

# Fitting CAR and SAR Models

Lecture 20

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# Fitting areal models

# Revised SAR Model

- Formula Model

$$y(s_i) = X_i \cdot \beta + \phi \sum_{j=1}^n D_{jj}^{-1} A_{ij} (y(s_j) - X_j \cdot \beta) + \epsilon_i$$

$$\epsilon \sim N(\mathbf{0}, \sigma^2 \mathbf{D}^{-1})$$

- Joint Model

$$y \sim N \left( X\beta, (\mathbf{I} - \phi \mathbf{D}^{-1} \mathbf{A})^{-1} \sigma^2 \mathbf{D}^{-1} \left( (\mathbf{I} - \phi \mathbf{D}^{-1} \mathbf{A})^{-1} \right)^t \right)$$

# Revised CAR Model

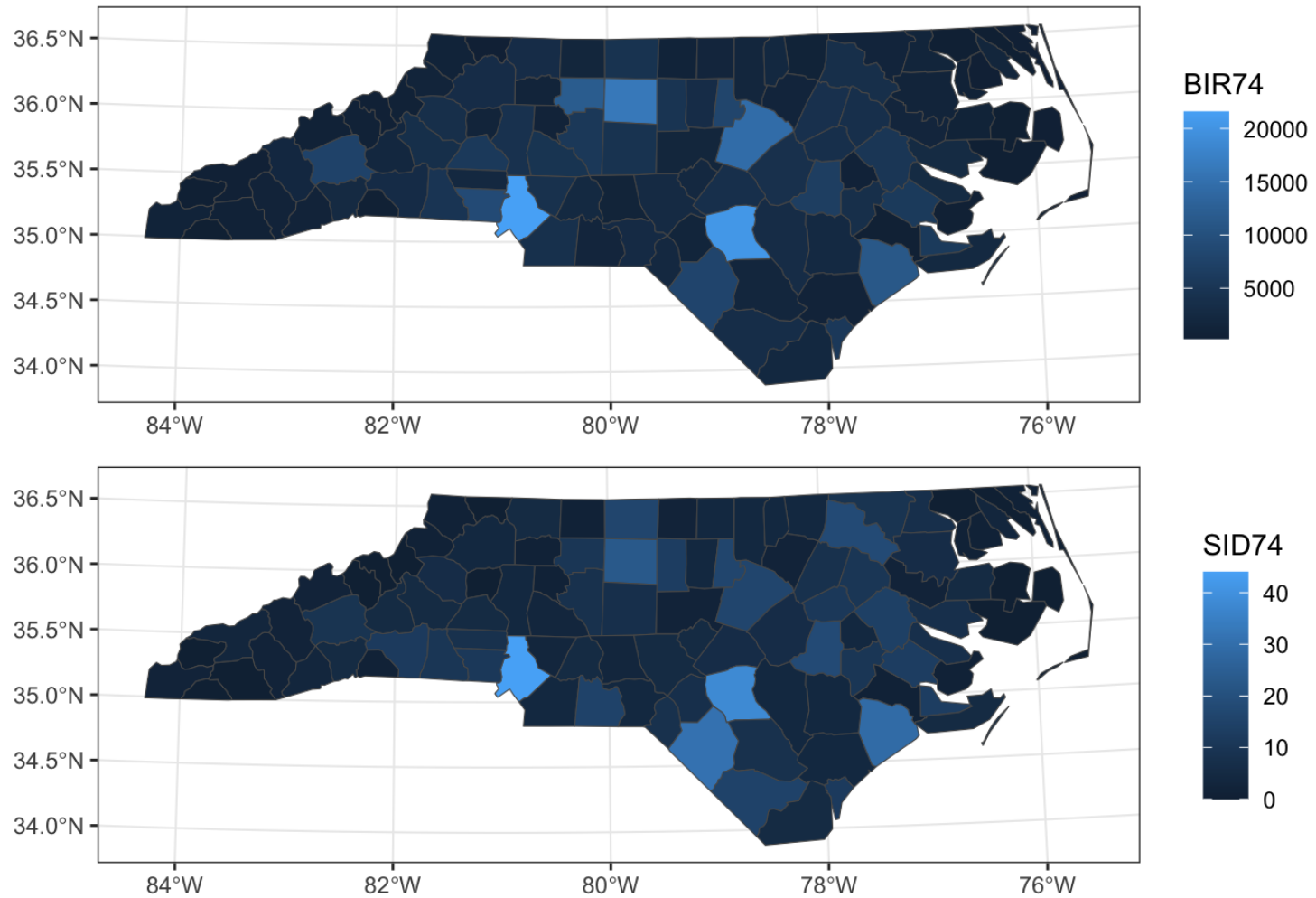
- Conditional Model

$$y(s_i) | \mathbf{y}_{-s_i} \sim N \left( X_i \cdot \beta + \phi \sum_{j=1}^n \frac{A_{ij}}{D_{ii}} (y(s_j) - X_j \cdot \beta), \sigma^2 D_{ii}^{-1} \right)$$

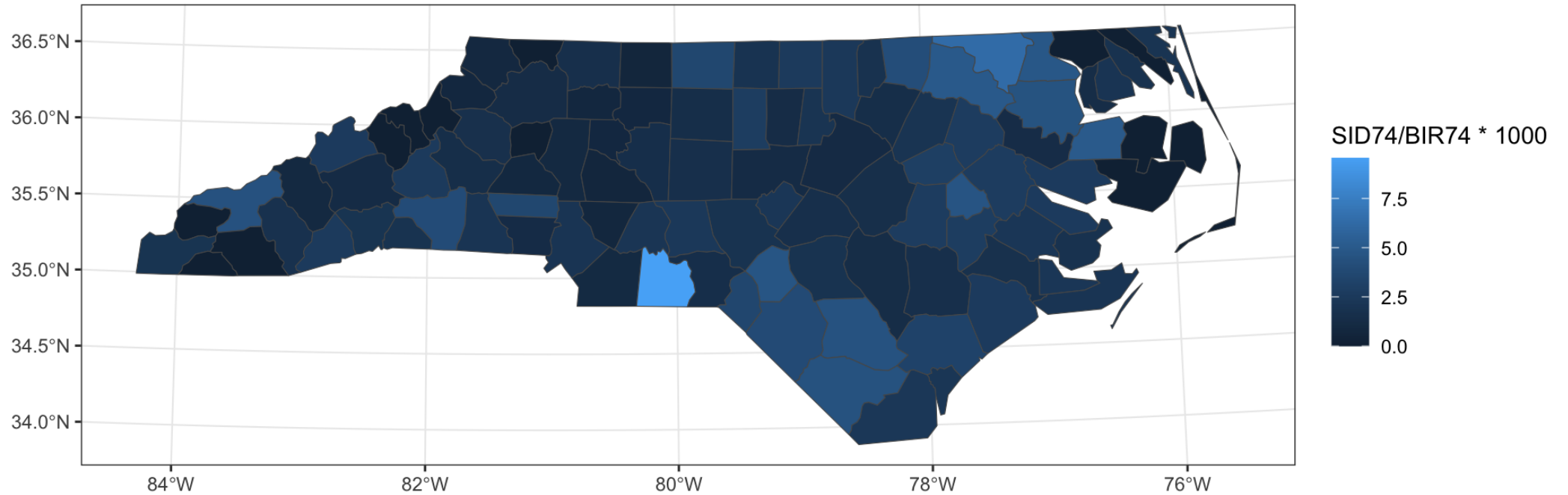
- Joint Model

$$\mathbf{y} \sim N(X\beta, \sigma^2 (\mathbf{D} - \phi\mathbf{A})^{-1})$$

# Example - NC SIDS



```
1 ggplot() + geom_sf(data=nc, aes(fill=SID74/BIR74*1000))
```



# Using `spdep` + `spatialreg`

```
1 library(spdep)
2
3 A = st_touches(nc, sparse=FALSE)
4 (listW = spdep::mat2listw(A))
```

Characteristics of weights list object:

Neighbour list object:

Number of regions: 100

Number of nonzero links: 490

Percentage nonzero weights: 4.9

Average number of links: 4.9

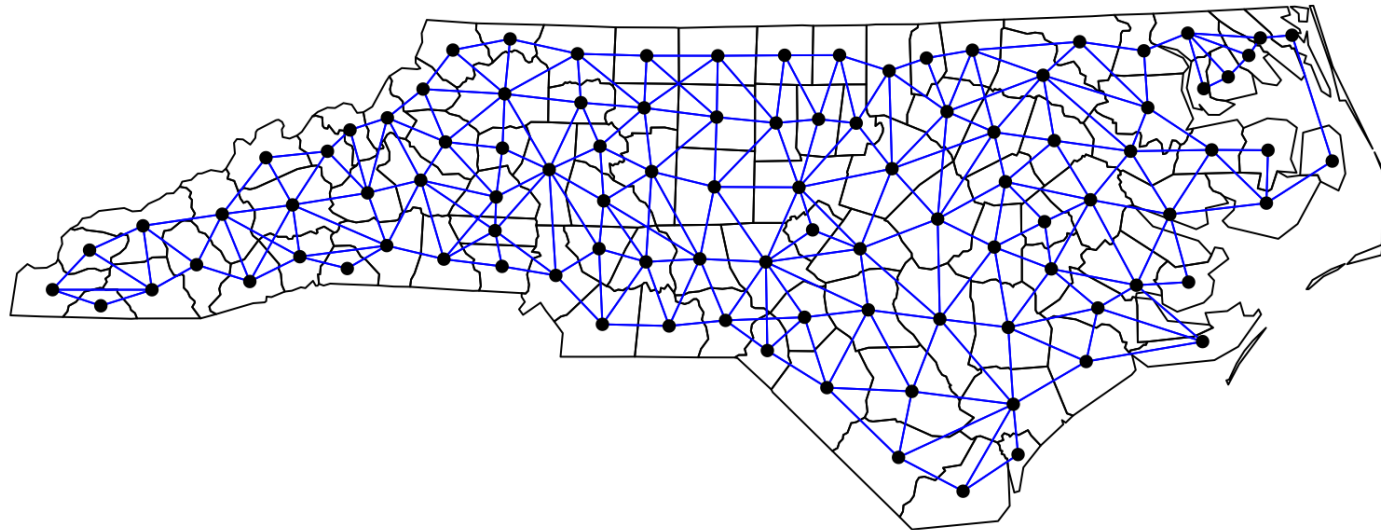
Weights style: M

Weights constants summary:

	n	nn	S0	S1	S2
M	100	10000	490	980	10696

# Plotting listw

```
1 nc_coords = nc %>% st_centroid() %>% st_coordinates()  
2  
3 plot(st_geometry(nc))  
4 plot(listW, nc_coords, add=TRUE, col="blue", pch=16)
```





# Moran's I

```
1 spdep::moran.test(nc$SID74, listW)
```

Moran I test under randomisation

```
data: nc$SID74
weights: listW
```

```
Moran I statistic standard deviate = 2.1707,
p-value = 0.01498
```

```
alternative hypothesis: greater
```

```
sample estimates:
```

Moran I statistic	Expectation
0.119089049	-0.010101010
Variance	
0.003542176	

```
1 spdep::moran.test(1000*nc$SID74/nc$BIR74, listW)
```

Moran I test under randomisation

```
data: 1000 * nc$SID74/nc$BIR74
weights: listW
```

```
Moran I statistic standard deviate = 3.6355,
p-value = 0.0001387
```

```
alternative hypothesis: greater
```

```
sample estimates:
```

Moran I statistic	Expectation
0.210046454	-0.010101010
Variance	
0.003666802	

# Geary's C

```
1 spdep::geary.test(nc$SID74, listW)
```

Geary C test under randomisation

```
data: nc$SID74
weights: listW
```

```
Geary C statistic standard deviate =
0.91949, p-value = 0.1789
alternative hypothesis: Expectation greater than
statistic
```

sample estimates:

Geary C statistic	Expectation
0.88988684	1.00000000
Variance	
0.01434105	

```
1 spdep::geary.test(1000*nc$SID74/nc$BIR74, listW)
```

Geary C test under randomisation

```
data: 1000 * nc$SID74/nc$BIR74
weights: listW
```

```
Geary C statistic standard deviate = 3.0989,
p-value = 0.0009711
alternative hypothesis: Expectation greater than
statistic
```

sample estimates:

Geary C statistic	Expectation
0.67796679	1.00000000
Variance	
0.01079878	

# CAR Model

```
1 nc_car = spatialreg::spautolm(  
2   formula = 1000*SID74/BIR74 ~ 1, data = nc,  
3   listw = listW, family = "CAR"  
4 )  
5  
6 summary(nc_car)
```

Call:

```
spatialreg::spautolm(formula = 1000 * SID74/BIR74 ~ 1, data = nc,  
  listw = listW, family = "CAR")
```

Residuals:

Min	1Q	Median	3Q	Max
-2.13872	-0.83535	-0.22355	0.55014	7.68640

Coefficients:

	Estimate	Std. Error	z value	Pr(> z )
(Intercept)	2.00203	0.24272	8.2484	2.22e-16

Lambda: 0.13062 LR test value: 8.6251 p-value: 0.0033157

Numerical Hessian standard error of lambda: 0.030475

# SAR Model

```
1 nc_sar = spatialreg::spautolm(  
2   formula = 1000*SID74/BIR74 ~ 1, data = nc,  
3   listw = listW, family = "SAR"  
4 )  
5  
6 summary(nc_sar)
```

Call:

```
spatialreg::spautolm(formula = 1000 * SID74/BIR74 ~ 1, data = nc,  
  listw = listW, family = "SAR")
```

Residuals:

Min	1Q	Median	3Q	Max
-2.09307	-0.87039	-0.20274	0.51156	7.62830

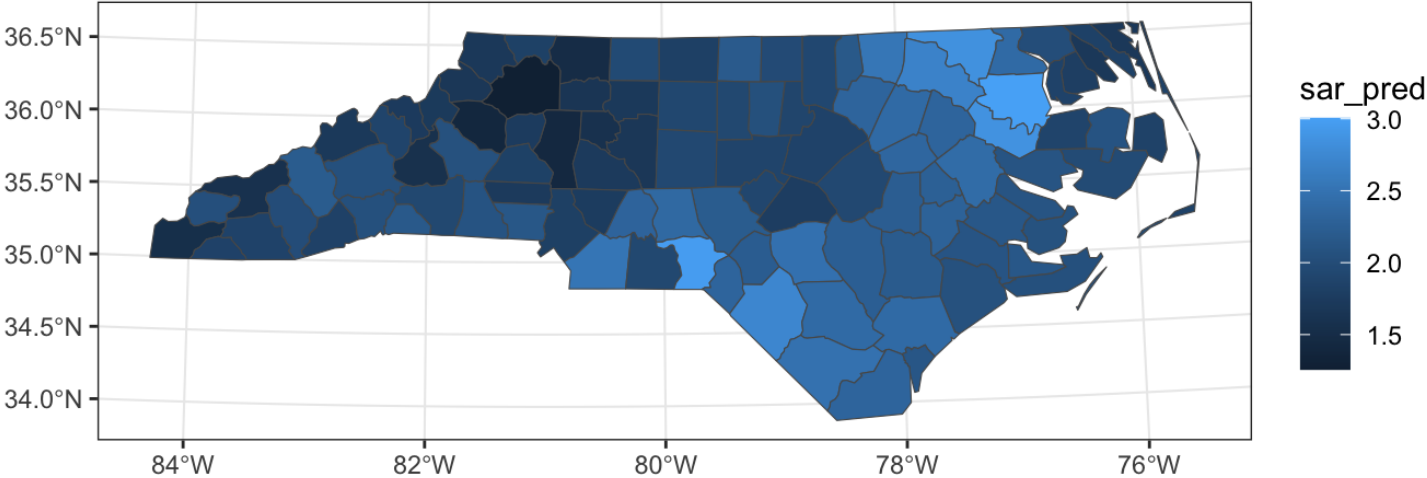
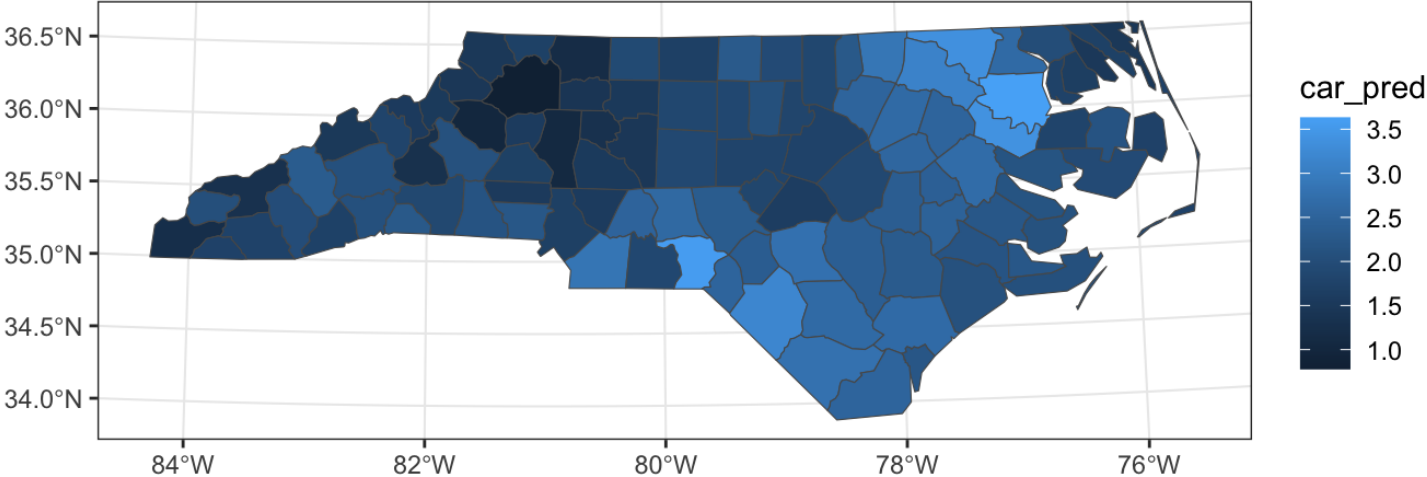
Coefficients:

	Estimate	Std. Error	z value	Pr(> z )
(Intercept)	2.01084	0.23622	8.5127	< 2.2e-16

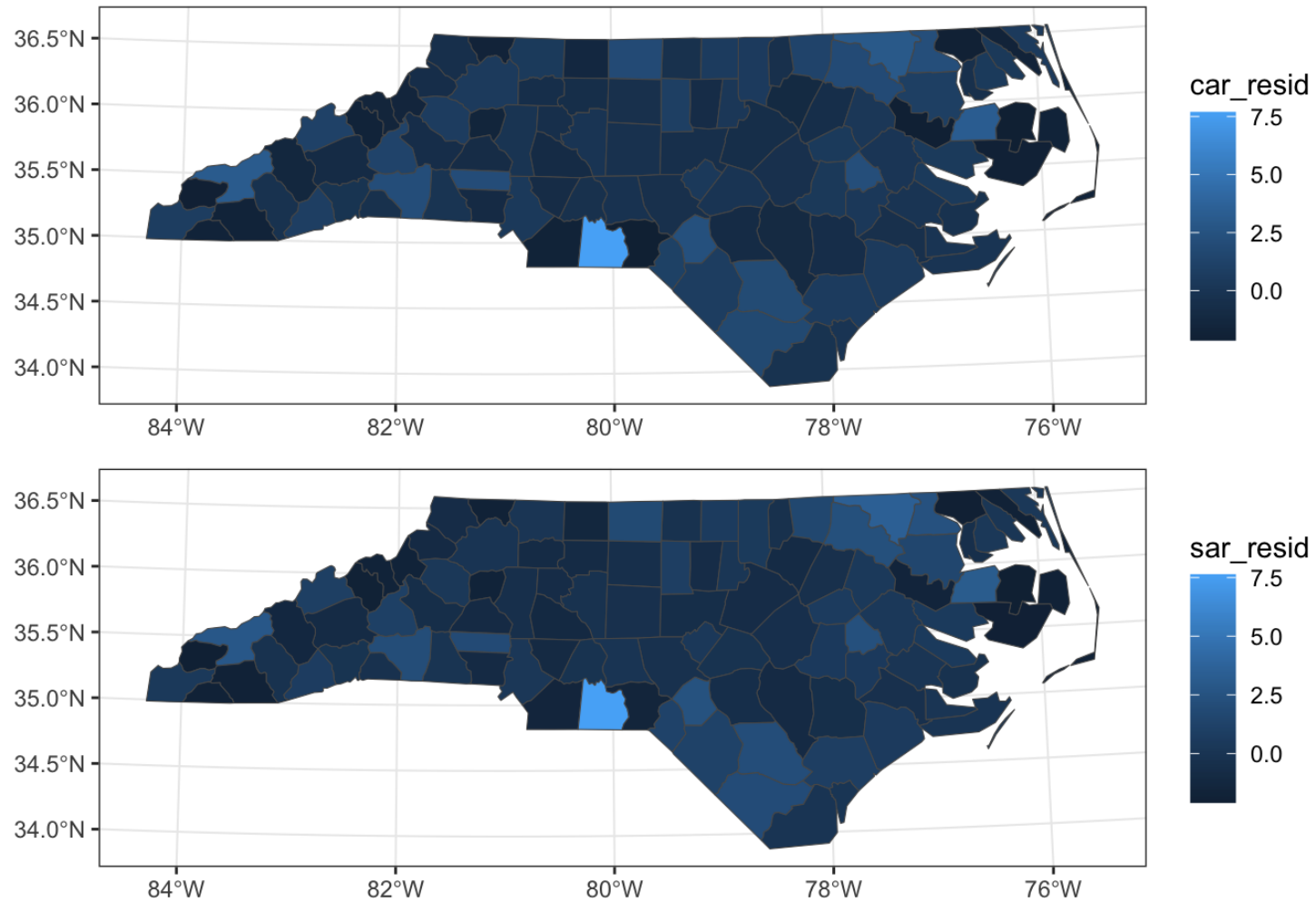
Lambda: 0.079934 LR test value: 8.8911 p-value: 0.0028657

Numerical Hessian standard error of lambda: 0.024599

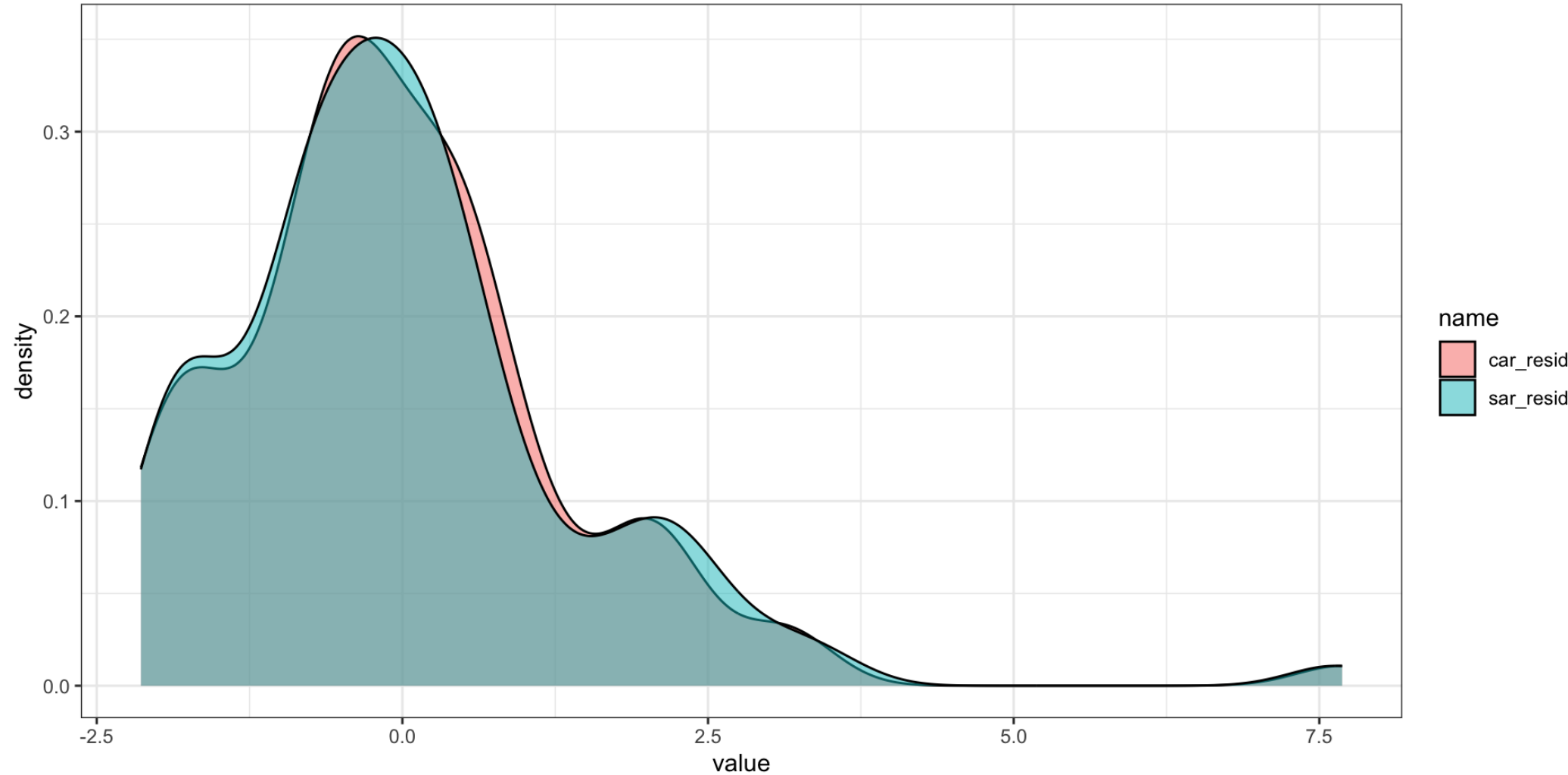
# Predictions



# Residuals



# Residual distributions



# Residual autocorrelation

```
1 spdep::moran.test(nc$car_resid, listW)
```

Moran I test under randomisation

```
data: nc$car_resid
weights: listW
```

```
Moran I statistic standard deviate =
-1.7952, p-value = 0.9637
```

```
alternative hypothesis: greater
```

```
sample estimates:
```

Moran I statistic	Expectation
-0.117449316	-0.010101010
Variance	
0.003575538	

```
1 spdep::moran.test(nc$sar_resid, listW)
```

Moran I test under randomisation

```
data: nc$sar_resid
weights: listW
```

```
Moran I statistic standard deviate =
0.17958, p-value = 0.4287
```

```
alternative hypothesis: greater
```

```
sample estimates:
```

Moran I statistic	Expectation
0.0006769074	-0.010101010
Variance	
0.0036020941	



```
1 spdep::moran.test(nc$car_resid, listW, alterr
```

Moran I test under randomisation

```
data: nc$car_resid
weights: listW
```

```
Moran I statistic standard deviate =
-1.7952, p-value = 0.07261
```

```
alternative hypothesis: two.sided
```

```
sample estimates:
```

Moran I statistic	Expectation
-0.117449316	-0.010101010
Variance	
0.003575538	

```
1 spdep::moran.test(nc$sar_resid, listW, alterr
```

Moran I test under randomisation

```
data: nc$sar_resid
weights: listW
```

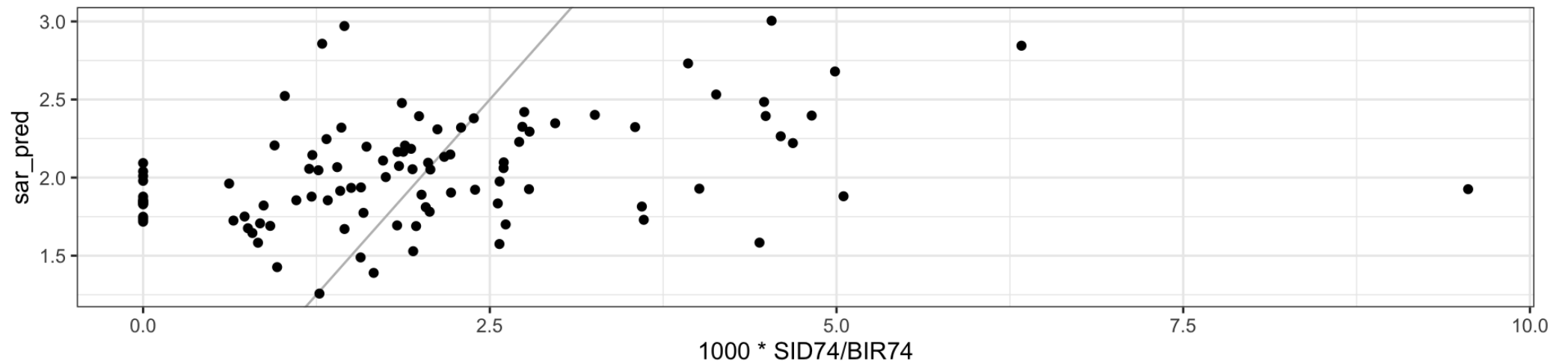
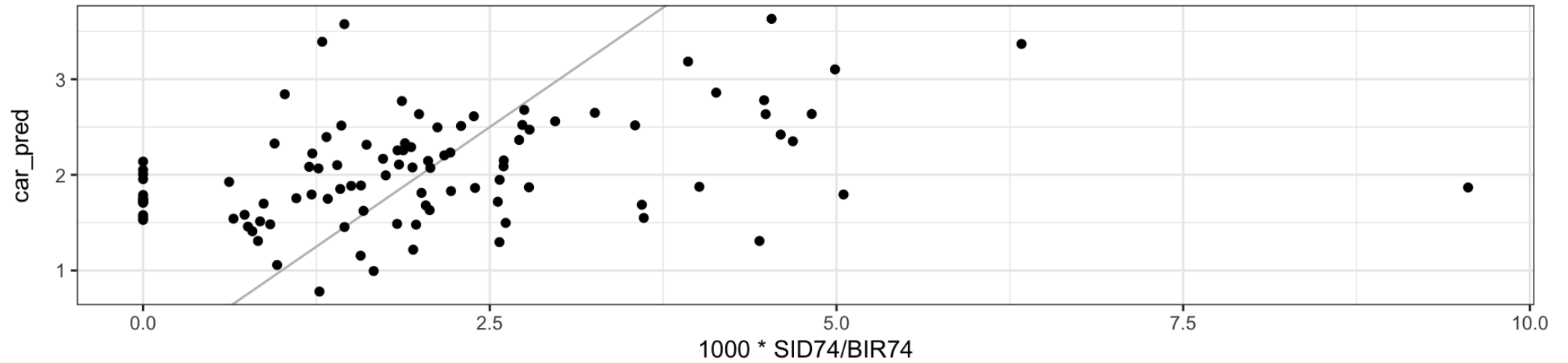
```
Moran I statistic standard deviate =
0.17958, p-value = 0.8575
```

```
alternative hypothesis: two.sided
```

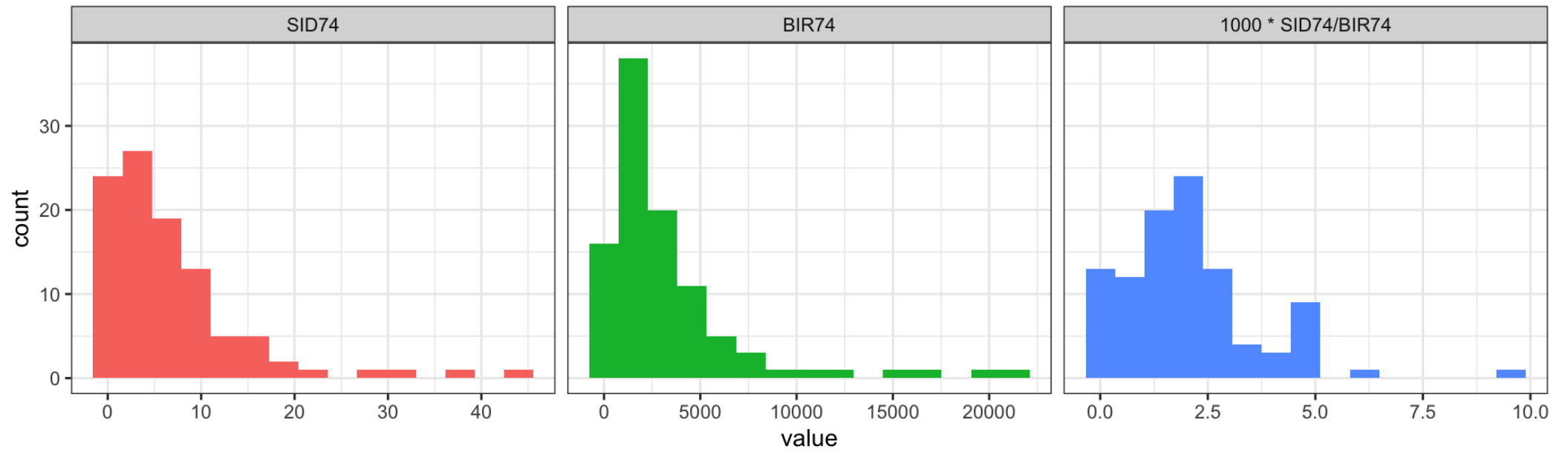
```
sample estimates:
```

Moran I statistic	Expectation
0.0006769074	-0.010101010
Variance	
0.0036020941	

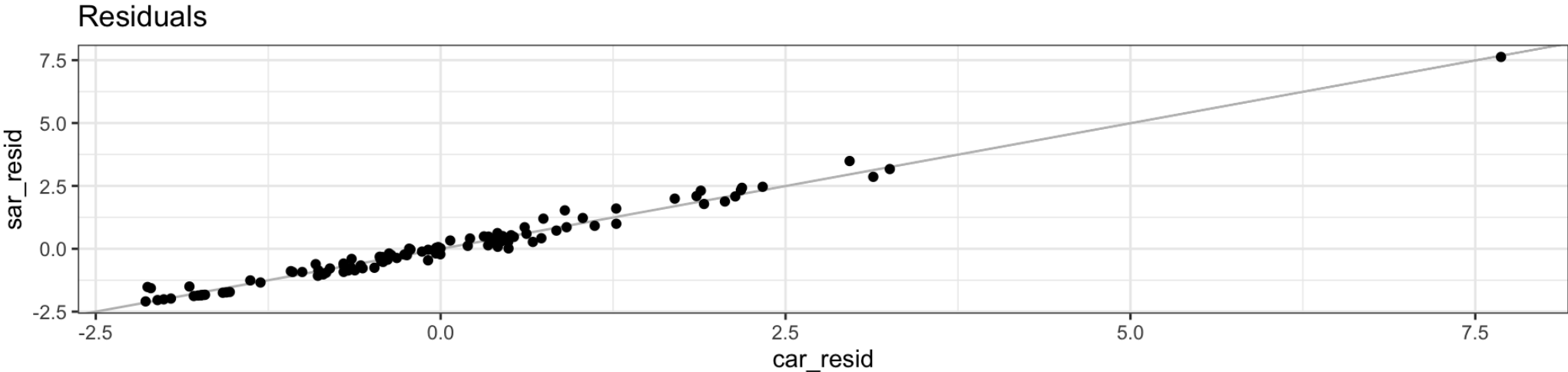
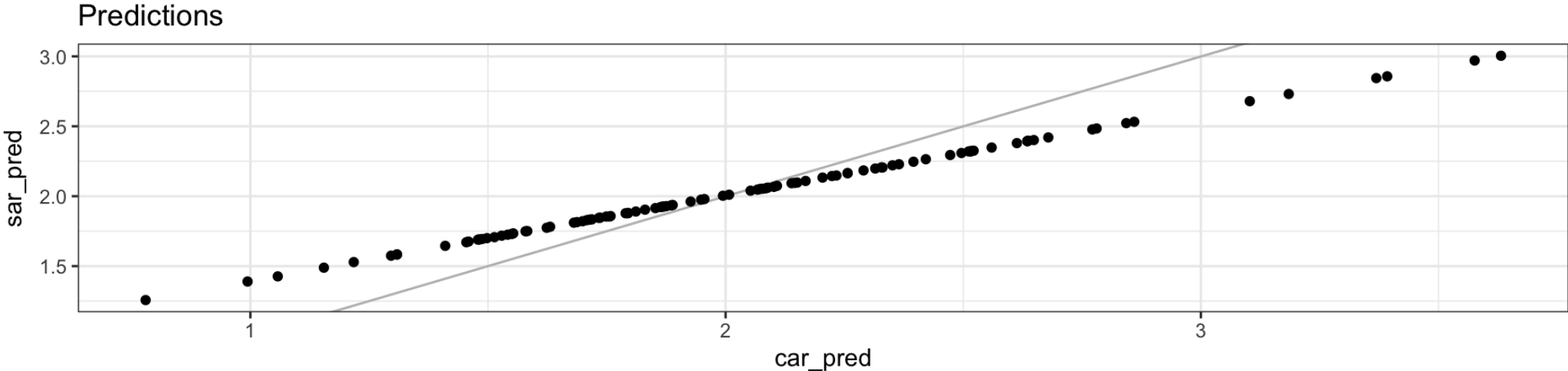
# Predicted vs Observed



# What's wrong?



# Comparing CAR vs SAR.



# Transforming the data

# Freeman-Tukey's transformation

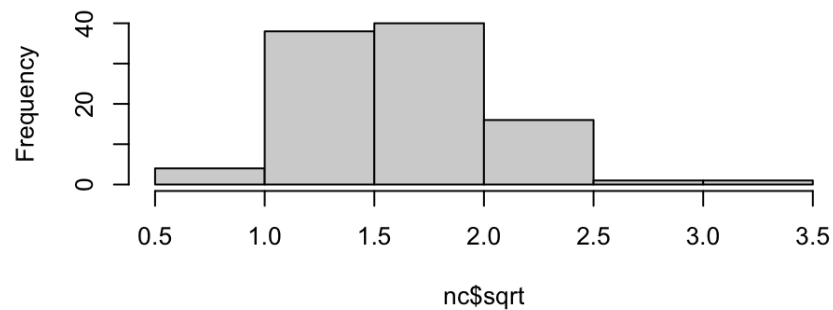
This is the transformation used by Cressie and Road in *Spatial Data Analysis of Regional Counts* (1989).

$$FT = \sqrt{1000} \left( \sqrt{\frac{SID74}{BIR74}} + \sqrt{\frac{SID74 + 1}{BIR74}} \right)$$

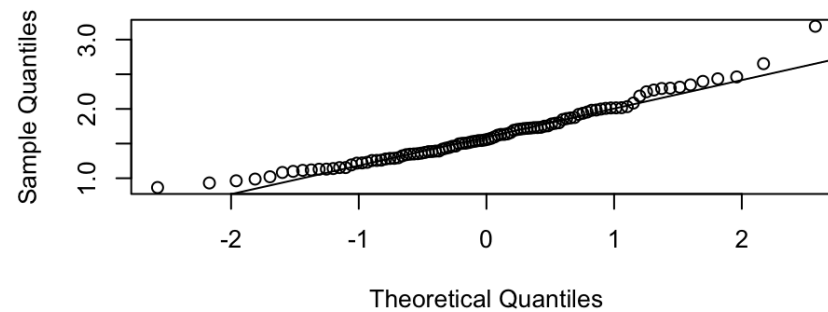
# Other possibilities

```
1 nc = mutate(nc,  
2   sqrt = sqrt(1000*(SID74+1)/BIR74),  
3   log   = log(1000*(SID74+1)/BIR74),  
4 )
```

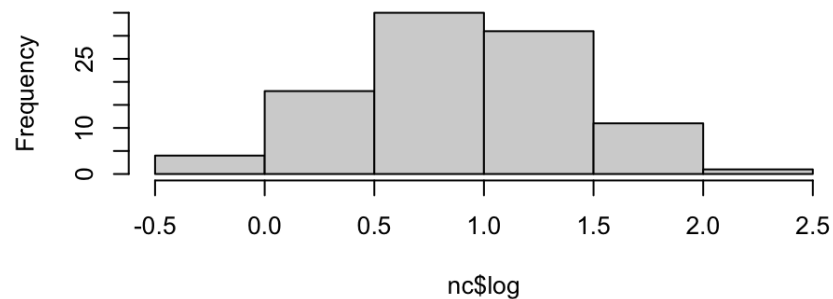
Histogram of nc\$sqrt



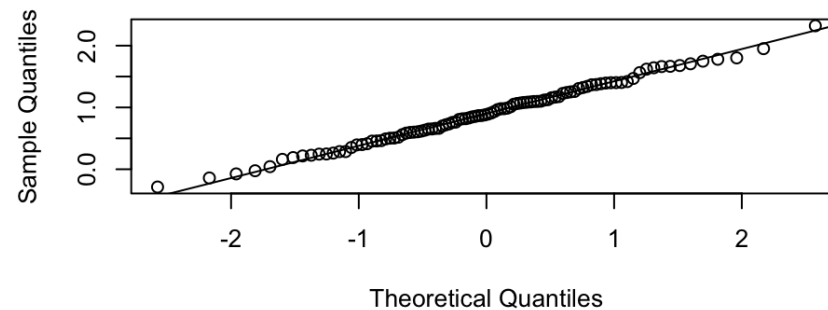
Normal Q-Q Plot



Histogram of nc\$log



Normal Q-Q Plot



# FT transformation

```
1 ggplot(nc) + geom_sf(aes(fill=FT))
```

```
1 spdep::moran.test(nc$FT, listW)
```

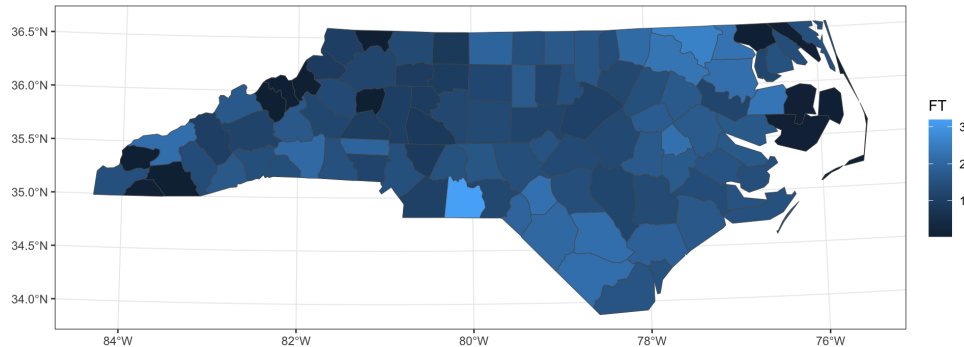
Moran I test under randomisation

```
data: nc$FT  
weights: listW
```

```
Moran I statistic standard deviate = 3.664,  
p-value = 0.0001242
```

```
alternative hypothesis: greater  
sample estimates:
```

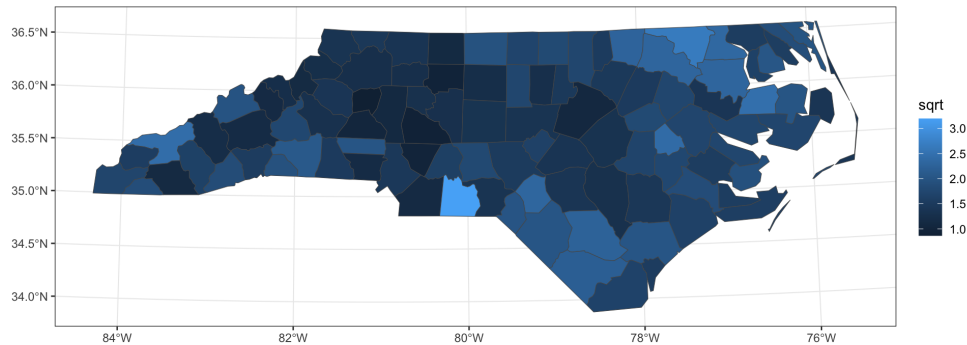
Moran I statistic	Expectation
0.216246481	-0.010101010
Variance	
0.003816298	





# sqrt transformation

```
1 ggplot(nc) + geom_sf(aes(fill=sqrt))
```



```
1 spdep::moran.test(nc$sqrt, listW)
```

Moran I test under randomisation

```
data: nc$sqrt  
weights: listW
```

```
Moran I statistic standard deviate = 4.5217,  
p-value = 3.067e-06
```

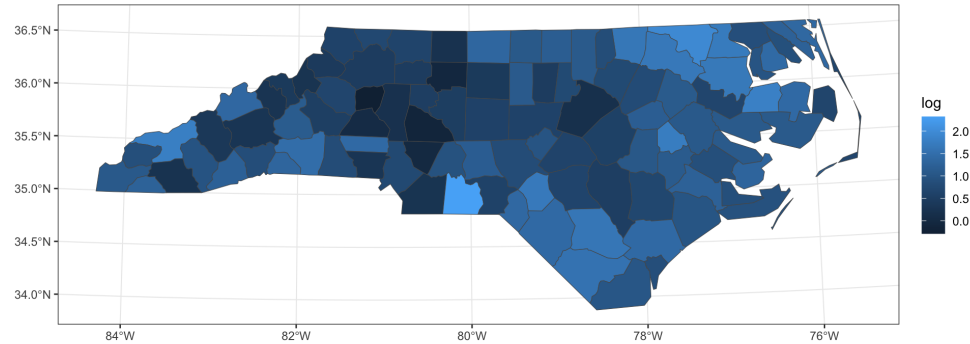
```
alternative hypothesis: greater  
sample estimates:
```

Moran I statistic	Expectation
0.268600322	-0.010101010
Variance	
0.003798988	

# log transformation

```
1 ggplot(nc) + geom_sf(aes(fill=log))
```

```
1 spdep::moran.test(nc$log, listW)
```



Moran I test under randomisation

```
data: nc$log  
weights: listW
```

```
Moran I statistic standard deviate = 4.9895,  
p-value = 3.027e-07
```

```
alternative hypothesis: greater  
sample estimates:
```

Moran I statistic	Expectation
0.299245438	-0.010101010
Variance	
0.003843927	

# CAR Models

```
1 nc_car_ft = spatialreg::spautolm(formula = FT ~ 1, data = nc, listw = listW, family = "CAR")
2 nc_car_sqrt = spatialreg::spautolm(formula = sqrt ~ 1, data = nc, listw = listW, family = "CAR")
3 nc_car_log = spatialreg::spautolm(formula = log ~ 1, data = nc, listw = listW, family = "CAR")
4
5 AIC(nc_car_ft)
```

```
[1] 192.1781
```

```
1 AIC(nc_car_sqrt)
```

```
[1] 100.8898
```

```
1 AIC(nc_car_log)
```

```
[1] 134.644
```

# SAR Model

```
1 nc_sar_ft = spatialreg::spautolm(formula = FT ~ 1, data = nc, listw = listW, family = "SAR")
2 nc_sar_sqrt = spatialreg::spautolm(formula = sqrt ~ 1, data = nc, listw = listW, family = "SAR")
3 nc_sar_log = spatialreg::spautolm(formula = log ~ 1, data = nc, listw = listW, family = "SAR")
4
5 AIC(nc_sar_ft)
```

```
[1] 191.9918
```

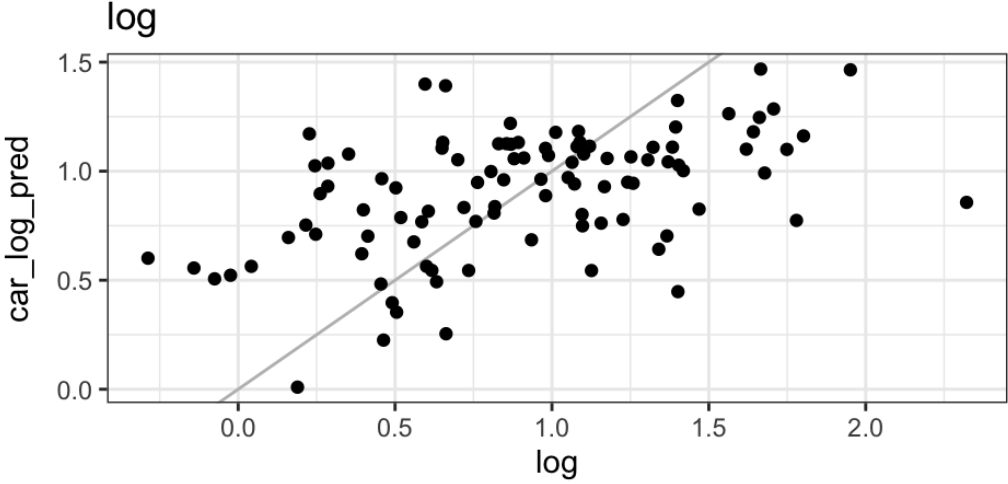
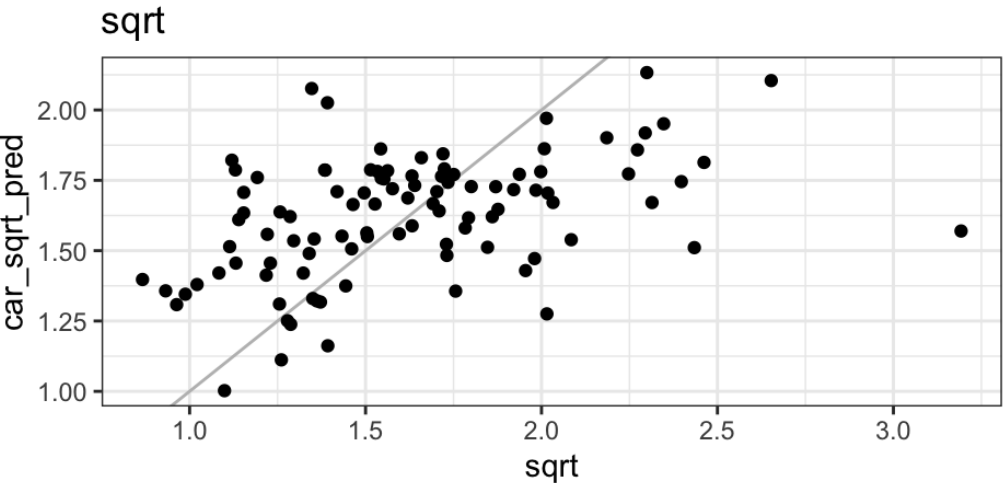
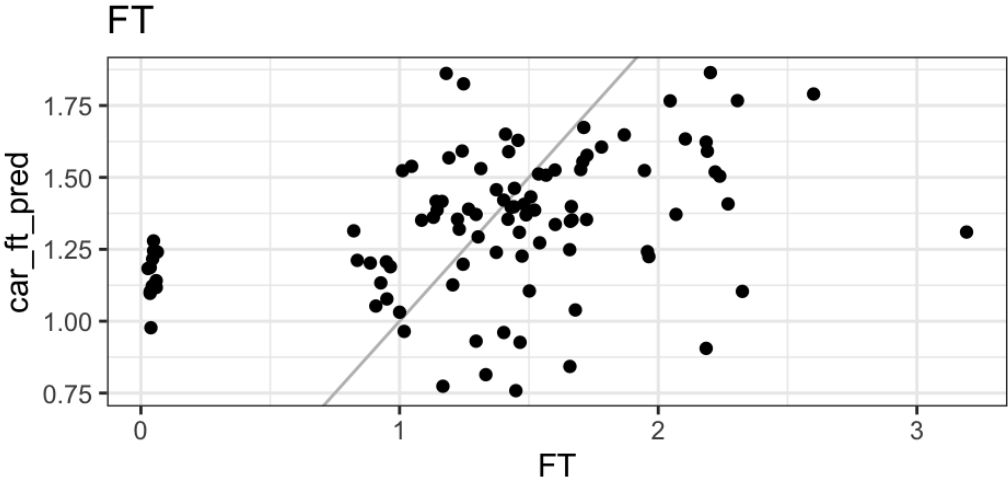
```
1 AIC(nc_sar_sqrt)
```

```
[1] 102.717
```

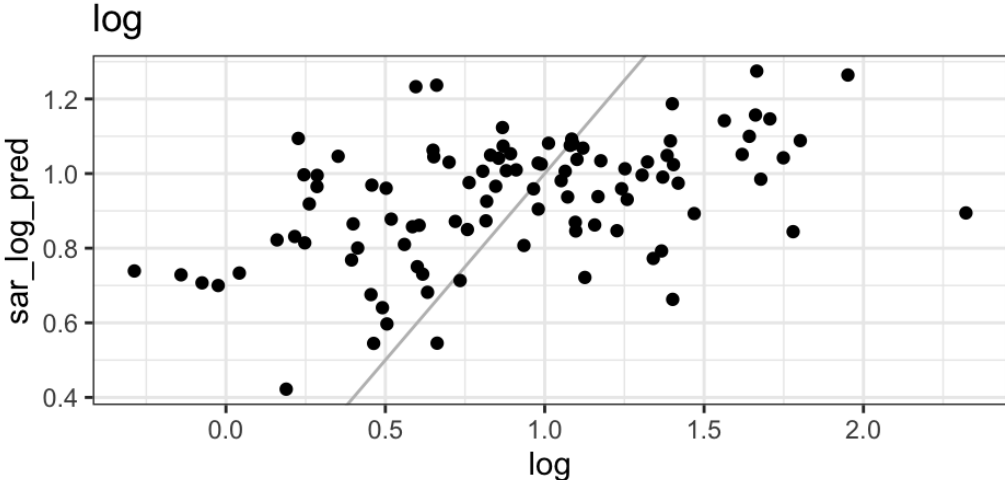
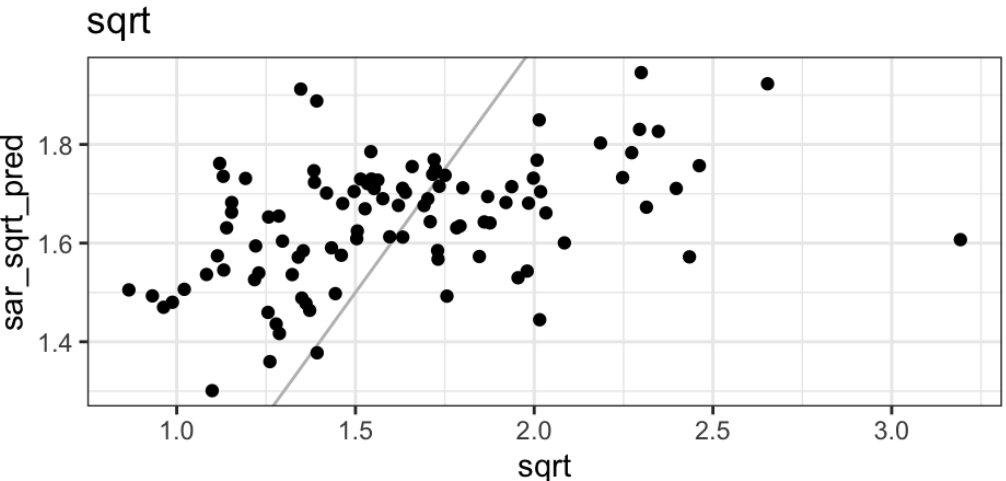
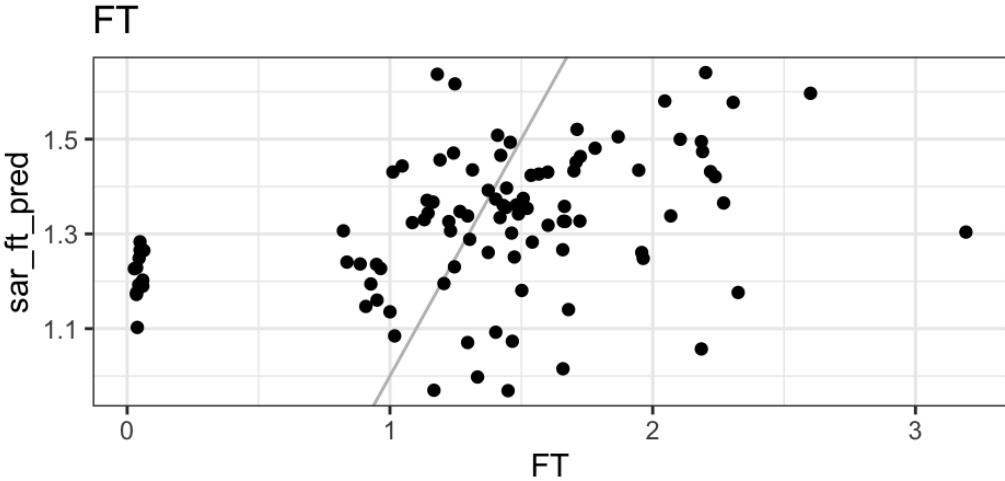
```
1 AIC(nc_sar_log)
```

```
[1] 137.4095
```

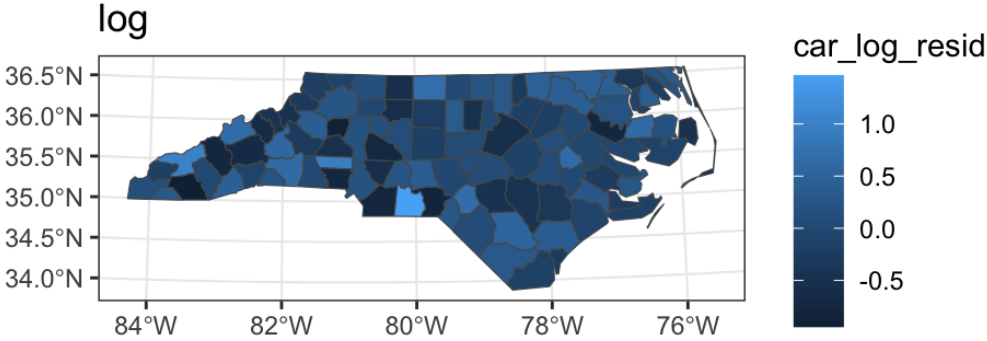
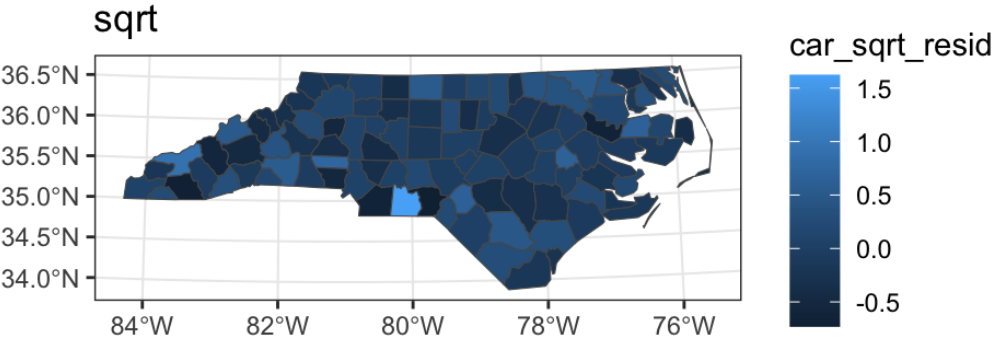
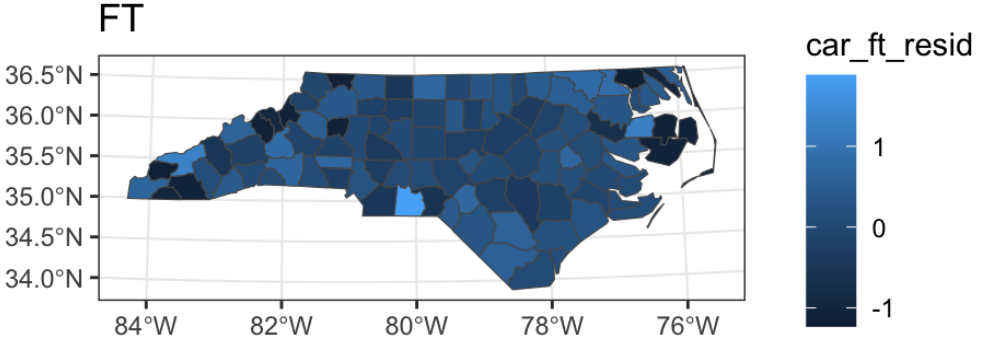
# CAR predictions



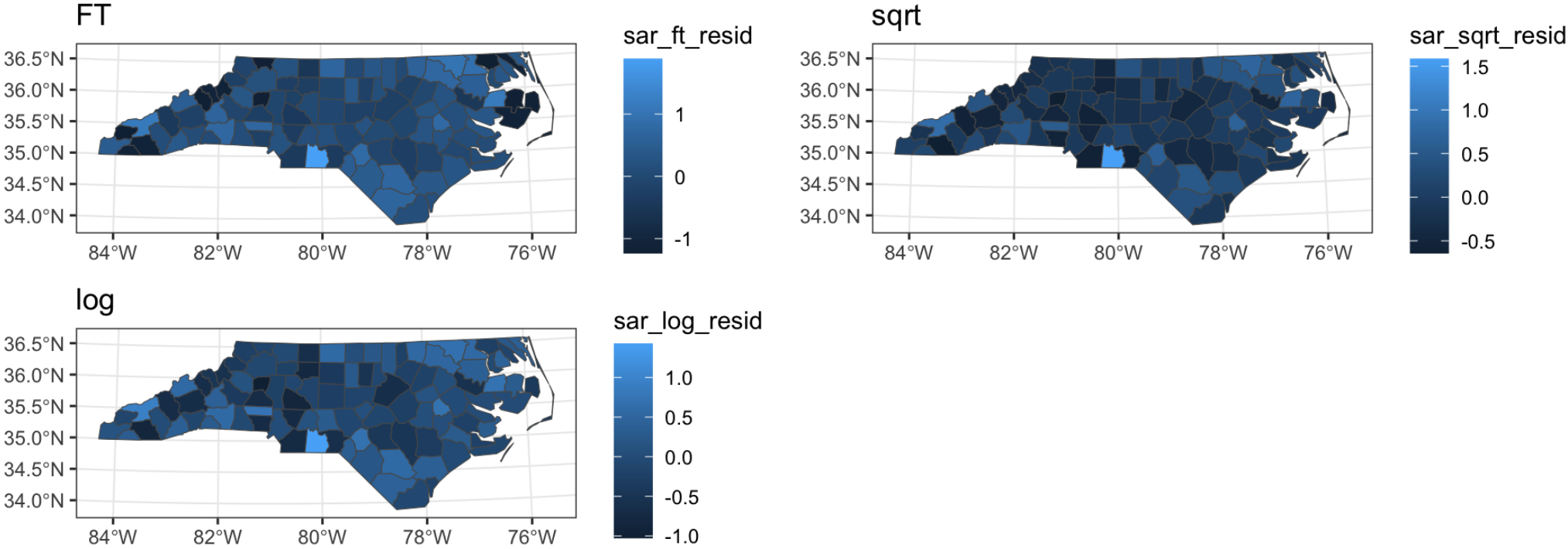
# SAR predictions



# CAR residuals



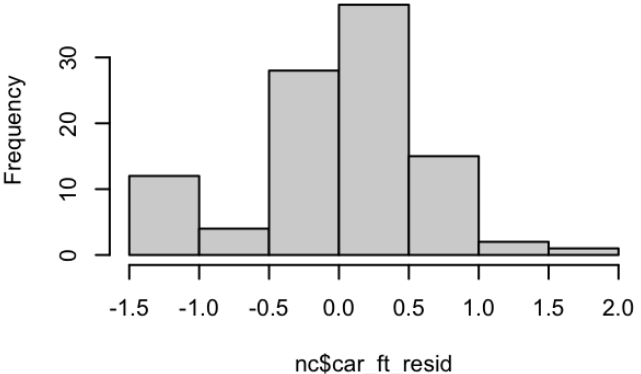
# SAR predictions



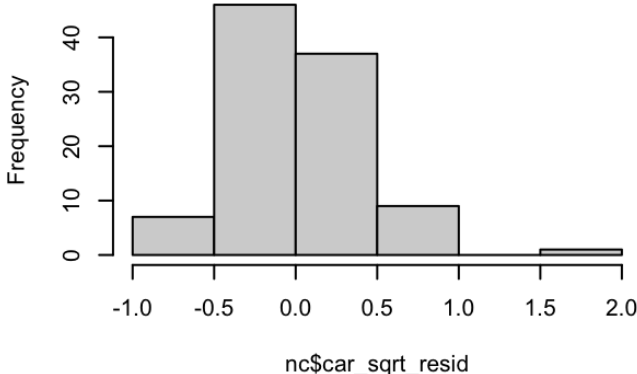


# CAR residual distributions

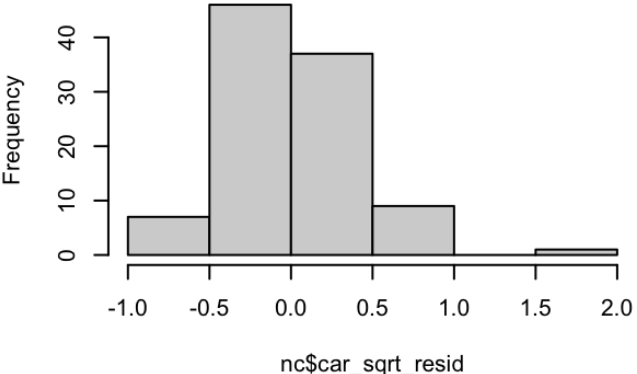
Histogram of nc\$car\_ft\_resid



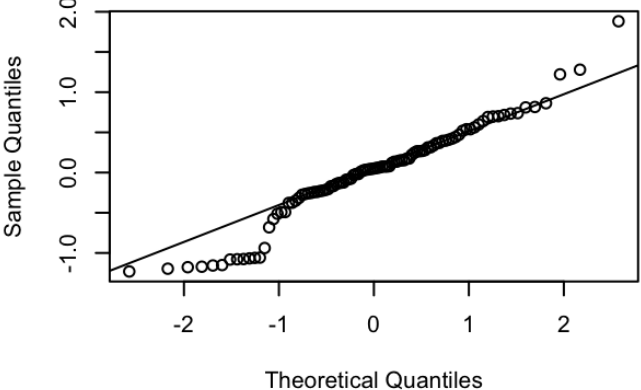
Histogram of nc\$car\_sqrt\_resid



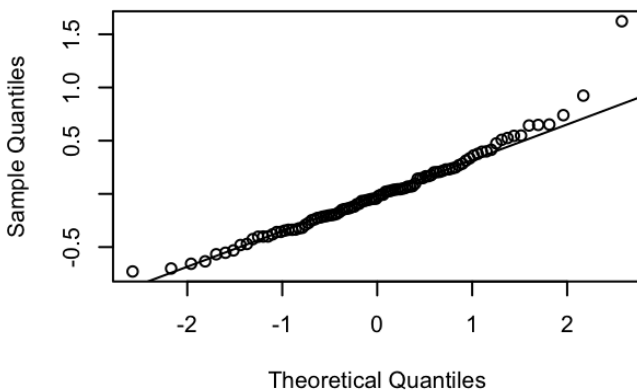
Histogram of nc\$car\_sqrt\_resid



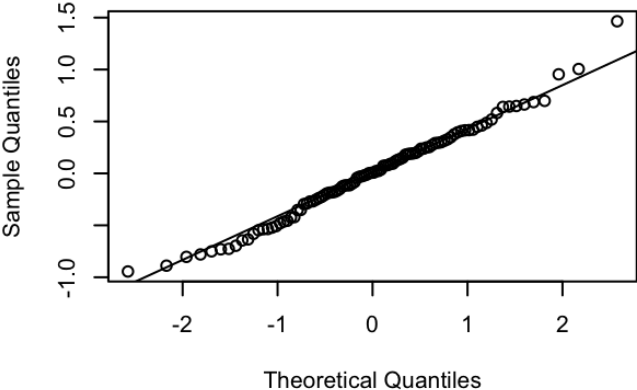
Normal Q-Q Plot



Normal Q-Q Plot

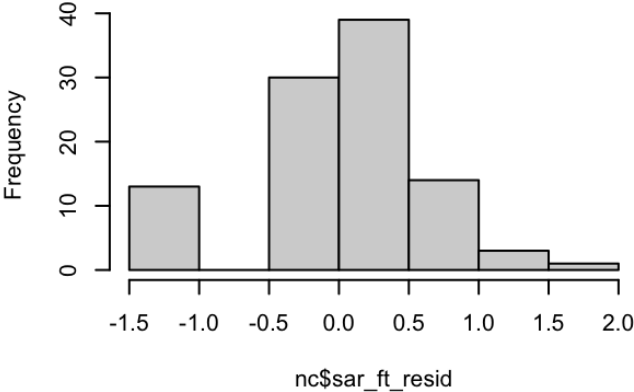


Normal Q-Q Plot

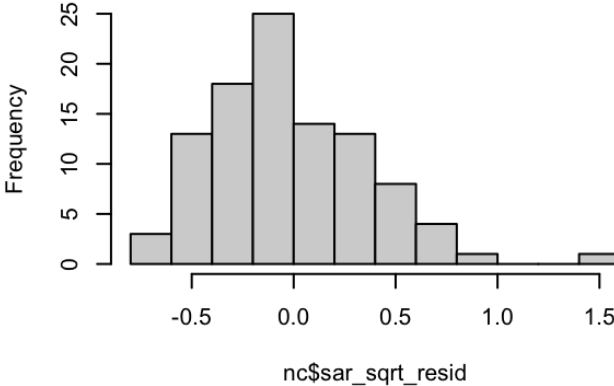


# SAR residual distributions

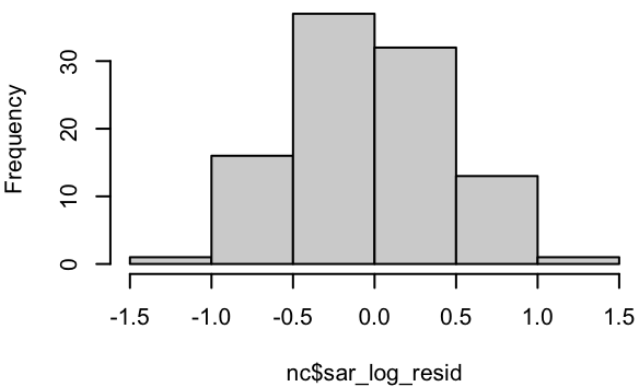
Histogram of nc\$sar\_ft\_resid



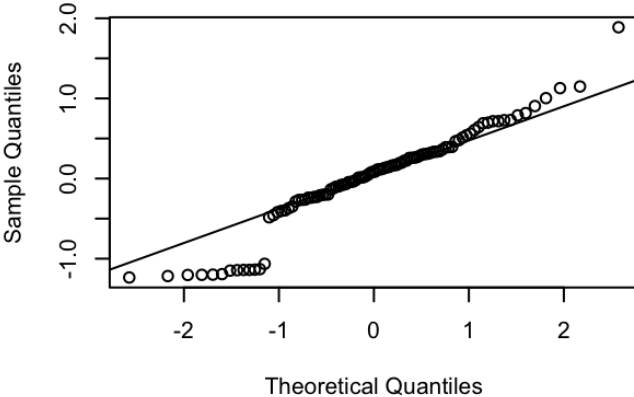
Histogram of nc\$sar\_sqrt\_resid



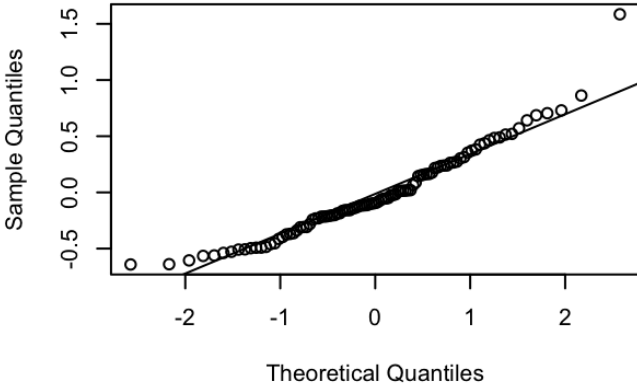
Histogram of nc\$sar\_log\_resid



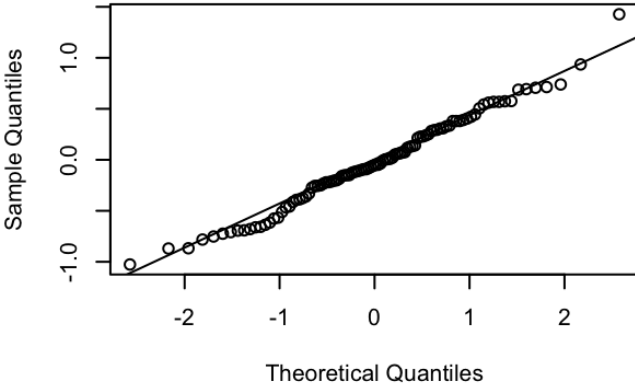
Normal Q-Q Plot



Normal Q-Q Plot



Normal Q-Q Plot



# Residual spatial autocorrelation

```
1 spdep::moran.test(nc$car_sqrt_resid, listW)
```

Moran I test under randomisation

```
data: nc$car_sqrt_resid
weights: listW
```

```
Moran I statistic standard deviate =
-3.1196, p-value = 0.9991
```

```
alternative hypothesis: greater
```

```
sample estimates:
```

Moran I statistic	Expectation
-0.200890550	-0.010101010
Variance	
0.003740354	

```
1 spdep::moran.test(nc$sar_sqrt_resid, listW)
```

Moran I test under randomisation

```
data: nc$sar_sqrt_resid
weights: listW
```

```
Moran I statistic standard deviate = -0.422,
p-value = 0.6635
```

```
alternative hypothesis: greater
```

```
sample estimates:
```

Moran I statistic	Expectation
-0.035976080	-0.010101010
Variance	
0.003759585	

# CAR & SAR with brms

# brms CAR

```
1 b_car = brms::brm(  
2     1000*SID74/BIR74 ~ 1 + car(A), data=nc, data2=list(A=A),  
3     adapt_delta = 0.95,  
4     silent=2, refresh=0, iter=20000,  
5     cores = 4, backend = "cmdstanr"  
6 )
```

Running MCMC with 4 parallel chains...

Chain 3 finished in 11.0 seconds.

Chain 2 finished in 11.7 seconds.

Chain 4 finished in 12.4 seconds.

Chain 1 finished in 12.7 seconds.

All 4 chains finished successfully.

Mean chain execution time: 12.0 seconds.

Total execution time: 12.8 seconds.

```
1 b_car
```

```
Family: gaussian
```

```
Links: mu = identity; sigma = identity
```

```
Formula: 1000 * SID74/BIR74 ~ 1 + car(A)
```

```
Data: nc (Number of observations: 100)
```

```
Draws: 4 chains, each with iter = 20000; warmup = 10000; thin = 1;  
total post-warmup draws = 40000
```

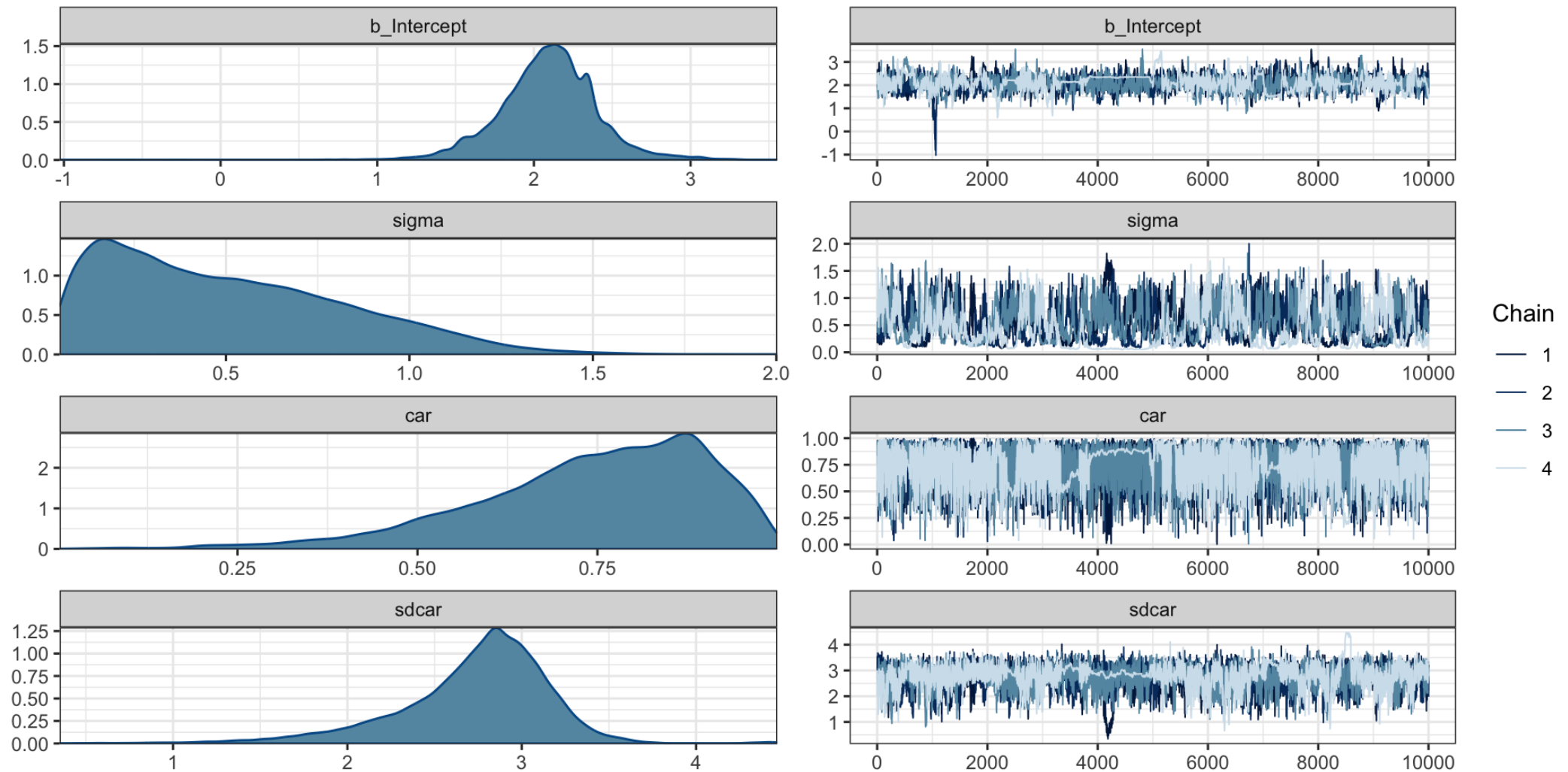
```
Correlation Structures:
```

	Estimate	Est.Error	l-95% CI	u-95% CI	Rhat
car	0.74	0.16	0.35	0.97	1.00
sdcar	2.73	0.44	1.67	3.40	1.01

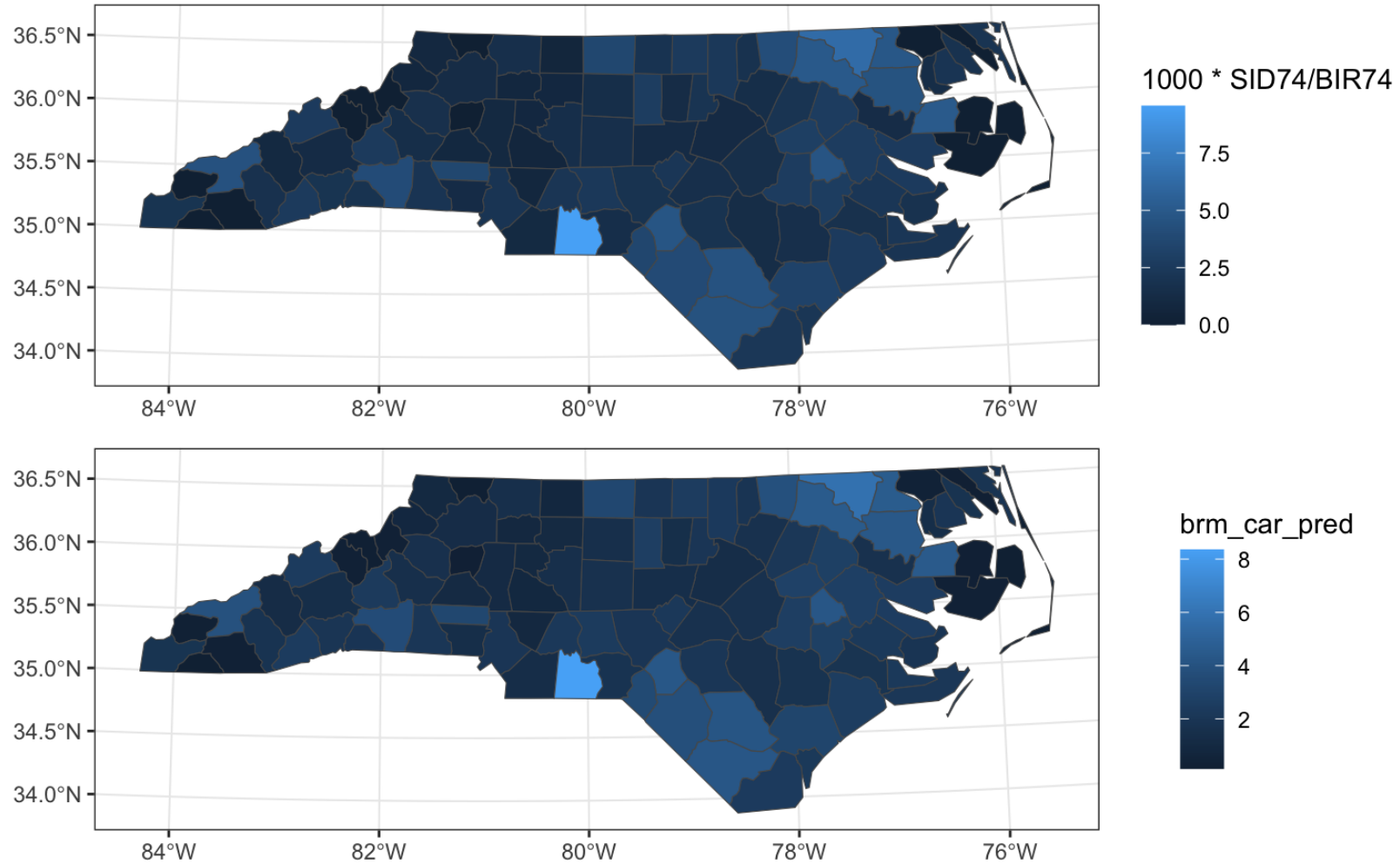
Bulk ESS Tail ESS

# Diagnostics

```
1 plot(b_car)
```



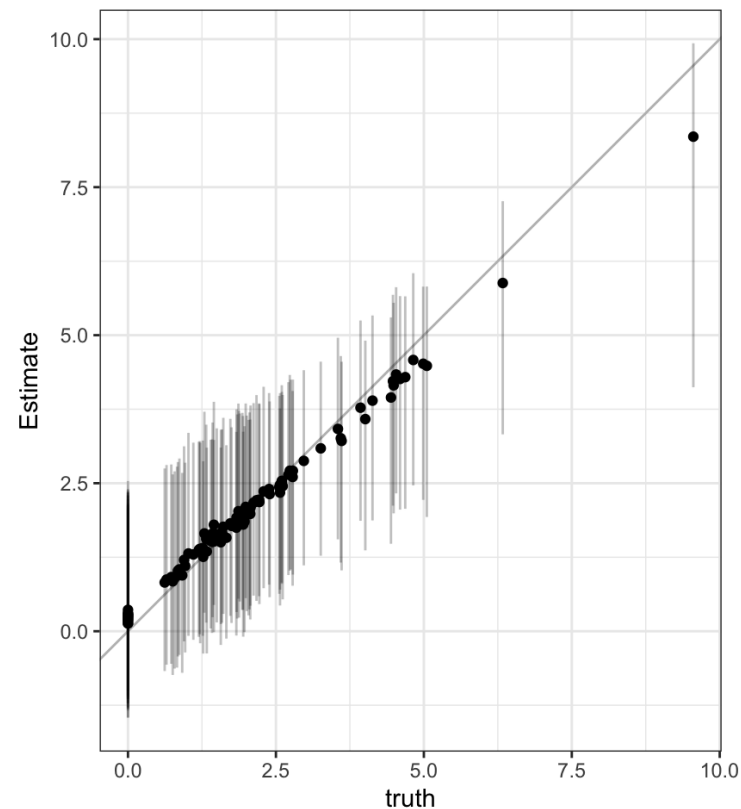
# Predictions





# Observed vs predicted

```
1 ggplot(p, aes(x=truth, y=Estimate)) +  
2   geom_abline(intercept=0, slope=1, color="grey") +  
3   geom_point() +  
4   geom_errorbar(aes(ymin=Q2.5, ymax=Q97.5), alpha=0.25) +  
5   coord_fixed()
```



# brms SAR

```
1 b_sar = brms::brm(  
2     1000*SID74/BIR74 ~ 1 + sar(listW), data=nc, data2=list(listW=listW),  
3     silent=2, refresh=0, iter=4000,  
4     cores = 4, backend = "cmdstanr"  
5 )
```

Running MCMC with 4 parallel chains...

Chain 3 finished in 2.9 seconds.

Chain 4 finished in 2.8 seconds.

Chain 1 finished in 2.9 seconds.

Chain 2 finished in 2.8 seconds.

All 4 chains finished successfully.

Mean chain execution time: 2.9 seconds.

Total execution time: 3.2 seconds.

```
1 b_sar
```

```
Family: gaussian
```

```
Links: mu = identity; sigma = identity
```

```
Formula: 1000 * SID74/BIR74 ~ 1 + sar(listW)
```

```
Data: nc (Number of observations: 100)
```

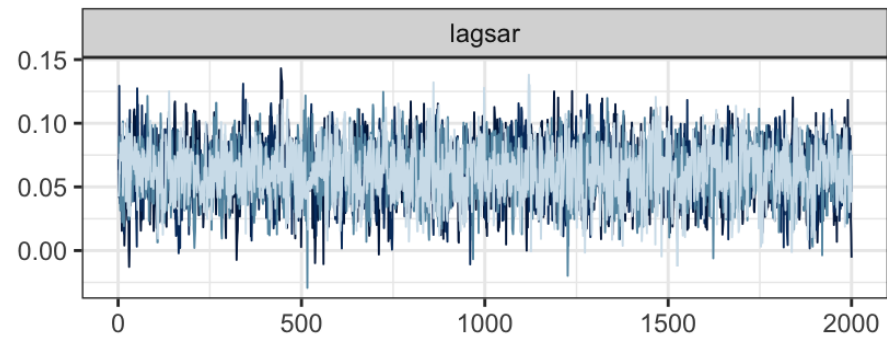
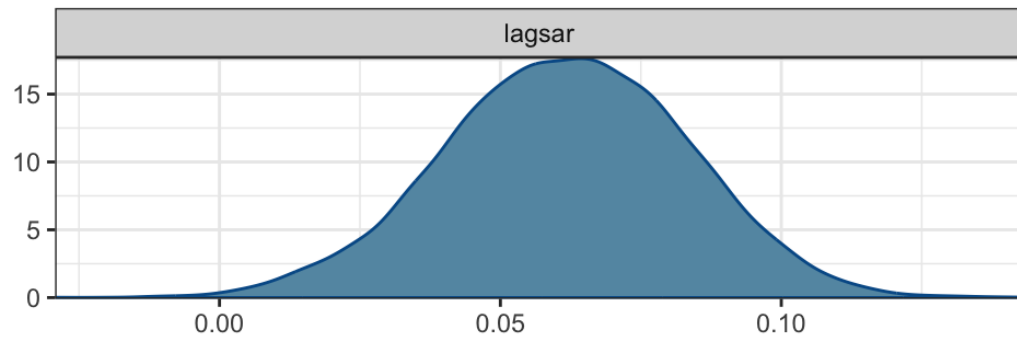
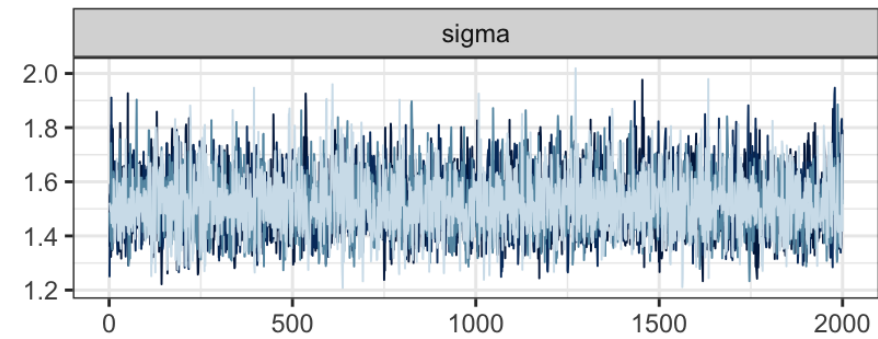
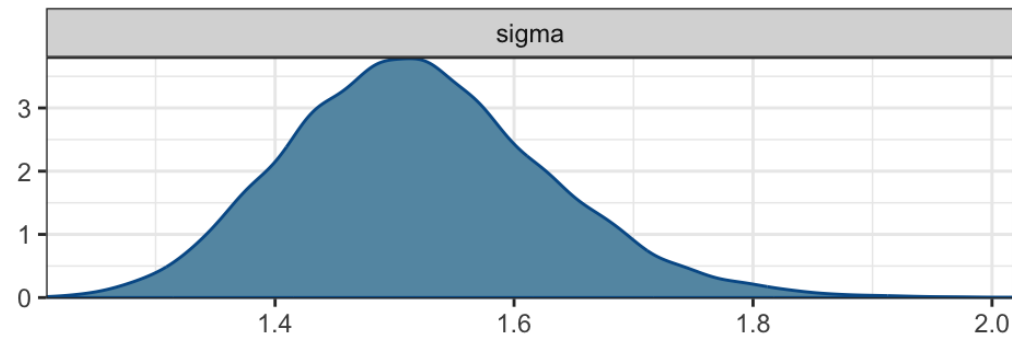
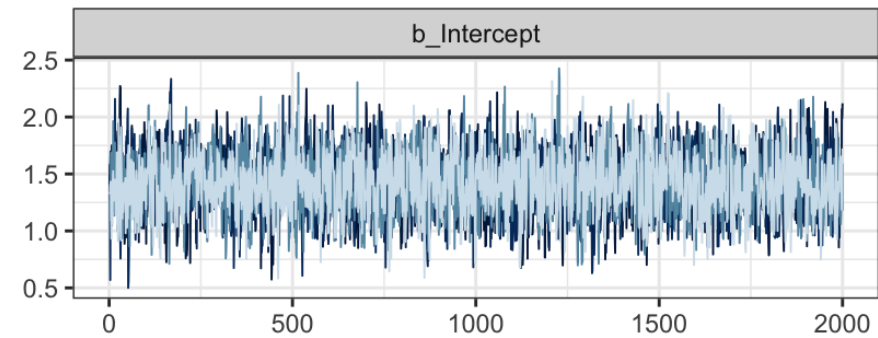
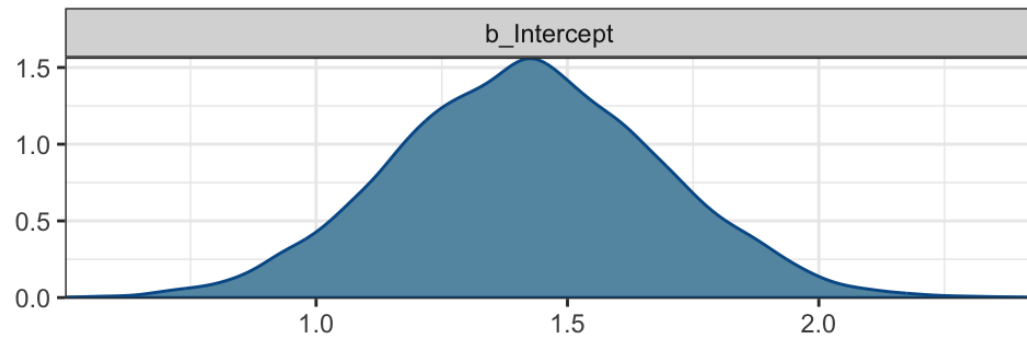
```
Draws: 4 chains, each with iter = 4000; warmup = 2000; thin = 1;  
total post-warmup draws = 8000
```

```
Correlation Structures:
```

	Estimate	Est.Error	l-95% CI	u-95% CI	Rhat
lagsar	0.06	0.02	0.02	0.10	1.00
	Bulk_ESS	Tail_ESS			
laqsar	3128	3877			

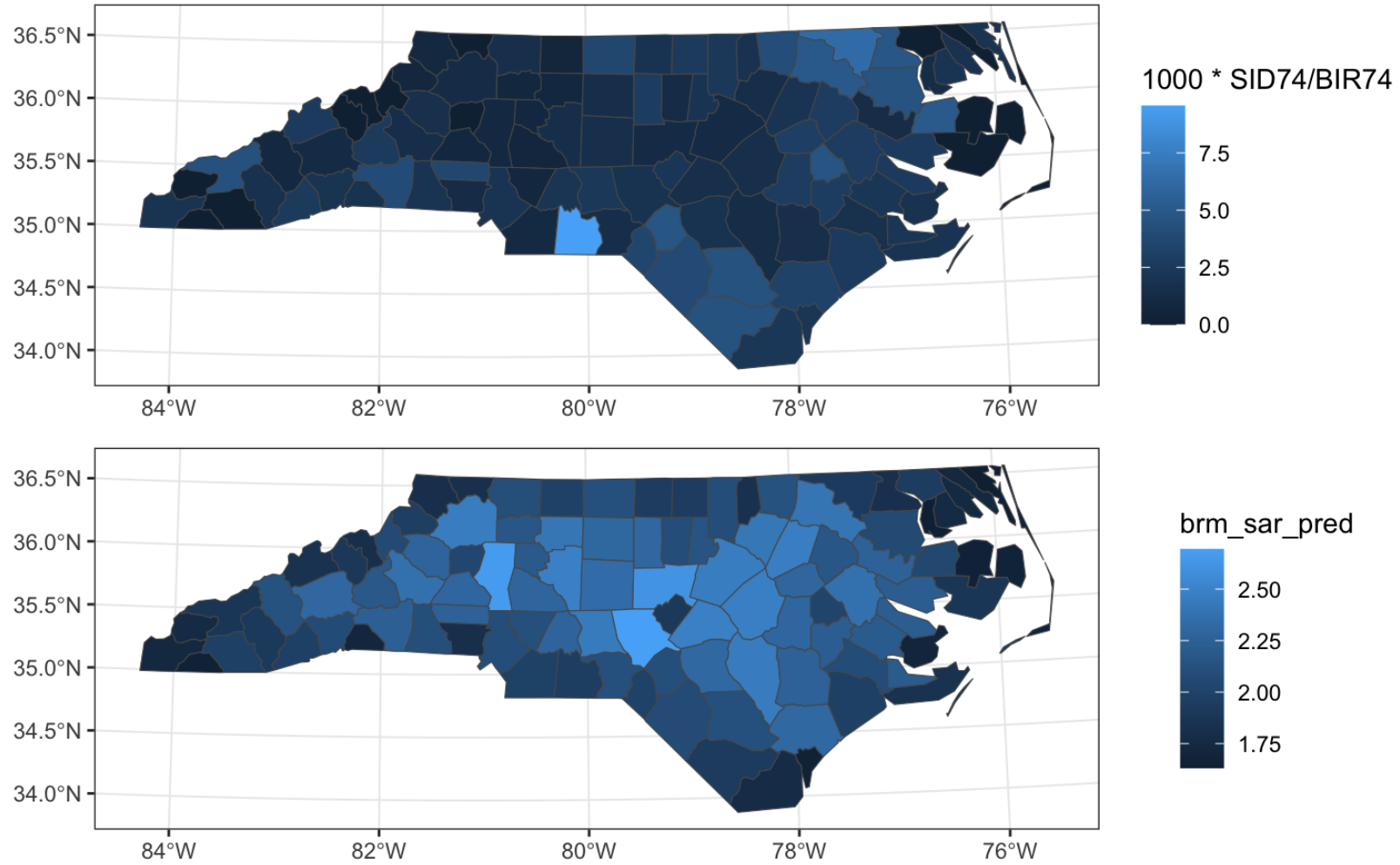
# Diagnostics

```
1 plot(b_sar)
```



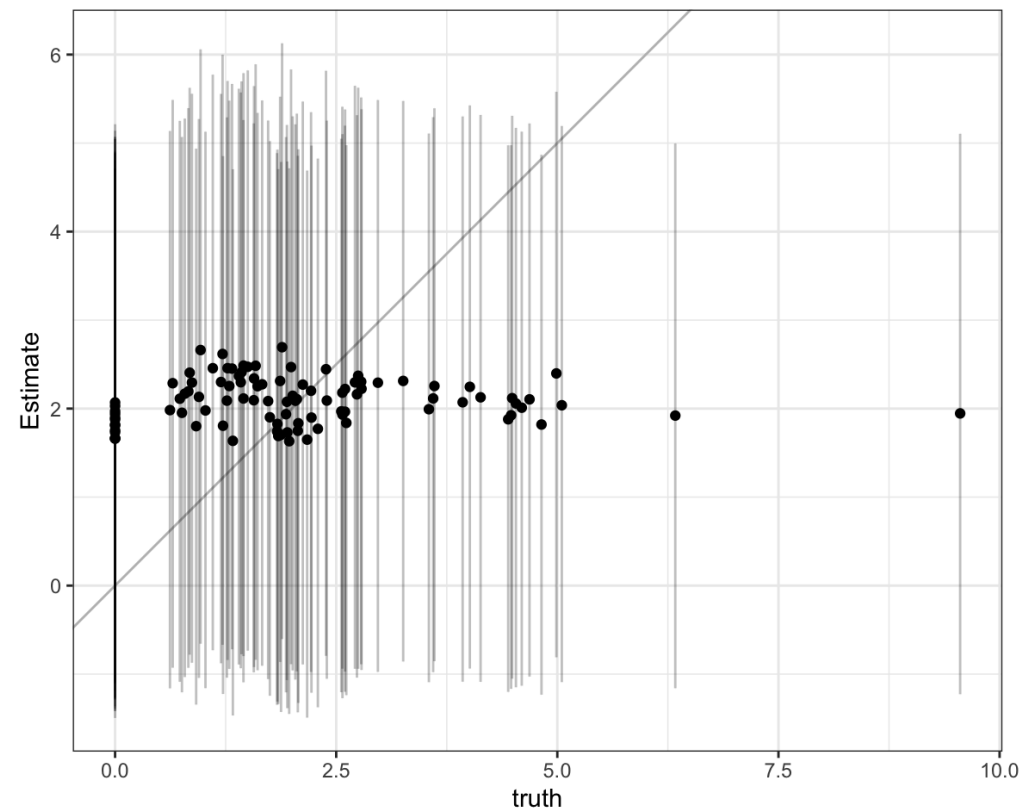
Chain  
— 1  
— 2  
— 3  
— 4

# Predictions



# Observed vs predicted

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5   coord_fixed()
```



# Brief Aside - CAR & SAR precision matrices

$$\Sigma_{\text{SAR}} = (\mathbf{I} - \phi \mathbf{D}^{-1} \mathbf{A})^{-1} \sigma^2 \mathbf{D}^{-1} \left( (\mathbf{I} - \phi \mathbf{D}^{-1} \mathbf{A})^{-1} \right)^t$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Sigma_{\text{SAR}}^{-1} &= \left( (\mathbf{I} - \phi \mathbf{D}^{-1} \mathbf{A})^{-1} \sigma^2 \mathbf{D}^{-1} \left( (\mathbf{I} - \phi \mathbf{D}^{-1} \mathbf{A})^{-1} \right)^t \right)^{-1} \\ &= \left( \left( (\mathbf{I} - \phi \mathbf{D}^{-1} \mathbf{A})^{-1} \right)^t \right)^{-1} \frac{1}{\sigma^2} \mathbf{D} (\mathbf{I} - \phi \mathbf{D}^{-1} \mathbf{A}) \\ &= \frac{1}{\sigma^2} (\mathbf{I} - \phi \mathbf{D}^{-1} \mathbf{A})^t \mathbf{D} (\mathbf{I} - \phi \mathbf{D}^{-1} \mathbf{A}) \end{aligned}$$

$$\Sigma_{\text{CAR}}^{-1} = \frac{1}{\sigma^2} (\mathbf{D} - \phi \mathbf{A})$$