

# 2021 SISCER APC Course, R Notes Set 3

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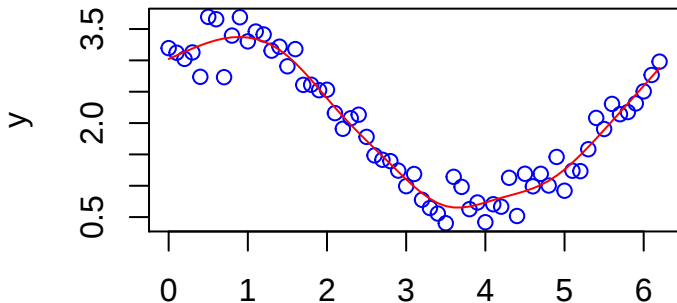
# Outline

In these notes we demonstrate the use of

- ▶ Splines
- ▶ INLA with ANOVA models
- ▶ INLA with random walk models

## Spline example

```
x <- seq(0, 2 * pi, 0.1)
y <- 2 + sin(x) + cos(x) + rnorm(length(x), 0, 0.2)
par(mfrow = c(1, 1))
plot(y ~ x, col = "blue")
nknot <- 10
knotloc <- seq(0.1, 2 * pi - 0.1, , nknot)
library(Epi)
mod <- lm(y ~ Ns(x, knots = knotloc))
points(x, fitted.values(mod), type = "l", col = "red")
```



# Danish male lung cancer incidence data

```
library(Epi)
data(lungDK)
class(lungDK)
## [1] "data.frame"
attach(lungDK)
dftempEpi = data.frame(D = lungDK$D, Y = lungDK$Y,
  A = 37.5 + 5 * ((lungDK$A5 - min(lungDK$A5))/5 +
    1), P = 1945.5 + 5 * (lungDK$P5 - min(lungDK$P5))/5 +
    1)
```

## Massaging the data into a convenient form

Sum over the upper and lower triangles in the Lexis diagram to get data in age-period squares, see Carstensen (2007).

```
names(dftempEpi)
## [1] "D" "Y" "A" "P"
head(dftempEpi, 2)
##      D      Y      A      P
## 1 52 336233.8 42.5 1946.5
## 2 28 357812.7 42.5 1946.5
# Sum over upper and lower triangles
dfEpi = aggregate(dftempEpi[, c("D", "Y")], by = list(A = dftempEpi$A, P = dftempEpi$P), sum)
head(dfEpi, 2)
##      A      P      D      Y
## 1 42.5 1946.5 80 694046.5
## 2 47.5 1946.5 135 622256.7
```

## Spline models

Rather than a factor model we fit spline smoothers in age and period,

$$E[Y_{ap}] = N_{ap} \exp[f(a) + g(p)].$$

In the `apc.fit` function various constraint options for identifying second differences are available (two of these are described below).

The `model="ns"` refers to natural splines and `npar=5` the number of degrees of freedom in the spline.

# Spline models

We illustrate two parameterizations (which give the same fits):

- ▶ ACP: ML-estimates. Age-effects as rates for the reference cohort. Cohort effects as rate ratios relative to the reference cohort. Period effects constrained to be 0 on average with 0 slope.
- ▶ Ad-C-P: Age effects are rates for the reference cohort in the Age-drift model (cohort drift). Cohort effects are from the model with cohort alone, using  $\log(\text{fitted values})$  from the Age-drift model as offset. Period effects are from the model with period alone using  $\log(\text{fitted values})$  from the cohort model as offset.

In the models below, note that the deviances and the degrees of freedom of the Age-Period model are different from the factor version.

# APC spline model: parameterization 1

```
fit2 <- apc.fit(dfEpi, npar = 5, model = "ns", dr.extr = "Holford",
  parm = "ACP", scale = 10^3)
## NOTE: npar is specified as:
## A P C
## 5 5 5
## [1] "ML of APC-model Poisson with log(Y) offset : ( ACP ):\n"
##           Model Mod. df.  Mod. dev. Test df. Test dev.      Pr(>Chi)
## 1           Age      105 15242.0306      NA      NA          NA
## 2      Age-drift      104  6563.9857       1 8678.0449 0.000000e+00
## 3      Age-Cohort      101  1016.3729       3 5547.6128 0.000000e+00
## 4 Age-Period-Cohort       98   419.2548       3  597.1181 4.247733e-129
## 5      Age-Period      101  2910.5114       3 2491.2565 0.000000e+00
## 6      Age-drift      104  6563.9857       3 3653.4743 0.000000e+00
## Test dev/df      H0
## 1           NA
## 2  8678.0449 zero drift
## 3 1849.2043 Coh eff/dr.
## 4  199.0394 Per eff/Coh
## 5  830.4188 Coh eff/Per
## 6 1217.8248 Per eff/dr.
## No reference cohort given; reference cohort for age-effects is chosen as
## the median date of birth for persons with event: 1914 .
```

## APC spline model: parameterization 2

```
fit3 <- apc.fit(dfEpi, npar = 5, model = "ns", dr.extr = "Holford",  
  parm = "Ad-C-P", scale = 10^3)  
## NOTE: npar is specified as:  
## A P C  
## 5 5 5  
## [1] "Sequential modelling Poisson with log(Y) offset : ( AD-C-P ):\n"  
##  
##           Model Mod. df. Mod. dev. Test df. Test dev.      Pr(>Chi)  
## 1           Age      105 15242.0306      NA      NA      NA  
## 2      Age-drift      104  6563.9857      1 8678.0449 0.000000e+00  
## 3      Age-Cohort      101  1016.3729      3 5547.6128 0.000000e+00  
## 4 Age-Period-Cohort      98   419.2548      3  597.1181 4.247733e-129  
## 5      Age-Period      101  2910.5114      3 2491.2565 0.000000e+00  
## 6      Age-drift      104  6563.9857      3 3653.4743 0.000000e+00  
## Test dev/df      H0  
## 1      NA  
## 2 8678.0449 zero drift  
## 3 1849.2043 Coh eff/dr.  
## 4  199.0394 Per eff/Coh  
## 5   830.4188 Coh eff/Per  
## 6 1217.8248 Per eff/dr.
```

## Spline parameterization 1: age, cohort, period curves

```
apc.plot(fit2)
```

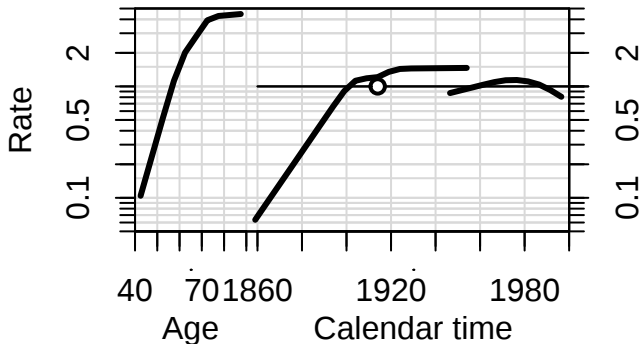


Figure 1: Age-period-cohort estimates under the first “ACP” constraint.

```
## cp.offset    RR.fac  
##      1765      1
```

## Spline parameterization 2: age, cohort, period curves

```
apc.plot(fit3)
```

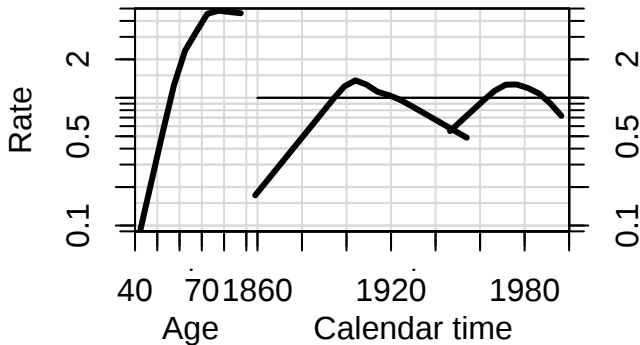


Figure 2: Age-period-cohort estimates under the first “Ad C-P” constraint.

```
## cp.offset    RR.fac  
##      1765      1
```

# Different fitted values since different spline smoothers

```
fit4 <- apc.fit(dfEpi, npar = 3, model = "bs", dr.extr = "Holford",  
  parm = "ACP", scale = 10^3)  
## NOTE: npar is specified as:  
## A P C  
## 3 3 3  
## [1] "ML of APC-model Poisson with log(Y) offset : ( ACP ):\n"  
##           Model Mod. df.  Mod. dev. Test df. Test dev.      Pr(>Chi)  
## 1           Age      106 15107.7170      NA      NA      NA  
## 2      Age-drift      105  6423.8836      1 8683.8334 0.000000e+00  
## 3      Age-Cohort      103  1137.7086      2 5286.1751 0.000000e+00  
## 4 Age-Period-Cohort      101   477.7064      2  660.0021 4.812363e-144  
## 5      Age-Period      103  2757.4175      2 2279.7110 0.000000e+00  
## 6      Age-drift      105  6423.8836      2 3666.4662 0.000000e+00  
## Test dev/df      H0  
## 1           NA  
## 2  8683.8334 zero drift  
## 3  2643.0875 Coh eff/dr.  
## 4   330.0011 Per eff/Coh  
## 5  1139.8555 Coh eff/Per  
## 6  1833.2331 Per eff/dr.  
## No reference cohort given; reference cohort for age-effects is chosen as  
## the median date of birth for persons with event: 1914 .
```

# Different fitted values since different spline smoothers

```
fit5 <- apc.fit(dfEpi, npar = 8, model = "bs", dr.extr = "Holford",  
  parm = "ACP", scale = 10^5)  
## NOTE: npar is specified as:  
## A P C  
## 8 8 8  
## [1] "ML of APC-model Poisson with log(Y) offset : ( ACP ):\n"  
##           Model Mod. df.  Mod. dev. Test df. Test dev.      Pr(>Chi)  
## 1           Age      101 15103.6974      NA      NA      NA  
## 2      Age-drift      100  6418.0122      1 8685.6852 0.000000e+00  
## 3      Age-Cohort      93   865.9163      7 5552.0959 0.000000e+00  
## 4 Age-Period-Cohort      86   248.7888      7  617.1275 4.986257e-129  
## 5      Age-Period      93  2727.3948      7  2478.6060 0.000000e+00  
## 6      Age-drift      100  6418.0122      7 3690.6173 0.000000e+00  
## Test dev/df      H0  
## 1           NA  
## 2 8685.68524 zero drift  
## 3 793.15655 Coh eff/dr.  
## 4  88.16107 Per eff/Coh  
## 5 354.08657 Coh eff/Per  
## 6 527.23105 Per eff/dr.  
## No reference cohort given; reference cohort for age-effects is chosen as  
## the median date of birth for persons with event: 1914 .
```

# Age-Period-Cohort models

```
apc.plot(fit4)
```

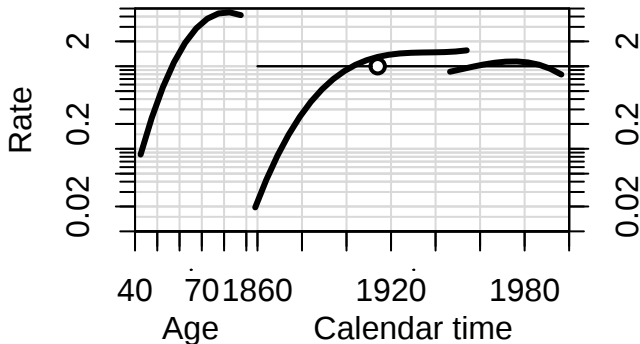


Figure 3: Age-period-cohort estimates under the first “Ad C-P” constraint.

```
## cp.offset    RR.fac  
##      1765      1
```

# Age-Period-Cohort models

```
apc.plot(fit5)
```

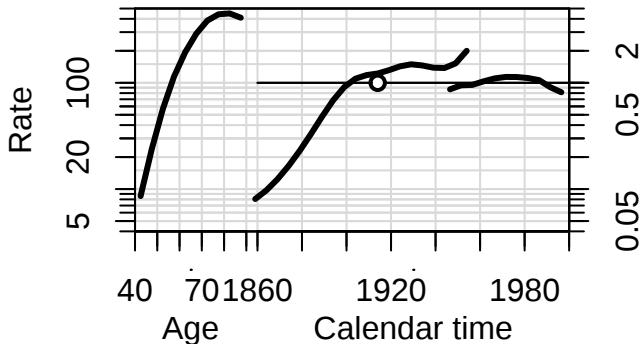


Figure 4: Age-period-cohort estimates under the first “Ad C-P” constraint.

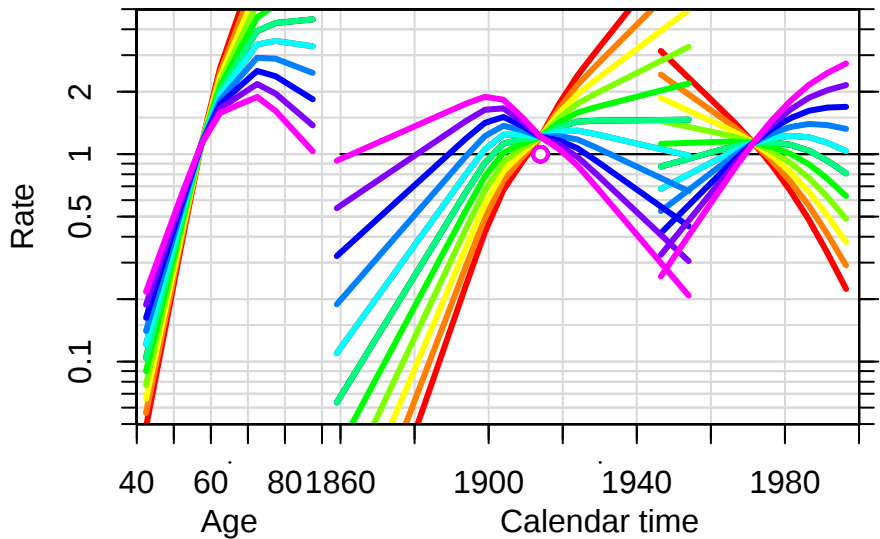
| ## | cp.offset | RR.fac |
|----|-----------|--------|
| ## | 1765      | 100    |

# The identifiability problem illustrated

**Linear drifts** are added on in such a way to give the same overall fit, but each of the age-period-cohort curves are changed, dramatically over the whole range.

```
fp <- apc.plot(fit2)
apc.lines(fit2, frame.par = fp, drift = 1.01, col = "red")
for (i in 1:11) apc.lines(fit2, frame.par = fp, drift = 1 +
  (i - 6)/100, col = rainbow(12)[i])
```

This plot beautifully shows the unidentifiability!



# INLA ANOVA

We demonstrate how frequentist GLM and Bayes INLA approaches give virtually identical under the default relatively flat priors.

```
# install.packages('INLA',  
# repos=c(getOption('repos'),  
# INLA='https://inla.r-inla-download.org/R/testing'),  
# dep=TRUE)  
library(INLA)  
glmMA <- glm(D ~ as.factor(A) + offset(log(Y)), data = dfEpi,  
  family = "poisson")  
inlaMA <- inla(D ~ as.factor(A), data = dfEpi, offset = log(Y),  
  family = "poisson")
```

# INLA ANOVA

```
GLMpt <- coef(glmMA)
INLApt <- inlaMA$summary.fixed[4]
GLMse <- sqrt(diag(vcov(glmMA)))
INLAsd <- inlaMA$summary.fixed[2]
cbind(GLMpt, INLApt, GLMse, INLAsd)
```

| ##                  | GLMpt      | 0.5quant   | GLMse      | sd         |
|---------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| ## (Intercept)      | -9.0172259 | -9.0169981 | 0.03094922 | 0.03096924 |
| ## as.factor(A)47.5 | 0.9504258  | 0.9502499  | 0.03673205 | 0.03676239 |
| ## as.factor(A)52.5 | 1.7840788  | 1.7838372  | 0.03382212 | 0.03385230 |
| ## as.factor(A)57.5 | 2.4288055  | 2.4284488  | 0.03264480 | 0.03267468 |
| ## as.factor(A)62.5 | 2.8937852  | 2.8932298  | 0.03215539 | 0.03218517 |
| ## as.factor(A)67.5 | 3.1962247  | 3.1954416  | 0.03200143 | 0.03203123 |
| ## as.factor(A)72.5 | 3.3749712  | 3.3740709  | 0.03208295 | 0.03211290 |
| ## as.factor(A)77.5 | 3.3787580  | 3.3779555  | 0.03260569 | 0.03263607 |
| ## as.factor(A)82.5 | 3.2636171  | 3.2630904  | 0.03422012 | 0.03425121 |
| ## as.factor(A)87.5 | 3.0227998  | 3.0225402  | 0.04022849 | 0.04025733 |

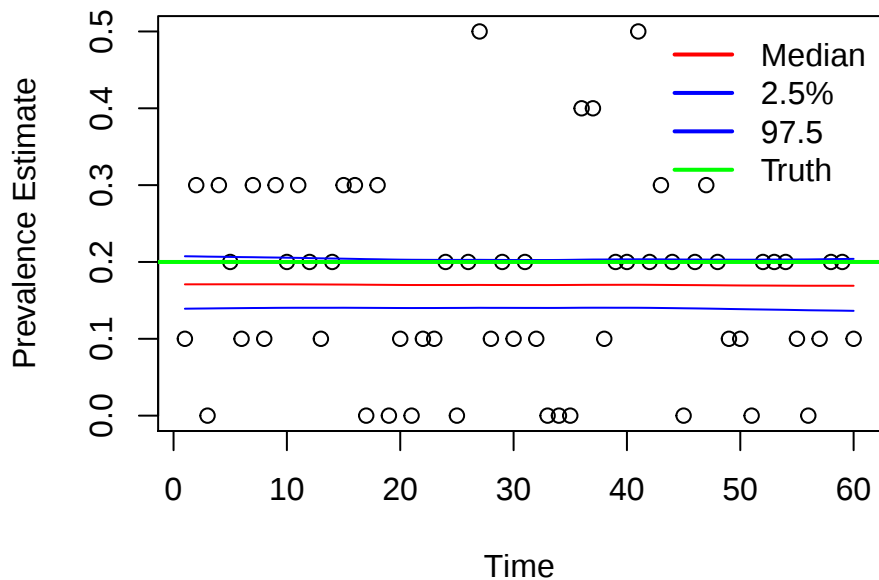
# Random Walk Models

```
n1 <- 10
p <- 0.2
time <- seq(1, 60)
# Simulate data
y1 <- rbinom(length(time), n1, p)
inladf1 <- data.frame(y1 = y1, time = time)
# Define model
formula1 = y1 ~ f(time, model = "rw1")
fit1 <- inla(formula1, data = inladf1, family = "binomial",
  Ntrials = n1, control.predictor = list(compute = TRUE))
formula2 = y1 ~ f(time, model = "rw2")
fit2 <- inla(formula2, data = inladf1, family = "binomial",
  Ntrials = n1, control.predictor = list(compute = TRUE))
```

## RW1 Fit

```
plot(y1/n1 ~ time, ylab = "Prevalence Estimate", xlab = "Time")
lines(fit1$summary.fitted.values$`0.5quant` ~ time,
      col = "red")
lines(fit1$summary.fitted.values$`0.025quant` ~ time,
      col = "blue")
lines(fit1$summary.fitted.values$`0.975quant` ~ time,
      col = "blue")
legend("topright", legend = c("Median", "2.5%", "97.5",
                              "Truth"), lty = 1, lwd = 2, col = c("red", "blue",
                              "blue", "green"), bty = "n")
abline(h = p, col = "green", lwd = 2)
```

## RW1 Fit



## RW2 Fit

```
plot(y1/n1 ~ time, ylab = "Prevalence Estimate", xlab = "Time")
lines(fit2$summary.fitted.values$`0.5quant` ~ time,
      col = "red")
lines(fit2$summary.fitted.values$`0.025quant` ~ time,
      col = "blue")
lines(fit2$summary.fitted.values$`0.975quant` ~ time,
      col = "blue")
legend("topright", legend = c("Median", "2.5%", "97.5",
                              "Truth"), lty = 1, lwd = 2, col = c("red", "blue",
                              "blue", "green"), bty = "n")
abline(h = p, col = "green", lwd = 2)
```

## RW2 Fit

