

Probabilistic forecasts for anomaly detection

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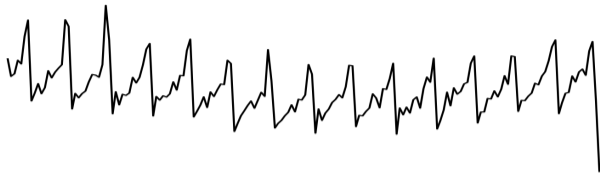


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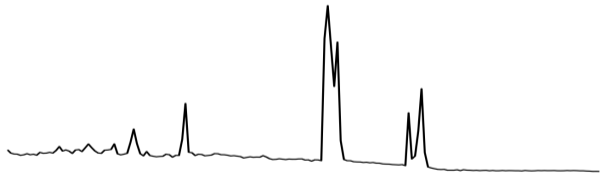
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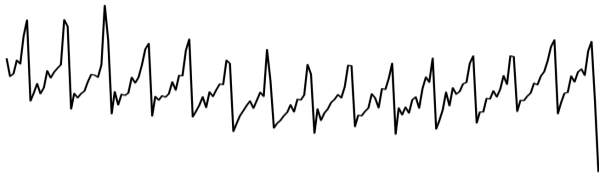
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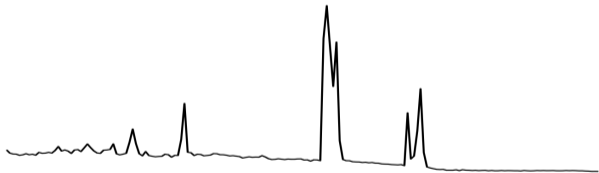
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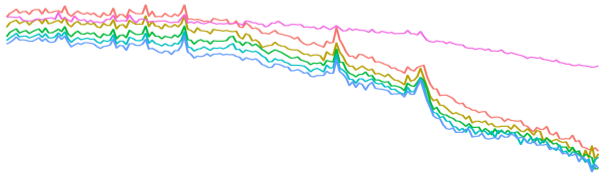
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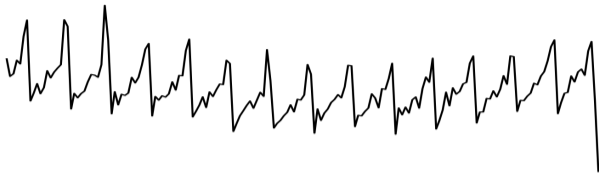
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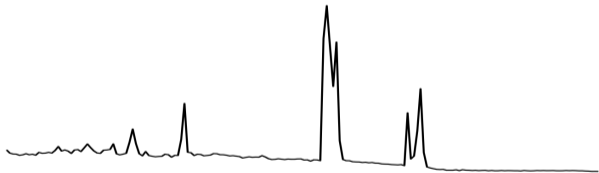


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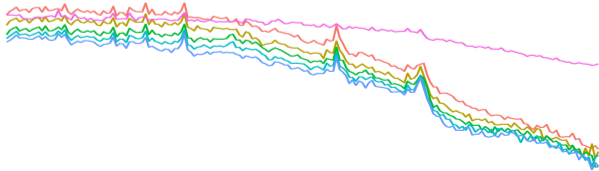
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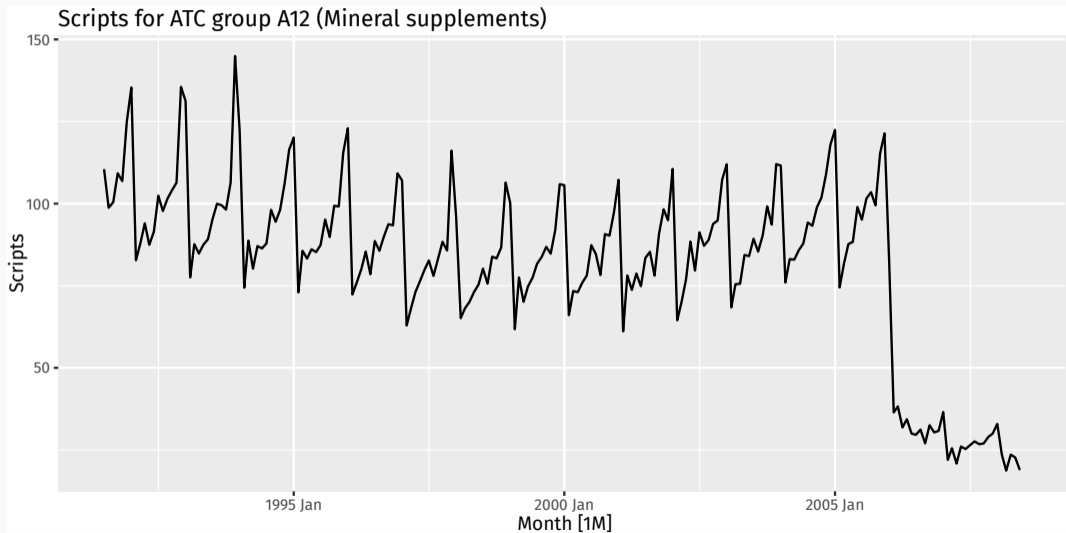


Australian PBS data

```
pbs
```

```
# A tibble: 17,016 x 3 [1M]
# Key:      ATC2 [84]
  ATC2      Month Scripts
  <chr>    <mth>    <dbl>
1 A01     1991 Jul      22.6
2 A01     1991 Aug      20.4
3 A01     1991 Sep      21.4
4 A01     1991 Oct      23.7
5 A01     1991 Nov      23.5
6 A01     1991 Dec      26.3
7 A01     1992 Jan      22.0
8 A01     1992 Feb      16.4
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10 A01    1992 Apr      18.8
# i 17,006 more rows
```

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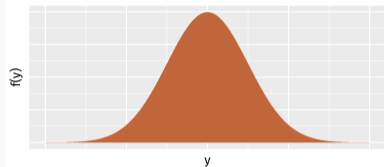


Anomaly score distribution

One-step forecast distribution: $N(\mu_t, \sigma^2)$

$$f(y_t | y_1, \dots, y_{t-1}) = \phi\left(\frac{y_t - \mu_t}{\sigma}\right) = \frac{1}{\sigma\sqrt{2\pi}} \exp\left\{-\frac{(y_t - \mu_t)^2}{2\sigma^2}\right\}$$

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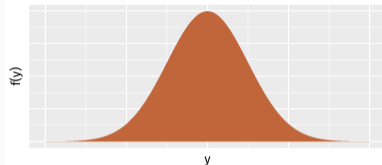
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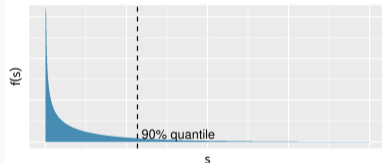
Anomaly score distribution: $S \sim \frac{1}{2}\chi_1^2 + c$

$$s_t = -\log f(y_t | y_1, \dots, y_{t-1}) = \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{y_t - \mu_t}{\sigma}\right)^2 + \frac{1}{2} \log(2\pi\sigma^2)$$

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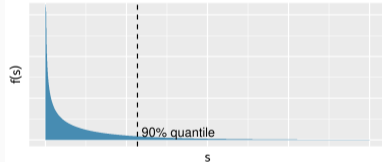
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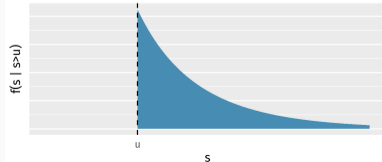


Extreme anomaly score distribution

$$H(x) = P(S \leq u + x | S > u)$$

→ Generalized Pareto Distribution for almost all forecast distributions f .

Anomaly score exceedance density



Anomaly detection algorithm

For each t :

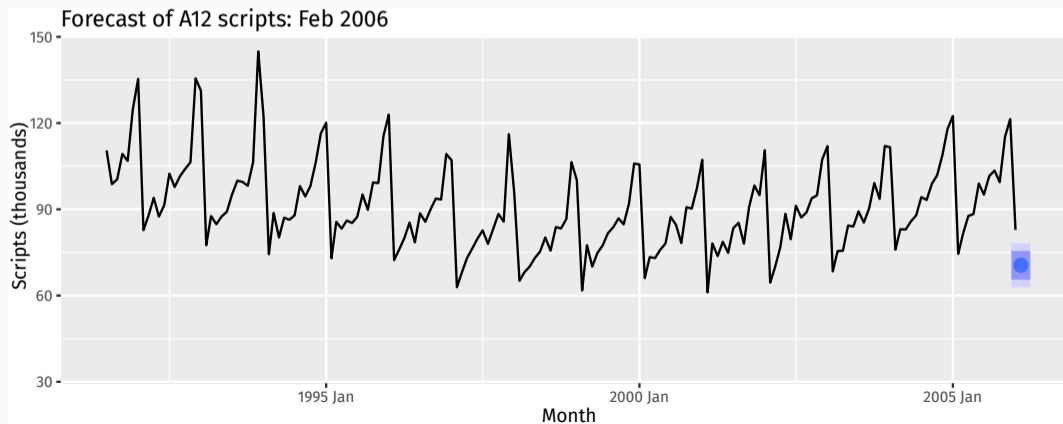
- Estimate one-step forecast density: $f(y_t | y_1, \dots, y_{t-1})$.
- Anomaly score: $s_t = -\log \hat{f}(y_t | y_1, \dots, y_{t-1})$.
- High anomaly score indicates potential anomaly.
- Fit a Generalized Pareto Distribution to the top 10% of anomaly scores seen so far.
- y_t is anomaly if $P(S > s_t) < 0.05$ under GPD.

Example

```
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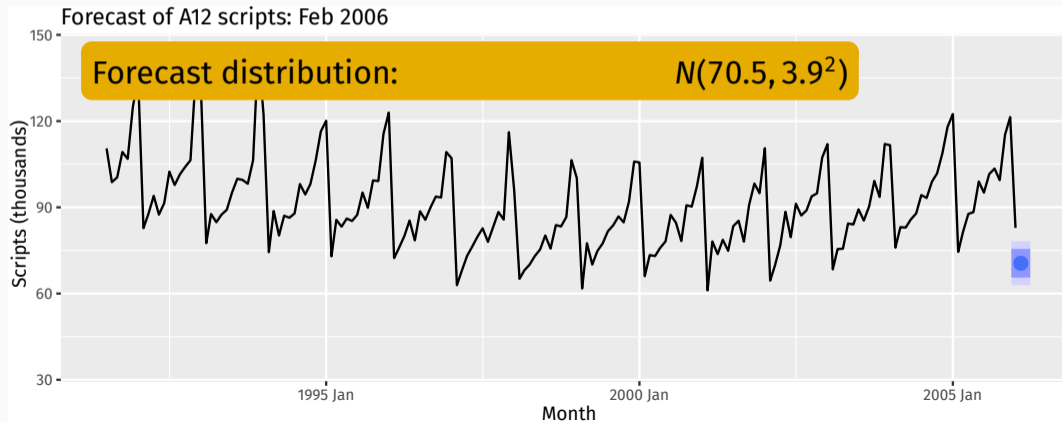
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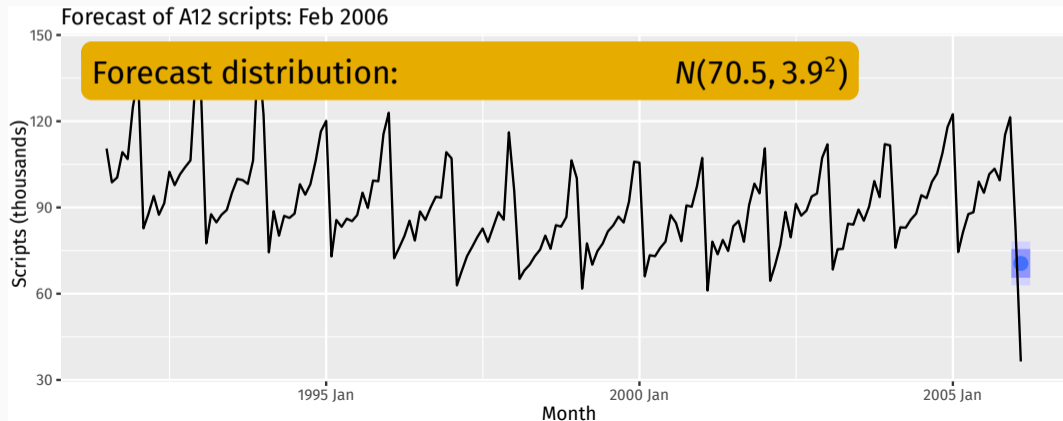
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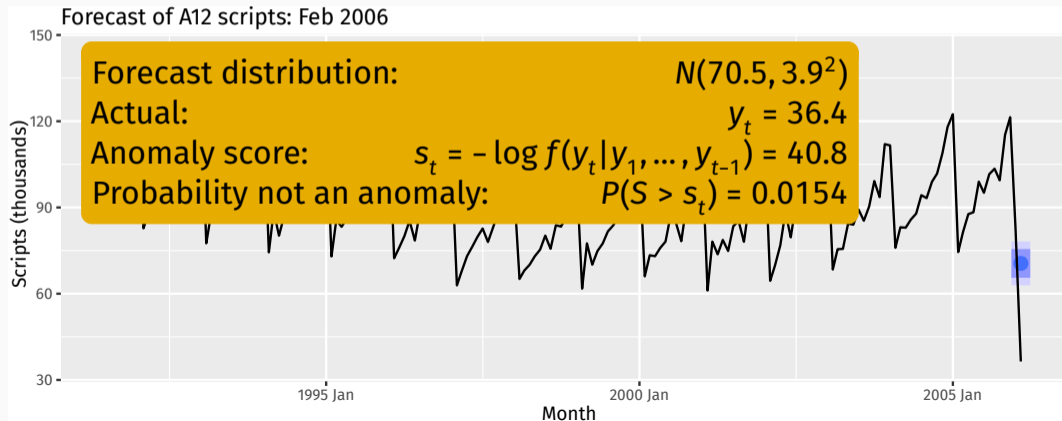
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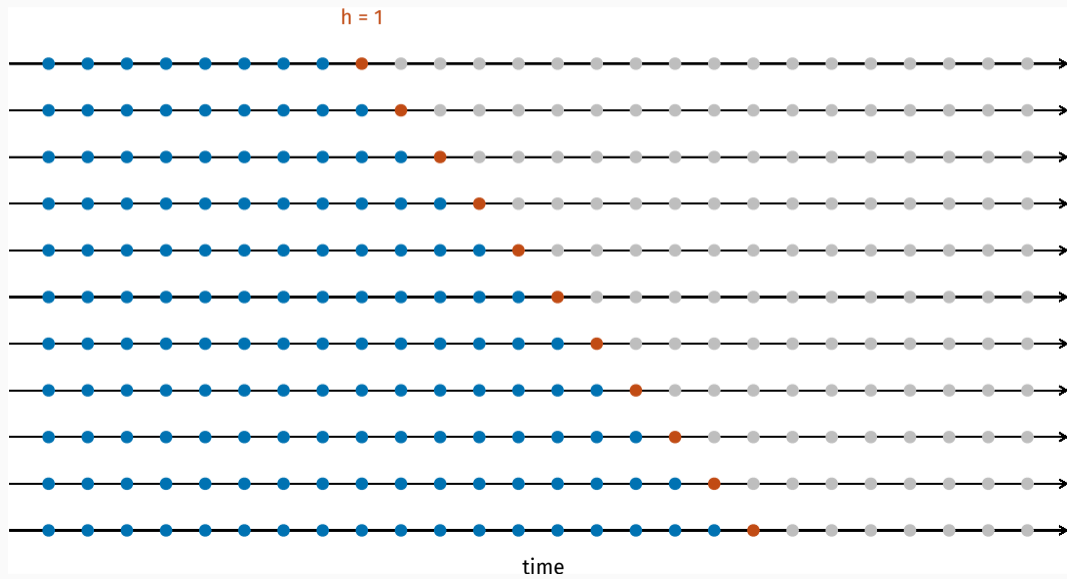


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Rolling origin forecasts



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```
pbs_stretch ← stretch_tsibble(pbs, .step = 1, .init = 36)
```

```
# A tsibble: 1,684,884 x 4 [1M]
# Key:       .id, ATC2 [14,076]
  ATC2      Month Scripts  .id
  <chr>    <mth>    <dbl> <int>
1 A01     1991 Jul     22.6     1
2 A01     1991 Aug     20.4     1
3 A01     1991 Sep     21.4     1
4 A01     1991 Oct     23.7     1
5 A01     1991 Nov     23.5     1
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7 A01     1992 Jan     22.0     1
8 A01     1992 Feb     16.4     1
9 A01     1992 Mar     17.2     1
10 A01    1992 Apr     18.8     1
# i 1,684,874 more rows
```

Rolling origin forecasts

```
pbs_fit ← pbs_stretch ▷ model(ets = ETS(Scripts))
```

```
# A mable: 14,076 x 3  
# Key:      .id, ATC2 [14,076]  
  .id ATC2      ets  
  <int> <chr>    <model>  
1      1 A01     <ETS(M,N,A)>  
2      1 A02     <ETS(M,A,M)>  
3      1 A03     <ETS(M,A,M)>  
4      1 A04     <ETS(M,N,A)>  
5      1 A05     <ETS(A,Ad,N)>  
6      1 A06     <ETS(M,A,M)>  
7      1 A07     <ETS(M,N,M)>  
8      1 A09     <ETS(M,A,M)>  
9      1 A10     <ETS(M,A,M)>  
10     1 A11     <ETS(M,A,M)>  
# i 14,066 more rows
```

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```
pbs_fc ← forecast(pbs_fit, h = 1)
```

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# A fable: 14,076 × 4 [1M]
# Key:      .id, ATC2 [14,076]
  .id ATC2      Month      Scripts
  <int> <chr>    <mth>      <dist>
1     1 A01    1994 Jul     N(23, 2.1)
2     1 A02    1994 Jul    N(590, 1054)
3     1 A03    1994 Jul     N(84, 19)
4     1 A04    1994 Jul     N(69, 15)
5     1 A05    2003 Jul    N(1.4, 0.014)
6     1 A06    1994 Jul     N(33, 4.2)
7     1 A07    1994 Jul     N(74, 17)
8     1 A09    1994 Jul    N(3.7, 0.029)
9     1 A10    1994 Jul     N(166, 54)
10    1 A11    1994 Jul     N(30, 3)
# i 14,066 more rows
```

PBS anomalies

```
pbs_scores ← pbs_fc ▷  
  left_join(pbs ▷ rename(actual = Scripts), by = c("ATC2", "Month")) ▷  
  mutate(  
    s = -log_likelihood(Scripts, actual),  
    prob = lookout(density_scores = s, threshold = 0.9)  
  )
```

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	.id	ATC2	Month	Scripts	actual	s	prob
	<int>	<chr>	<mth>	<dist>	<dbl>	<dbl>	<dbl>
1	1	A01	1994 Jul	N(23, 2.1)	20.9	2.46	1
2	1	A02	1994 Jul	N(590, 1054)	516.	6.97	0.296
3	1	A03	1994 Jul	N(84, 19)	80.5	2.75	1
4	1	A04	1994 Jul	N(69, 15)	66.1	2.62	1
5	1	A05	2003 Jul	N(1.4, 0.014)	1.47	-1.05	1
6	1	A06	1994 Jul	N(33, 4.2)	29.2	3.41	1
7	1	A07	1994 Jul	N(74, 17)	68.5	3.09	1
8	1	A09	1994 Jul	N(3.7, 0.029)	3.32	1.46	1

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```
pbs_scores > filter(prob < 0.05)
```

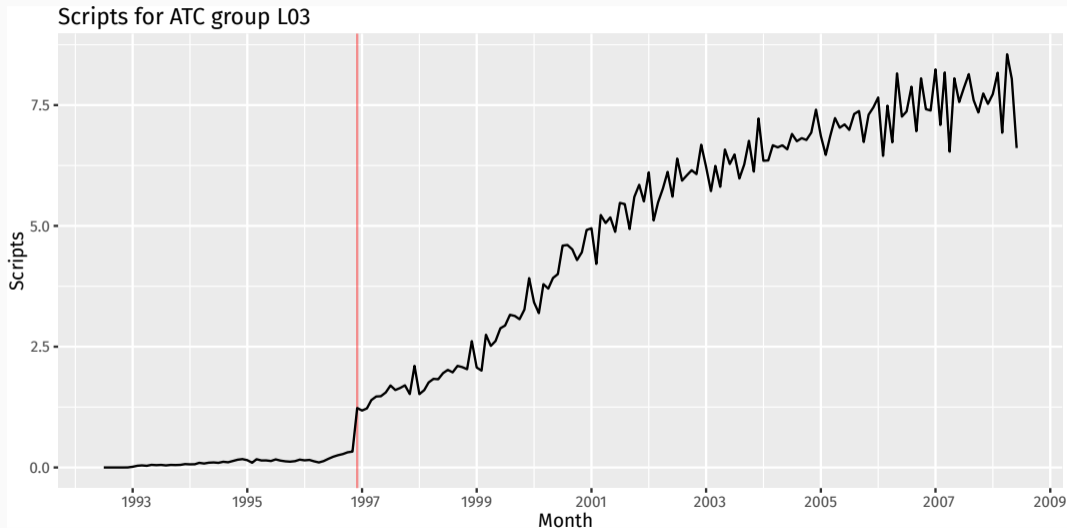
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# A fable: 67 x 7 [1M]
```

```
# Key:      .id, ATC2 [67]
```

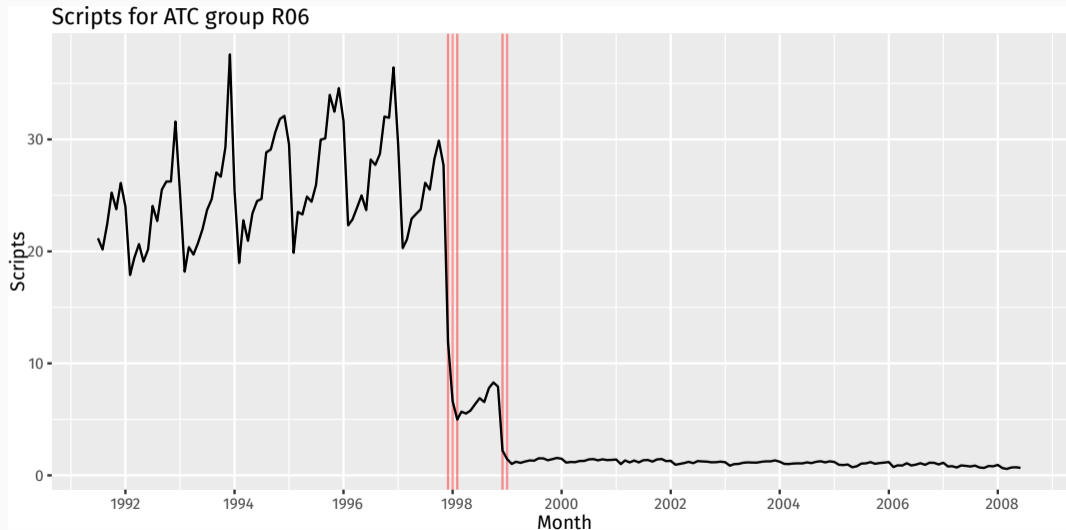
	.id	ATC2	Month	Scripts	actual	s	prob
	<int>	<chr>	<mth>	<dist>	<dbl>	<dbl>	<dbl>
1	11	P03	1995 May	N(2.3, 0.045)	3.83	26.1	0.0278
2	13	D05	1995 Jul	N(0.33, 0.0039)	0.781	24.3	0.0307
3	18	A11	1995 Dec	N(46, 6.6)	25.1	34.4	0.0192
4	18	C05	1995 Dec	N(33, 4.9)	2.46	98.9	0.00510
5	18	D02	1995 Dec	N(43, 5.9)	10.0	97.2	0.00522
6	18	D06	1995 Dec	N(6.7, 0.17)	4.24	18.5	0.0455
7	18	D08	1995 Dec	N(5.4, 0.11)	1.40	71.4	0.00759
8	18	G04	1995 Dec	N(54, 8.4)	9.67	121.	0.00399
9	18	L03	1996 Dec	N(0.33, 0.00054)	1.23	756.	0.000463
10	19	D02	1996 Jan	N(38, 26)	8.07	19.8	0.0412

```
# i 57 more rows
```

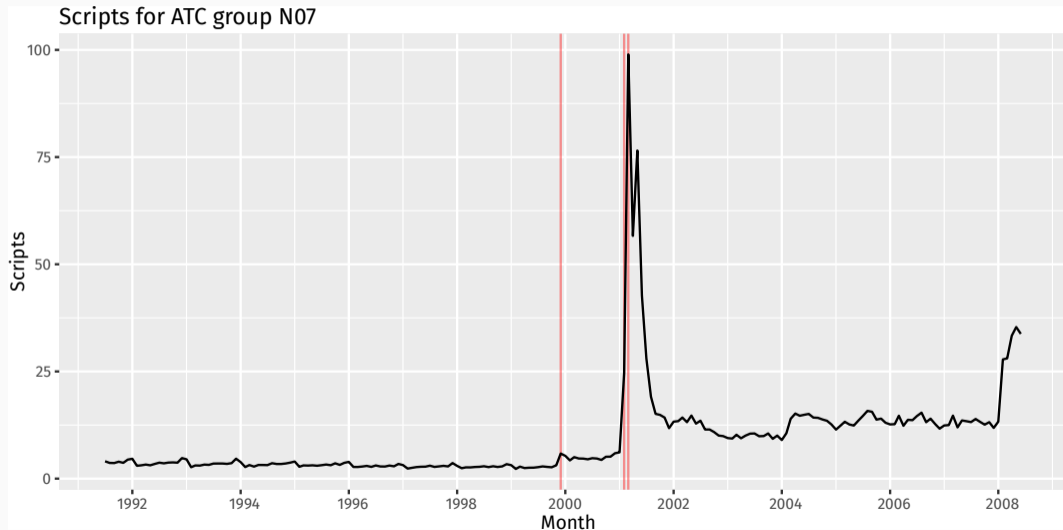
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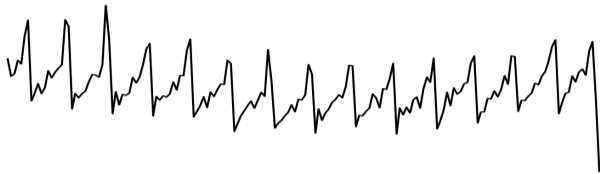
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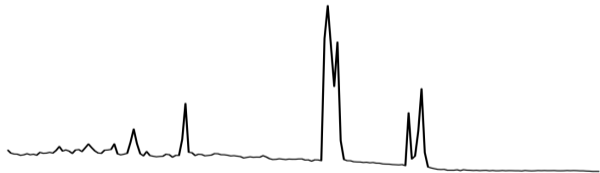
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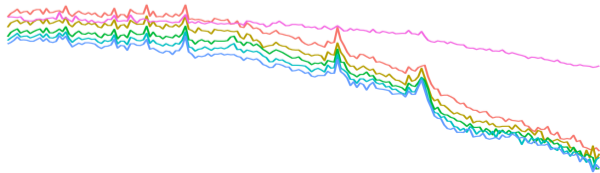
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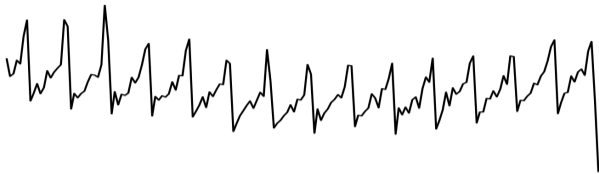
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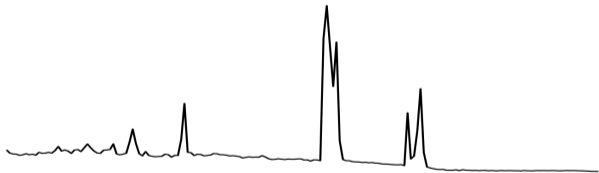
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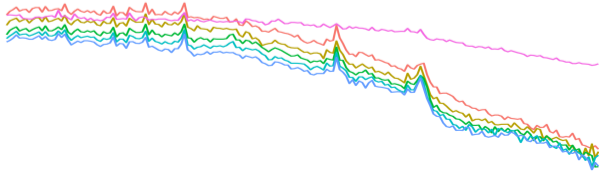
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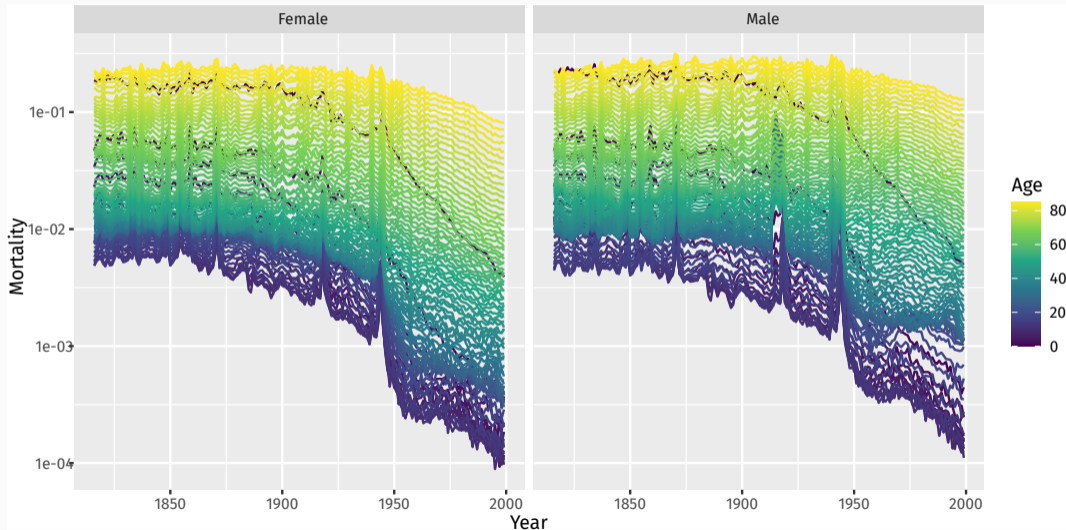


Example: French mortality

```
fr_mortality
```

```
# A tibble: 31,648 x 4 [1Y]
# Key:      Age, Sex [172]
  Year   Age Sex   Mortality
  <int> <int> <chr>     <dbl>
1  1816     0 Female    0.187
2  1817     0 Female    0.182
3  1818     0 Female    0.186
4  1819     0 Female    0.197
5  1820     0 Female    0.181
6  1821     0 Female    0.182
7  1822     0 Female    0.207
8  1823     0 Female    0.192
9  1824     0 Female    0.199
10 1825     0 Female    0.194
# i 31,638 more rows
```

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```
fr_fit ← fr_mortality ▷  
  model(stl = STL(log(Mortality)))
```

```
fr_fit
```

```
# A mable: 172 x 3  
# Key:      Age, Sex [172]
```

	Age	Sex	stl
	<int>	<chr>	<model>
1	0	Female	<STL>
2	0	Male	<STL>
3	1	Female	<STL>
4	1	Male	<STL>
5	2	Female	<STL>
6	2	Male	<STL>
7	3	Female	<STL>
8	3	Male	<STL>
9	4	Female	<STL>
10	4	Male	<STL>

Example: French mortality

```
augment(fr_fit)
```

```
# A tsibble: 31,648 x 8 [1Y]
# Key:           Age, Sex, .model [172]
   Age Sex   .model Year Mortality .fitted  .resid  .innov
   <int> <chr> <chr> <int>    <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl>
1     0 Female stl    1816    0.187  0.193 -0.00650 -0.0342
2     0 Female stl    1817    0.182  0.193 -0.0108  -0.0580
3     0 Female stl    1818    0.186  0.192 -0.00595 -0.0316
4     0 Female stl    1819    0.197  0.191  0.00603  0.0311
5     0 Female stl    1820    0.181  0.190 -0.00895 -0.0483
6     0 Female stl    1821    0.182  0.189 -0.00713 -0.0385
7     0 Female stl    1822    0.207  0.188  0.0192  0.0973
8     0 Female stl    1823    0.192  0.187  0.00500  0.0263
9     0 Female stl    1824    0.199  0.186  0.0123  0.0639
10    0 Female stl    1825    0.194  0.185  0.00905  0.0477
# i 31,638 more rows
```

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```
fr_sigma ← augment(fr_fit) ▷  
  group_by(Age, Sex) ▷  
  summarise(sigma = IQR(.innov)/1.349, .groups = "drop")
```

```
# A tibble: 172 x 3  
  Age Sex      sigma  
  <int> <chr> <dbl>  
1     0 Female 0.0643  
2     0 Male   0.0616  
3     1 Female 0.0894  
4     1 Male   0.0788  
5     2 Female 0.0900  
6     2 Male   0.0931  
7     3 Female 0.0925  
8     3 Male   0.0864  
9     4 Female 0.0963  
10    4 Male   0.0931  
# i 162 more rows
```

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```
fr_scores ← augment(fr_fit) ▷  
  left_join(fr_sigma) ▷  
  mutate(  
    s = -log(dnorm(.innov / sigma)),  
    prob = lookout(density_scores = s, threshold_probability = 0.9)  
  )
```

A tibble: 31,648 x 7

	Age	Sex	Year	Mortality	.innov	s	prob
	<int>	<chr>	<int>	<dbl>	<dbl>	<dbl>	<dbl>
1	0	Female	1816	0.187	-0.0342	1.06	1
2	0	Female	1817	0.182	-0.0580	1.32	1
3	0	Female	1818	0.186	-0.0316	1.04	1
4	0	Female	1819	0.197	0.0311	1.04	1
5	0	Female	1820	0.181	-0.0483	1.20	1
6	0	Female	1821	0.182	-0.0385	1.10	1
7	0	Female	1822	0.207	0.0973	2.06	1
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9	0	Female	1824	0.199	0.0639	1.41	1

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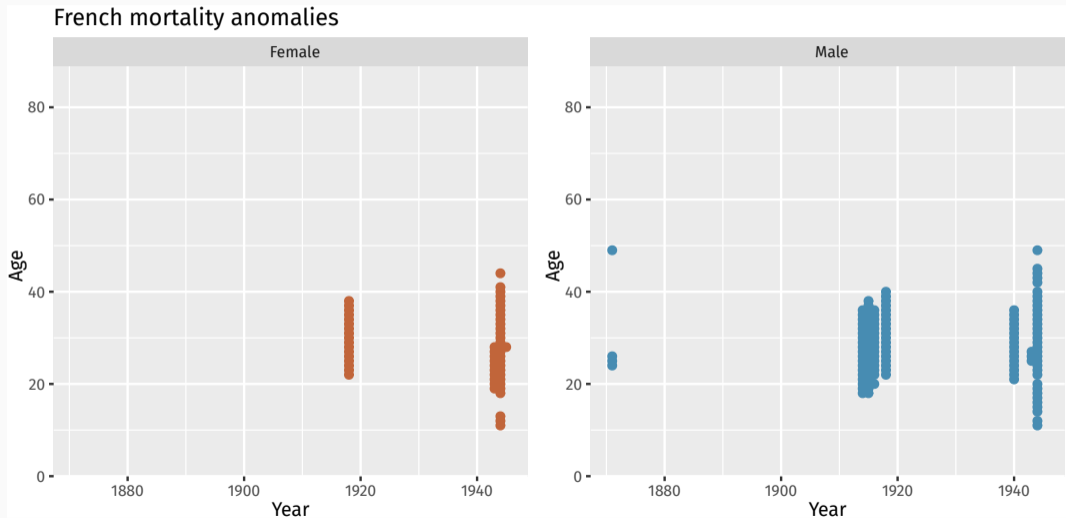
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fr_scores > arrange(prob)
```

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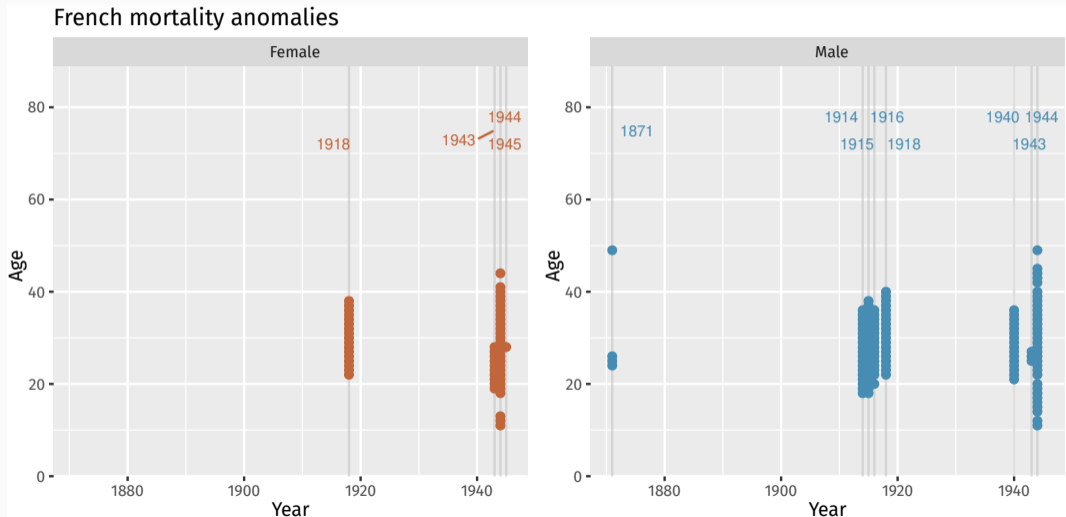
	Age	Sex	Year	Mortality	.innov	s	prob
	<int>	<chr>	<int>	<dbl>	<dbl>	<dbl>	<dbl>
1	28	Female	1944	0.0170	1.45	373.	0.00737
2	25	Female	1944	0.0191	1.59	331.	0.00831
3	26	Female	1944	0.0176	1.50	266.	0.0104
4	24	Female	1944	0.0150	1.40	259.	0.0106
5	27	Female	1944	0.0178	1.50	228.	0.0121
6	25	Male	1944	0.0432	1.89	170.	0.0163
7	18	Male	1914	0.0798	2.06	170.	0.0163
8	21	Female	1944	0.0120	1.29	168.	0.0165
9	27	Male	1944	0.0388	1.78	168.	0.0165
10	23	Female	1944	0.0134	1.29	167.	0.0166

```
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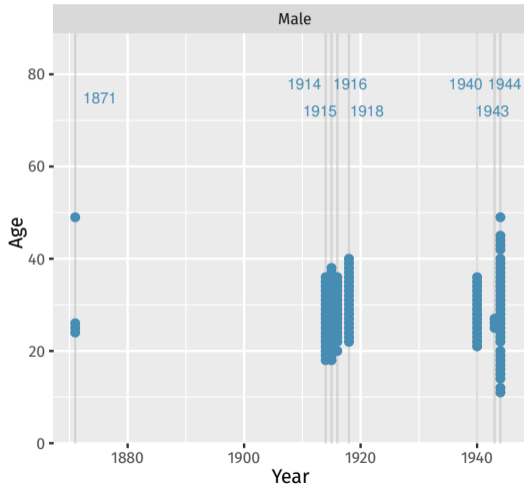
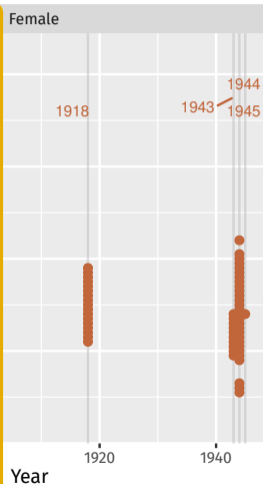
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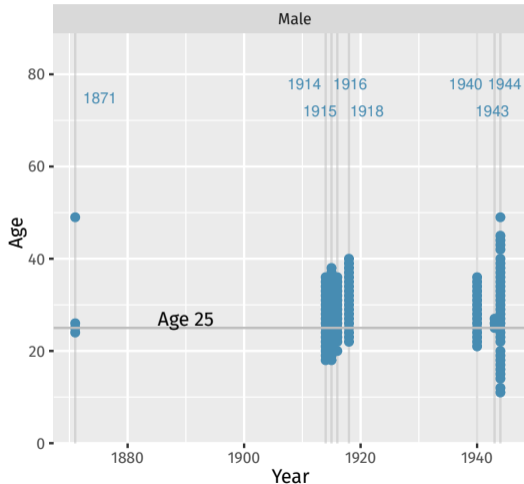
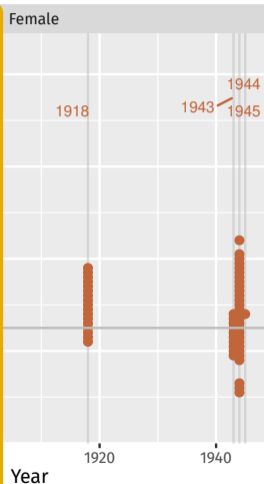
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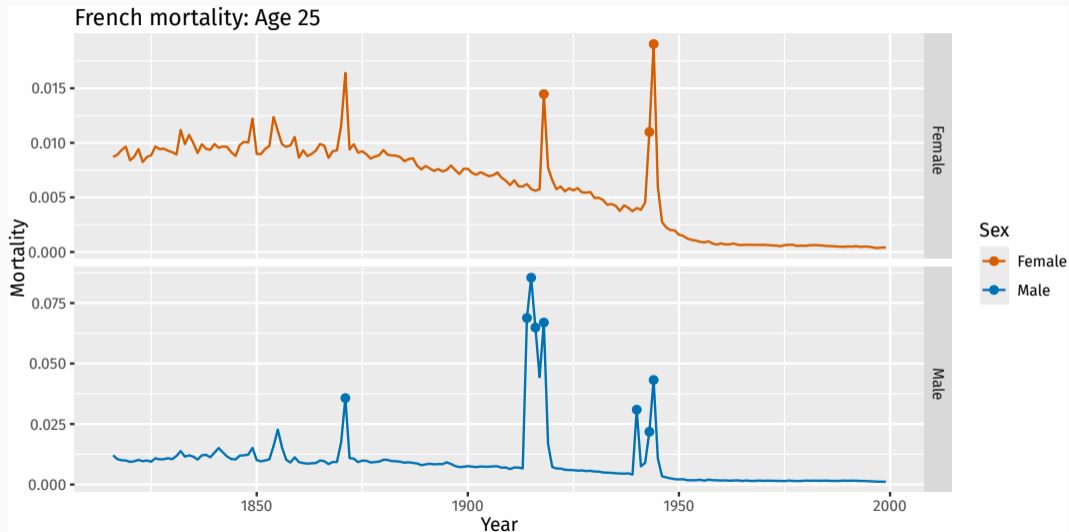
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