

Supplemental material for “Space-time modeling of trends in temperature series”

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A. The full vectorized wavelet-based model

Let \mathbf{s}_k ($k = 1, \dots, K$) denote the locations of the $K = 17$ temperature series. At each location k we observe $M(\mathbf{s}_k)$ temperature values $\mathbf{z}(\mathbf{s}_k) = (z_1(\mathbf{s}_k), \dots, z_{M(\mathbf{s}_k)}(\mathbf{s}_k))^T$ drawn from the $M(\mathbf{s}_k)$ -variate random vector (RV) $\mathbf{Z}(\mathbf{s})$. Suppose at location k that these observations correspond to times $T_t(\mathbf{s}_k)$, for $t = 1, \dots, M(\mathbf{s}_k)$.

Since all sampling in the MCMC algorithm is performed on the wavelet domain, for each k let $\mathbf{W}_Z(\mathbf{s}_k)$ denote the vector of wavelet and scaling coefficients of the wavelet transform of $\mathbf{Z}(\mathbf{s}_k)$ analyzed to level J_μ , and partitioned as (5) of the main article. Similarly at each location k let $\mathbf{W}_\mu(\mathbf{s}_k)$ denote the coefficients of the wavelet transform of the trend $\{\mu_t(\mathbf{s}_k)\}$, $\mathbf{W}_\psi(\mathbf{s}_k)$ denote the coefficients of the wavelet transform of the seasonality $\{\psi_t(\mathbf{s}_k)\}$, and $\mathbf{W}_\zeta(\mathbf{s}_k)$ denote the coefficients of the wavelet transform of the noise $\{\zeta_t(\mathbf{s}_k)\}$. In our model the latent temperature process is $\{Y_t(\mathbf{s})\}$. Let $\mathbf{Y}(\mathbf{s}_k)$ denote this process at location \mathbf{s}_k evaluated at the same $M(\mathbf{s}_k)$ times point as $\mathbf{Z}(\mathbf{s}_k)$, and let $\mathbf{W}_Y(\mathbf{s}_k)$ denote the coefficients

of its wavelet transform.

Transformed into the wavelet domain, our model for $\{\mathbf{W}_Z(\mathbf{s}_k) : k = 1, \dots, K\}$ is that

$$\mathbf{W}_Z(\mathbf{s}_k) | \mathbf{W}_Y(\mathbf{s}_k), \sigma_\epsilon^2 \sim N_{M(\mathbf{s}_k)}(\mathbf{W}_Y(\mathbf{s}_k), \sigma_\epsilon^2 \mathbf{I})$$

independently for $k = 1, \dots, K$, where \mathbf{I} is the identity matrix. For each k , let $\mathbf{D}(\mathbf{s}_k) = \mathbf{D}(\delta(\mathbf{s}_k), \{\alpha_l(\mathbf{s}_k)\}, \{\theta_l(\mathbf{s}_k)\})$ be the diagonal matrix of wavelet variances of the wavelet and scaling coefficients, as discussed in Section 5.1 of the main article. Then our model for $\{\mathbf{W}_Y(\mathbf{s}_k) : k = 1, \dots, K\}$ is

$$\mathbf{W}_Y(\mathbf{s}_k) | \mathbf{W}_\mu(\mathbf{s}_k), \mathbf{W}_\psi(\mathbf{s}_k), \mathbf{D}(\mathbf{s}_k) \sim N_{M(\mathbf{s}_k)}(\mathbf{W}_\mu(\mathbf{s}_k) + \mathbf{W}_\psi(\mathbf{s}_k), \mathbf{D}(\mathbf{s}_k))$$

independently for $k = 1, \dots, K$.

The model for the trend component assumes a space-time process $\{V_\tau(\mathbf{s})\}$ for the scaling coefficients of the trend. Letting $\mathbf{V}(\mathbf{s}_k)$ denote this process collected in a $M_{J_\mu}(\mathbf{s}_k)$ -variate random vector at location k this implies that

$$\mathbf{W}_\mu(\mathbf{s}_k) = (\mathbf{0}_{M_1(\mathbf{s}_k)}, \dots, \mathbf{0}_{M_{J_\mu}(\mathbf{s}_k)}, \mathbf{V}(\mathbf{s}_k))^T,$$

where $M_j(\mathbf{s}_k) = M(\mathbf{s}_k)/2^j$ denotes the number of wavelet coefficients at level j and location k . Letting $\mathbf{1}$ denote a vector of ones, we assume that $\mathbf{V} = (\mathbf{V}(\mathbf{s}_1), \dots, \mathbf{V}(\mathbf{s}_K))$ is jointly Gaussian with mean $\mathbf{1}\lambda$ and space-time covariance matrix $\Psi(\omega_V, \theta_V, \phi_v)$ with the elements of the matrix defined by equation (9) of the main article.

At each location k we let $\mathbf{X}_\psi(\mathbf{s}_k)$ denote the $M(\mathbf{s}_k) \times 2$ design matrix that has a first column that is the wavelet transform of $\{\sin(2\pi T_t(\mathbf{s}_k)/365.25)\}$, and a second column that is the wavelet transform of $\{\cos(2\pi T_t(\mathbf{s}_k)/365.25)\}$. Then

$$\mathbf{W}_\psi(\mathbf{s}_k) = \mathbf{X}_\psi(\mathbf{s}_k) \boldsymbol{\gamma}(\mathbf{s}_k),$$

where $\boldsymbol{\gamma}(\mathbf{s}_k) = (\gamma_1(\mathbf{s}_k), \gamma_2(\mathbf{s}_k))^T$. Let $\mathbf{E}(\omega_{\gamma_j}, \theta_{\gamma_j})$ denote the exponential covariance matrix implied by equation (9) over the K spatial locations. We assume mutual independence between $\boldsymbol{\gamma}_j = (\gamma_j(\mathbf{s}_1), \dots, \gamma_j(\mathbf{s}_K))^T \sim N_K(\mathbf{1}\mu_{\gamma_j}, \mathbf{E}(\omega_{\gamma_j}, \theta_{\gamma_j}))$, for $j = 1$ and $j = 2$.

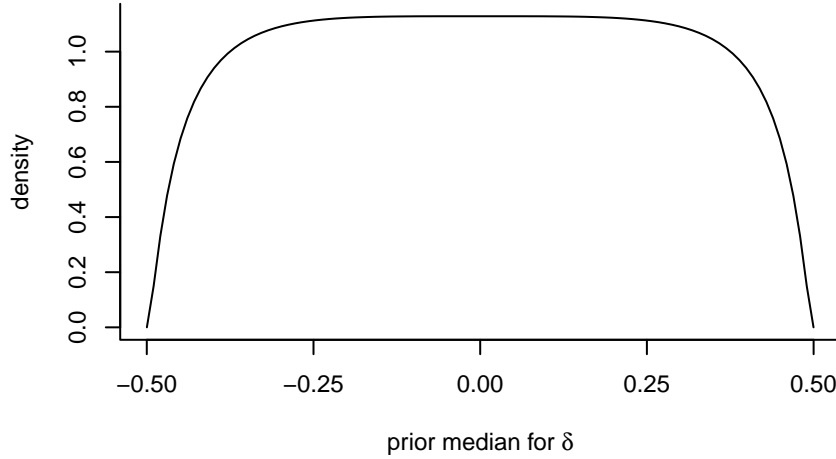


Figure 1: The prior probability density function for the median of $\{\delta(\mathbf{s})\}$.

We complete the model by assuming that the following are all mutually independent:

$$\begin{aligned} \boldsymbol{\alpha}_j &= (\alpha_j(\mathbf{s}_1), \dots, \alpha_j(\mathbf{s}_K))^T \sim N_K(\mathbf{1}\mu_{\alpha_j}, \mathbf{E}(\omega_{\alpha_j}, \theta_{\alpha_j})), & j = 0, \dots, 4; \\ \boldsymbol{\kappa} &= (\kappa(\mathbf{s}_1), \dots, \kappa(\mathbf{s}_K))^T \sim N_K(\mathbf{1}\mu_{\kappa}, \mathbf{E}(\omega_{\kappa}, \theta_{\kappa})); \\ \boldsymbol{\theta}_j &= (\theta_j(\mathbf{s}_1), \dots, \theta_j(\mathbf{s}_K))^T \sim N_K(\mathbf{1}\mu_{\theta_j}, \mathbf{E}(\omega_{\theta_j}, \theta_{\theta_j})), & j = 1, \dots, p, \end{aligned}$$

where $\mathbf{E}(\omega_{\kappa}, \theta_{\kappa})$, $\{\mathbf{E}(\omega_{\alpha_j}, \theta_{\alpha_j})\}$, and $\{\mathbf{E}(\omega_{\theta_j}, \theta_{\theta_j})\}$ are all exponential covariance matrices parameterized in a similar fashion to (9) of the main article, but evaluated at different hyperparameter values.

All remaining priors are mutually independent and defined in Table 1 of the main article. To illustrate the prior weight that we place on the long memory spatial process, Figure 1 displays the prior probability density function for the median of δ (the transformation of μ_{κ} from the $\{\kappa(\mathbf{s})\}$ scale to the $\{\delta(\mathbf{s})\}$ scale).

B. The MCMC algorithm

Where appropriate we use sparse matrix calculations in practice.

Sampling the latent temperature process

At each location k , we draw $\mathbf{W}_Y(\mathbf{s}_k)$ from $N_{M(\mathbf{s}_k)}(\mathbf{P}^{-1}\mathbf{m}, \mathbf{P}^{-1})$, with

$$\mathbf{m} = \mathbf{w}_z(\mathbf{s}_k)/\sigma_\epsilon^2 + \mathbf{D}(\mathbf{s}_k)^{-1}(\mathbf{W}_\mu(\mathbf{s}_k) + \mathbf{W}_\psi(\mathbf{s}_k)), \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbf{P} = \mathbf{D}(\mathbf{s}_k)^{-1} + \sigma_\epsilon^{-2}\mathbf{I}.$$

Sampling the parameters characterizing the trend

Let $M_\mu = \sum_{k=1}^K M_{J_\mu}(\mathbf{s}_k)$ denote the total number of scaling coefficients observed at all the spatial locations. We sample \mathbf{V} from $N_{M_\mu}(\mathbf{P}^{-1}\mathbf{m}, \mathbf{P}^{-1})$, with

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{m} &= \text{diag}\{\mathbf{D}_V(\mathbf{s}_1)^{-1}, \dots, \mathbf{D}_V(\mathbf{s}_K)^{-1}\}(\mathbf{V}_{DS}(\mathbf{s}_1), \dots, \mathbf{V}_{DS}(\mathbf{s}_1)) + \lambda \Psi(\omega_V, \theta_V, \phi_v)^{-1} \mathbf{1} \text{ and} \\ \mathbf{P} &= \text{diag}\{\mathbf{D}_V(\mathbf{s}_1)^{-1}, \dots, \mathbf{D}_V(\mathbf{s}_K)^{-1}\} + \Psi(\omega_V, \theta_V, \phi_v)^{-1}, \end{aligned}$$

where $\mathbf{V}_{DS}(\mathbf{s}_k)$ denotes the vector of scaling coefficients of the wavelet transform of deseasonalized data for each k (i.e., the last $M_{J_\mu}(\mathbf{s}_k)$ values of $\mathbf{W}_Y(\mathbf{s}_k) - \mathbf{W}_\psi(\mathbf{s}_k)$), and $\mathbf{D}_V(\mathbf{s}_k)$ is the diagonal covariance matrix of the scaling coefficients at location \mathbf{s}_k as defined at the bottom of page 19 of the main article.

With the prior $\lambda \sim N(m_\lambda, v_\lambda)$, we sample λ conditional on all other parameters and the data using a $N(m_\lambda^P, v_\lambda^P)$ distribution where

$$m_\lambda^P = \mathbf{1}^T \Psi(\omega_V, \theta_V, \phi_v)^{-1} \mathbf{V} + v_\lambda^{-1} m_\lambda \quad \text{and} \quad v_\lambda^P = \mathbf{1}^T \Psi(\omega_V, \theta_V, \phi_v)^{-1} \mathbf{1} + v_\lambda^{-1}.$$

With the prior $1/\omega_V \sim \text{Gamma}(s_{\omega_V}, r_{\omega_V})$ we draw $1/\omega_V$ from a $\text{Gamma}(s_{\omega_V}^P, r_{\omega_V}^P)$ distribution with

$$s_{\omega_V}^P = s_{\omega_V} + 0.5M_\mu \quad \text{and} \quad r_{\omega_V}^P = r_{\omega_V} + 0.5(\mathbf{V} - \mathbf{1}\lambda)^T \boldsymbol{\Psi}_R(\theta_V, \phi_v)^{-1}(\mathbf{V} - \mathbf{1}\lambda).$$

where $\boldsymbol{\Psi}_R(\theta_V, \phi_v)$ is the correlation matrix for the space-time process (the covariance matrix $\boldsymbol{\Psi}(\omega_V, \theta_V, \phi_v)$ scaled by ω_V).

We use a Metropolis-Hastings algorithm to jointly sample the parameters θ_V and ϕ_V . We assume a prior for θ_V of $\text{Gamma}(s_{\theta_V}, r_{\theta_V})$, and a prior for ϕ_V of $N_{[-1,1]}(0.4, 0.2^2)$ (a normal distribution truncated to the interval $[-1, 1]$). Given that we are currently at $\log \theta_V^{curr}$, we propose $\log \theta_V^{new}$ from a $N(\log \theta_V^{curr}, v_{prop})$ distribution where v_{prop} is set equal to half the estimated variance of the MLE of $\log \theta_V^{new}$ based on a preliminary exploratory data analysis. Given a current value of ϕ_V^{curr} we propose ϕ_V^{new} from a $N_{[-1,1]}(\phi_V^{curr}, 0.05^2)$. We accept these two proposals jointly with probability

$$\min\{\exp(lp(\theta_V^{new}, \phi_V^{new} | \theta_V^{curr}, \phi_V^{curr}) - lp(\theta_V^{curr}, \phi_V^{curr} | \theta_V^{new}, \phi_V^{new})), 1\}$$

or remain at the current values, where for example

$$\begin{aligned} lp(\theta_V^{new}, \phi_V^{new} | \theta_V^{curr}, \phi_V^{curr}) &= \log f(\mathbf{V} | \mathbf{1}\lambda, \boldsymbol{\Psi}(\omega_V, \theta_V^{new}, \phi_v^{new})) + \log f(\theta_V^{new} | s_{\theta_V}, r_{\theta_V}) + \log \theta_V^{new} + \\ &\quad \log f_{[-1,1]}(\phi_V^{new} | 0.4, 0.2^2) - \log f_{[-1,1]}(\phi_V^{curr} | \phi_V^{curr}, 0.05^2), \end{aligned}$$

a log multivariate normal density, plus a log gamma density, plus a log Jacobian term, plus a truncated normal log density, minus the truncated normal log density for the proposal for ϕ_V .

Sampling the parameters characterizing the seasonality

Let $\mathbf{X}_{j,s}(\mathbf{s}_k)$ denote the j th column of $\mathbf{X}_\psi(\mathbf{s}_k)$, and let \mathbf{X}_ψ be the column bind of

$$\text{diag}\{X_{1,s}(\mathbf{s}_1), \dots, X_{1,s}(\mathbf{s}_K)\} \quad \text{and} \quad \text{diag}\{X_{2,s}(\mathbf{s}_1), \dots, X_{2,s}(\mathbf{s}_K)\}.$$

Then we sample $\boldsymbol{\gamma} = (\gamma_1(\mathbf{s}_1), \dots, \gamma_1(\mathbf{s}_K), \gamma_2(\mathbf{s}_2), \dots, \gamma_1(\mathbf{s}_K))$ from $N_{2K}(\mathbf{P}^{-1}\mathbf{m}, \mathbf{P}^{-1})$, with

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{m} &= \mathbf{X}_\psi^T \text{diag}\{\mathbf{D}(\mathbf{s}_1)^{-1}, \dots, \mathbf{D}(\mathbf{s}_K)^{-1}\} [(\mathbf{W}_Y(\mathbf{s}_1), \dots, \mathbf{W}_Y(\mathbf{s}_K)) - (\mathbf{W}_\mu(\mathbf{s}_1), \dots, \mathbf{W}_\mu(\mathbf{s}_K))] + \\ &\quad \text{diag}\{\mathbf{E}(\omega_{\gamma_1}, \theta_{\gamma_1})^{-1}, \mathbf{E}(\omega_{\gamma_2}, \theta_{\gamma_2})^{-1}\} \boldsymbol{\kappa}, \quad \text{and} \\ \mathbf{P} &= \mathbf{X}_\psi^T \text{diag}\{\mathbf{D}(\mathbf{s}_1)^{-1}, \dots, \mathbf{D}(\mathbf{s}_K)^{-1}\} \mathbf{X}_\psi + \text{diag}\{\mathbf{E}(\omega_{\gamma_1}, \theta_{\gamma_1})^{-1}, \mathbf{E}(\omega_{\gamma_2}, \theta_{\gamma_2})^{-1}\}, \end{aligned}$$

where $\boldsymbol{\kappa}$ is a vector of K copies of μ_{γ_1} followed by K copies of μ_{γ_2} .

For $j = 1, 2$, suppose that μ_{γ_j} has a prior $N(m_{\gamma_j}, v_{\gamma_j})$ distribution. For each j we update μ_{γ_j} with a draw from a $N(m_{\gamma_j}^P, v_{\gamma_j}^P)$ distribution, with

$$m_{\gamma_j}^P = \mathbf{1}^T \mathbf{E}(\omega_{\gamma_j}, \theta_{\gamma_j})^{-1} \boldsymbol{\gamma}_j + v_{\gamma_j}^{-1} m_{\gamma_j} \quad \text{and} \quad v_{\gamma_j}^P = \mathbf{1}^T \mathbf{E}(\omega_{\gamma_j}, \theta_{\gamma_j})^{-1} \mathbf{1} + v_{\gamma_j}^{-1}.$$

For $j = 1, 2$, assuming the prior $1/\omega_{\gamma_j} \sim \text{Gamma}(s_{\omega_{\gamma_j}}, r_{\omega_{\gamma_j}})$ we sample $1/\omega_{\gamma_j}$ from a $\text{Gamma}(s_{\omega_{\gamma_j}}^P, r_{\omega_{\gamma_j}}^P)$ distribution with

$$s_{\omega_{\gamma_j}}^P = s_{\omega_{\gamma_j}} + 0.5K, \quad \text{and} \quad r_{\omega_{\gamma_j}}^P = r_{\omega_{\gamma_j}} + 0.5(\boldsymbol{\gamma}_j - \mathbf{1}\mu_{\gamma_j})^T \mathbf{E}_R(\theta_{\gamma_j})^{-1} (\boldsymbol{\gamma}_j - \mathbf{1}\mu_{\gamma_j}),$$

where $\mathbf{E}_R(\theta_{\gamma_j})$ is the exponential correlation matrix.

We update θ_{γ_j} ($j = 1, 2$) using a Metropolis-Hastings step on the log-transformed scale. We assume a prior for θ_{γ_j} of $\text{Gamma}(s_{\theta_{\gamma_j}}, r_{\theta_{\gamma_j}})$. Given that we are currently at $\log \theta_{\gamma_j}^{curr}$, we propose $\log \theta_{\gamma_j}^{new}$ from a $N(\log \theta_{\gamma_j}^{curr}, v_{prop})$ distribution where v_{prop} is set equal to half the estimated variance of the MLE of $\log \theta_{\gamma_j}^{new}$ based on a preliminary data analysis. We accept $\log \theta_{\gamma_j}^{new}$ with probability $\min\{\exp(lp(\theta_{\gamma_j}^{new}) - lp(\theta_{\gamma_j}^{curr})), 1\}$ or stay at $\log \theta_{\gamma_j}^{curr}$, where

$$lp(\theta_{\gamma_j}) = \log f(\boldsymbol{\gamma}_j | \mathbf{1}\mu_{\gamma_j}, \mathbf{E}(\omega_{\gamma_j}, \theta_{\gamma_j})) + \log f(\theta_{\gamma_j} | s_{\theta_{\gamma_j}}, r_{\theta_{\gamma_j}}) + \log \theta_{\gamma_j},$$

a log multivariate normal density, plus a log gamma density, plus a log Jacobian term.

Sampling the parameters characterizing the noise

We update the parameters $(\kappa(\mathbf{s}_k), \{\alpha_l(\mathbf{s}_k)\}, \{\theta_l(\mathbf{s}_k)\})$ simultaneously using a single Metropolis-Hastings step. Given we are at $\{\alpha_j^{curr}\}$, κ^{curr} , and $\{\theta_j^{curr}\}$ we propose $\{\alpha_j^{new}\}$, κ^{new} , and $\{\theta_j^{new}\}$ independently using a random walk multivariate normal proposal. Let

$$\mathbf{D}^{new} = \text{diag}\{\mathbf{D}_V^{new}(\mathbf{s}_1), \dots, \mathbf{D}_V^{new}(\mathbf{s}_K)\}$$

denote the joint covariance matrix of the wavelet transform of the noise term evaluated at the proposed parameter values, and \mathbf{D}^{curr} the current joint covariance matrix. We accept the proposed parameters with probability $\min\{\exp(lp(new) - lp(curr)), 1\}$ or otherwise we stay at the current values, where for example

$$\begin{aligned} lp(new) = & \log f(\mathbf{W}_Y - \mathbf{W}_\mu - \mathbf{W}_\psi | \mathbf{0}, \mathbf{D}^{new}) + \log f(\kappa^{new} | \mathbf{1}\mu_\kappa, \mathbf{E}(\omega_\kappa, \theta_\kappa)) + \\ & \sum_{j=0}^4 \log f(\alpha_j^{new} | \mathbf{1}\mu_{\alpha_j}, \mathbf{E}(\omega_{\alpha_j}, \theta_{\alpha_j})) + \sum_{l=1}^p \log f(\theta_l^{new} | \mathbf{1}\mu_{\theta_l}, \mathbf{E}(\omega_{\theta_l}, \theta_{\theta_l})) - \\ & \sum_{k=1}^K \{\log(0.5 + \delta^{new}(\mathbf{s}_k)) + \log(0.5 - \delta^{new}(\mathbf{s}_k))\}, \end{aligned}$$

are sums of log multivariate normal densities plus the Jacobian for transforming between $\kappa(\mathbf{s})$ and $\delta(\mathbf{s})$. Here $\delta^{new}(\mathbf{s}_k)$ is the transformation of $\kappa^{new}(\mathbf{s}_k)$.

We update the hyperparameters of each set of spatially-varying parameters using similar updates as for the hyperparameters of γ_j . We update the parameters characterizing each spatial field separately.