y1}(t) & -\beta_{y1}(t) & \alpha_{y0}(t) & -\beta_{y0}(t) \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} Dx(t) \\ Dy(t) \\ x(t) \\ y(t) \end{pmatrix}$$

Negative signs because we are measuring the  $\beta(t)$  relative to the Lfd instead of the differential equation.

Now we can take the eigen-decomposition at each point.

## Stability Analysis



- Two magnitudes of imaginary parts – two stable cycle periods at 0.8 and 1.5 cycles.
- Mostly dissipative (negative real parts) except
- Time 0.5 = push off
- Time 0.8 = bend in knee.
- Considerably more detailed analysis possible.