Trends in River Flow and Population Dynamics

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Note on Unlabeled Figure Order

Atlanta	Buford	GA 280
Norcross	Roswell	Peachtree Creek (not Chattahoochee)

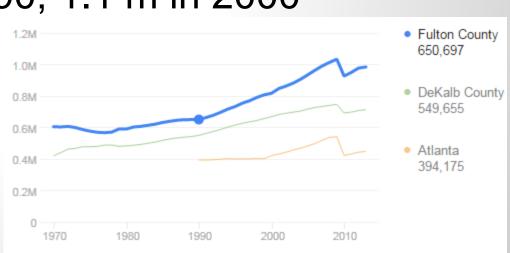
Why This Topic

The 1996 Olympics

The population trend in the county

Fulton: 600k in 1990, 1.1 m in 2000

The water!





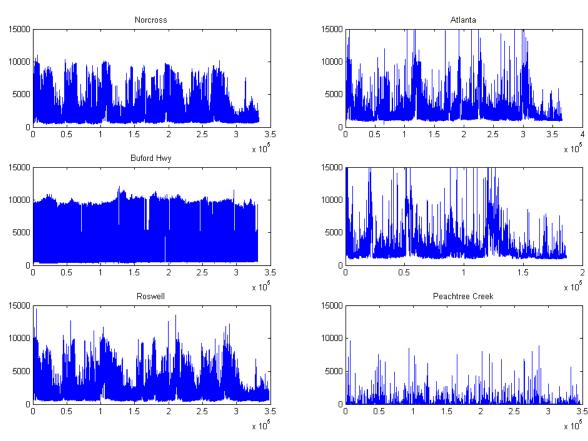
The Data

Chattahoochee river flow (sampled about once every 15 min, over 1990 to 2000)

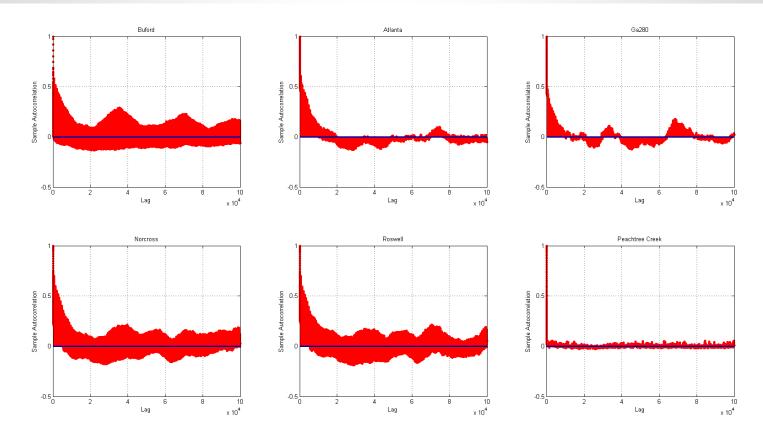
Peachtree Creek, same data



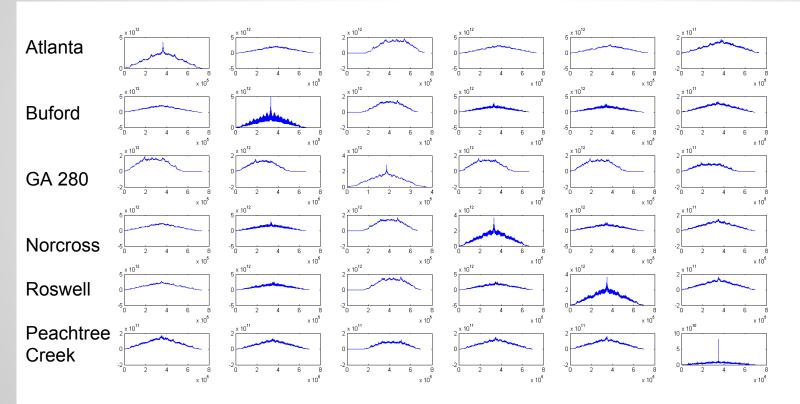
Summary of Data



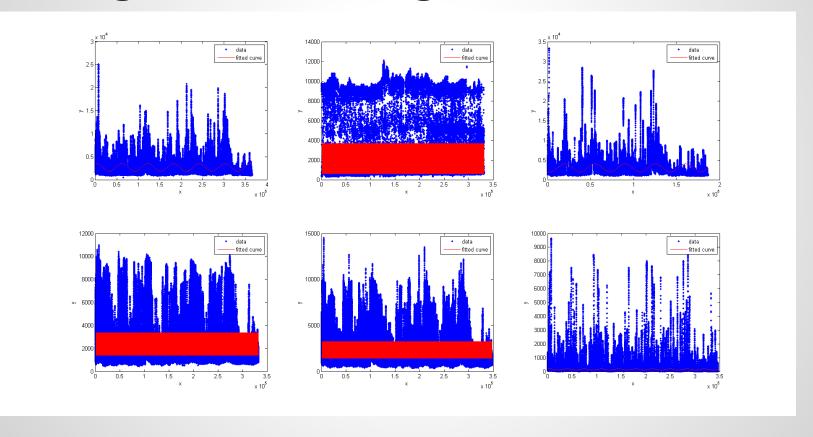
Autocorrelation



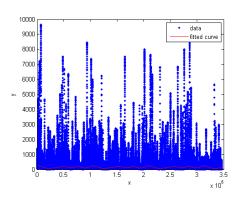
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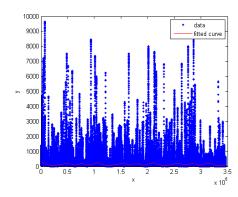


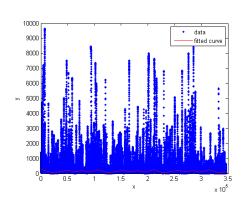
Fitting Curves, single oscillation

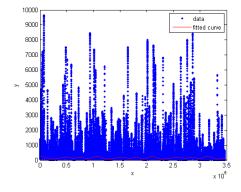


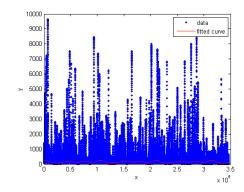
Fitting Curves, 'fourier4'

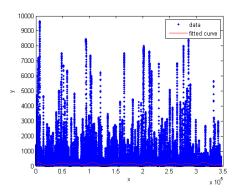




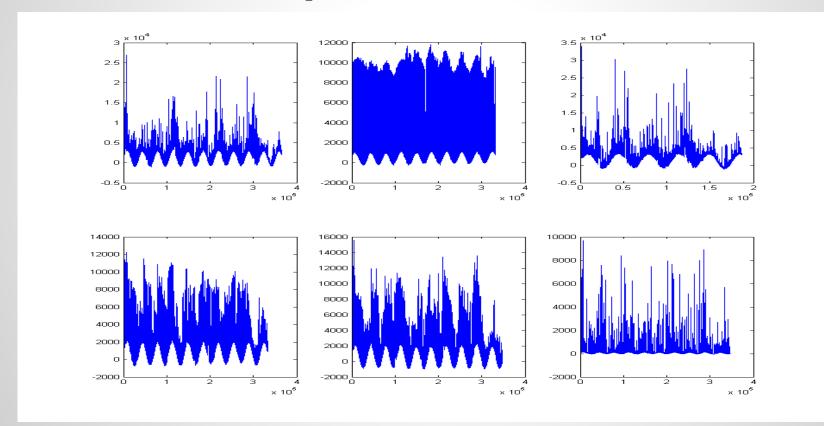




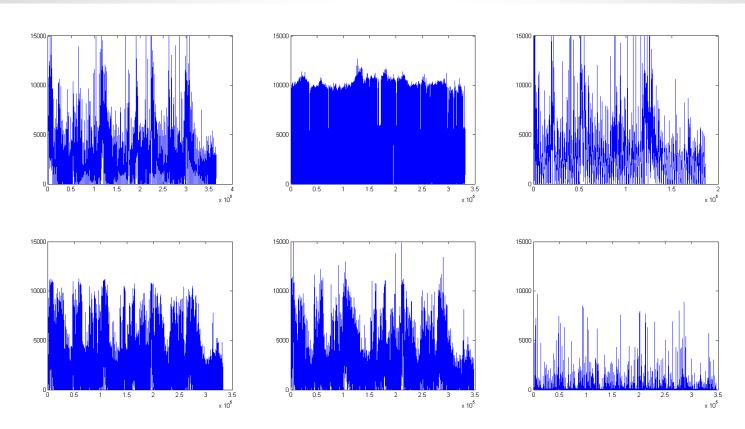




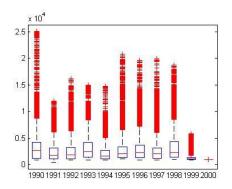
Manual attempt to remove seasonality

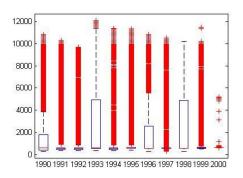


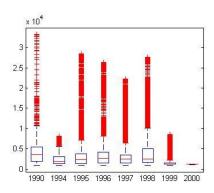
Removing 'fourier4' model

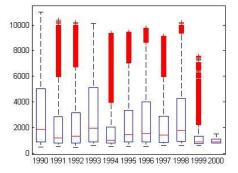


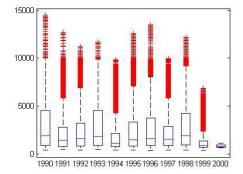
Year Boxplot

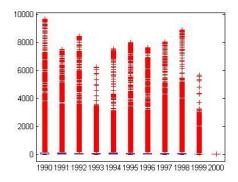




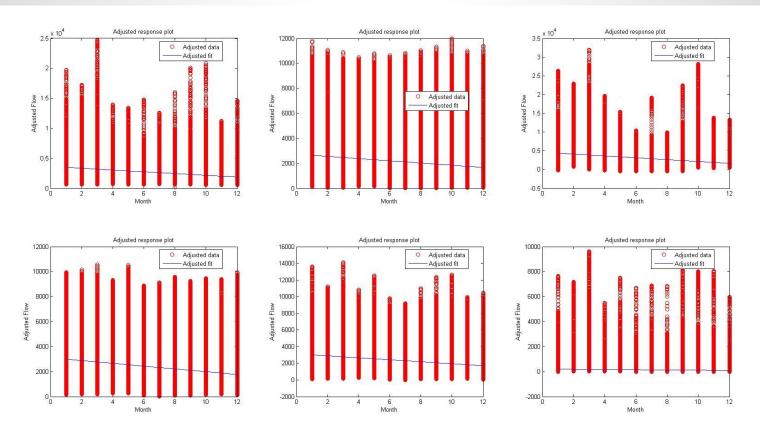




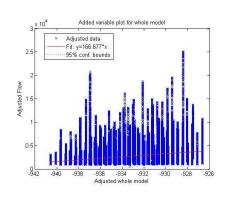


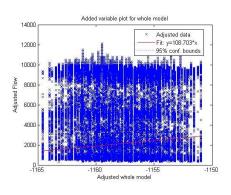


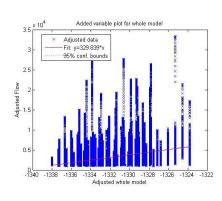
Month Boxplot

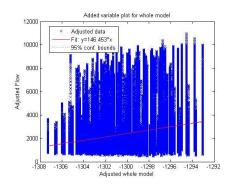


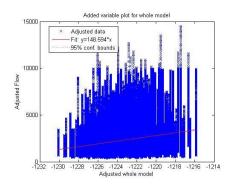
Linear model (flow~year+month)

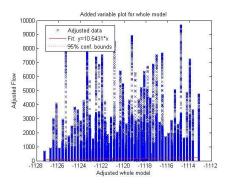




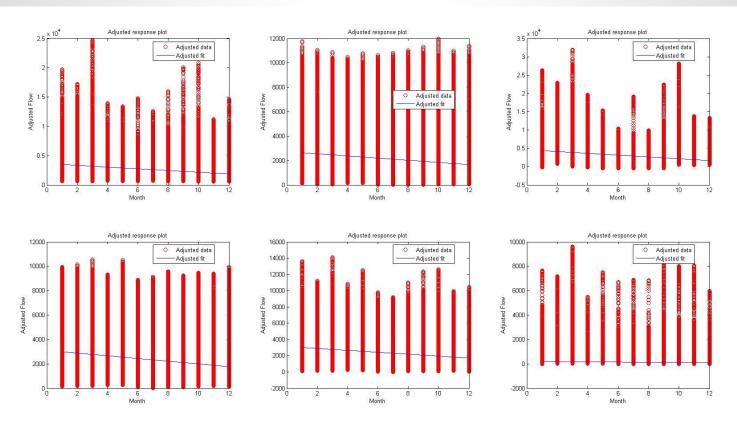




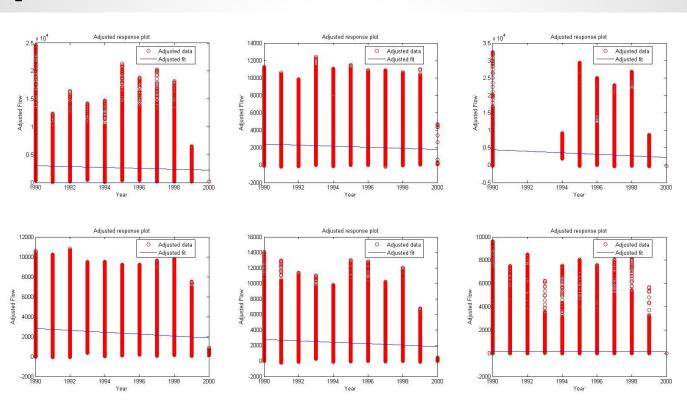




Response to Month



Response to Year



Conclusions

Clearly Not Definitive
Seems that there is a suggestion of a trend
Flow Fluctuates Wildly

Discussion

Lots of Outliers

Unable to validate consistently

Unable to find detailed-enough data on weather and Lake Lanier activity to remove that component.

New Question: What happened to other water sources during 1990 to 2000?