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# Functional Regression Using the `fda` Package in R

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Ramsay, Hooker and Graves (2009) *Functional Data Analysis with R and Matlab* (Springer)

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## What Is Functional Regression?

Functional Data Analysis extends spline smoothing to:

- an arbitrary finite basis approximation to a function space
- smoothing with an arbitrary linear differential operator

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- the response or
- an explanatory variable

is a function.

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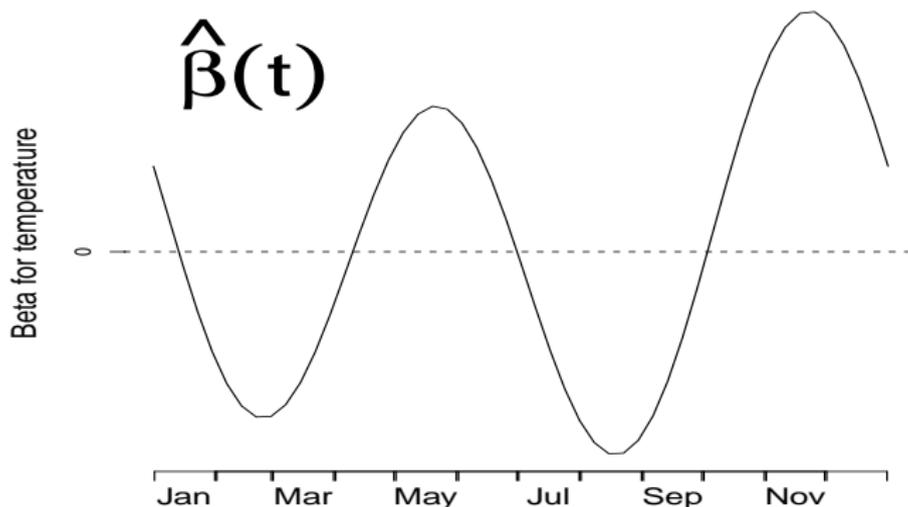
	Explanatory Variable	
response	<i>scalar</i>	<i>function</i>
<i>scalar</i>	lm	fRegress.numeric
<i>function</i>	fRegress.fdPar	fRegress.fdPar / linmod / pda.df

R code for all of these appears in script files in the `fda` package

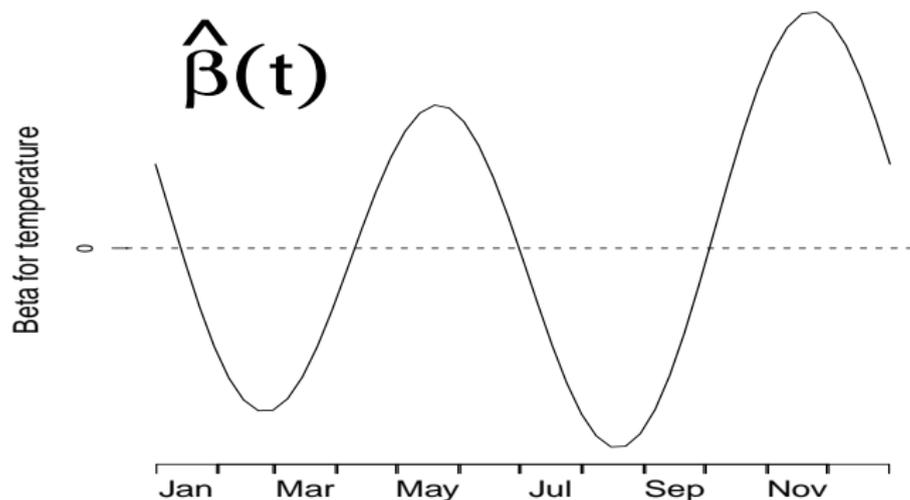
## fRegress.numeric: Scalar Response

$$y_i = \alpha_0 + \int x_i(t)\beta(t)dt + \epsilon_i.$$

log(annual precipitation)  $\sim$  (temperature profile)



$\log(\text{annual precipitation}) \sim \text{temperature}(t)$



Conclusion: Wetter locations tend to be

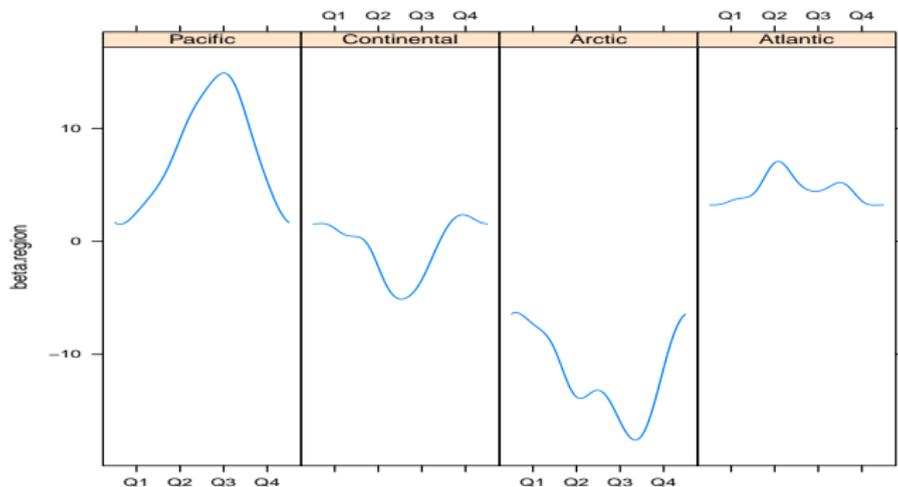
- cooler in February and August and
- warmer in May and November

Ramsay, Hooker, Graves (2009, Fig. 9.1)

fRegress.numeric: functional response,  $x = \text{scalar}$

$$y_i(t) = \beta_0(t) + \sum x_{ij}\beta_j(t) + \epsilon_i(t)$$

temperature  $\sim$  region; Region Deviation:

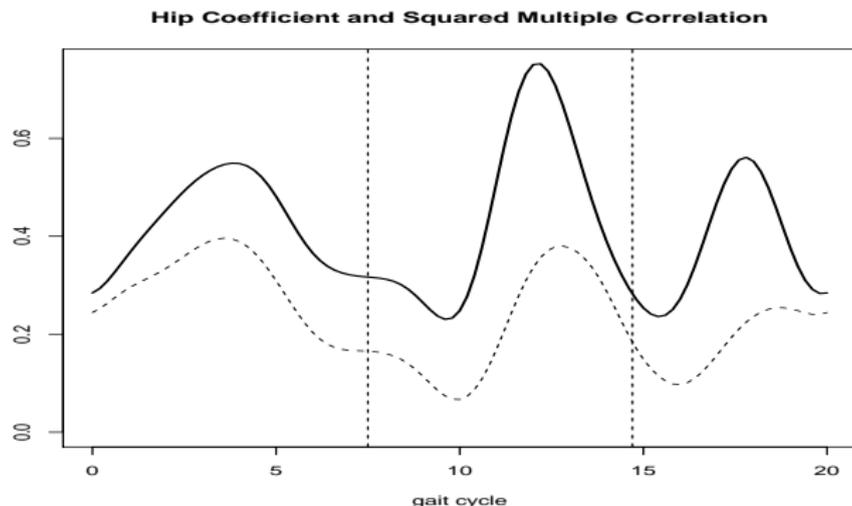


Ramsay, Hooker, Graves (2009, Fig. 10.1)

## fRegress.fdPar: Concurrent Functional Model

$$y_i(t) = \beta_0(t) + \sum x_{ij}(t)\beta_j(t) + \epsilon_i(t)$$

(knee angle)  $\sim$  (hip angle)



Ramsay, Hooker and Graves (2009, Fig. 10.7)

## fRegress.formula: Simple fRegress Setup

Traditional: `fRegress(y, xlist, betalist)`

Formula interface:

- `model <- fRegress(y ~ x, method='model')`
- `model = list(y, xlist, betalist)`

Manually adjust model to get what you want.

Easier than manual set up, esp. w. x factors?

## linmod: Full Integration Regression

$$y_i(t) = \beta_0(t) + \int_{\Omega_t} \beta_1(t, s)x_i(s)ds + \epsilon_i(t)$$

$\beta_1(t, s)$  = bivariate regression coefficient function  $\Omega_t = \{s < t\}$ :  
historical linear model  $\Omega_t$  = unconstrained: full integration  
regression

Example:

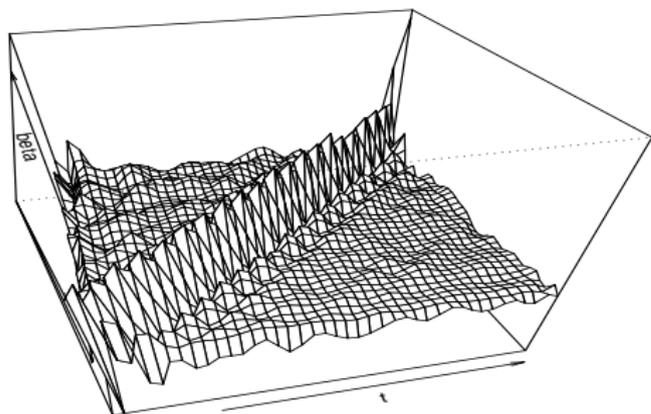
Swedish Female Mortality 1751 to 1914 Cohorts

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

$x_i(t)$  = log(hazard) at age  $t$  for cohort  $i$

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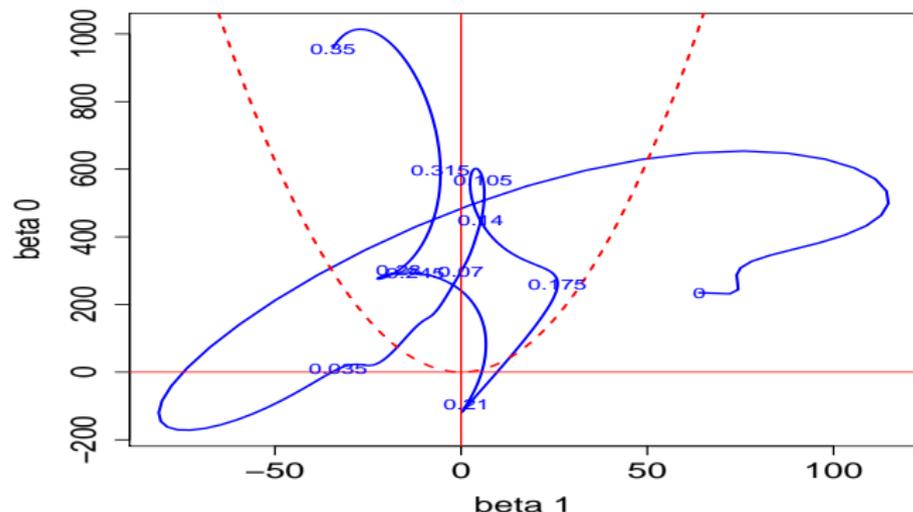
$$x_{i+1}(t) = \beta_0(t) + \int \beta_1(s, t)x_i(t)ds + \epsilon_i(t)$$



Ramsay, Hooker and Graves (2009, Fig. 10.11)

## pda.fd: Estimating a Differential Equation

$$D^2x(t) = -\beta_1(t)Dx(t) - \beta_0(t)x(t) \quad (1)$$



Ramsay, Hooker and Graves (2009, Fig. 11.4)

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## Closing Remarks

The `fda` package for R supports several types of functional regression

including regression with either scalars or functions

as either response or explanatory variables

and estimating non-constant coefficients in a differential equation

## References

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