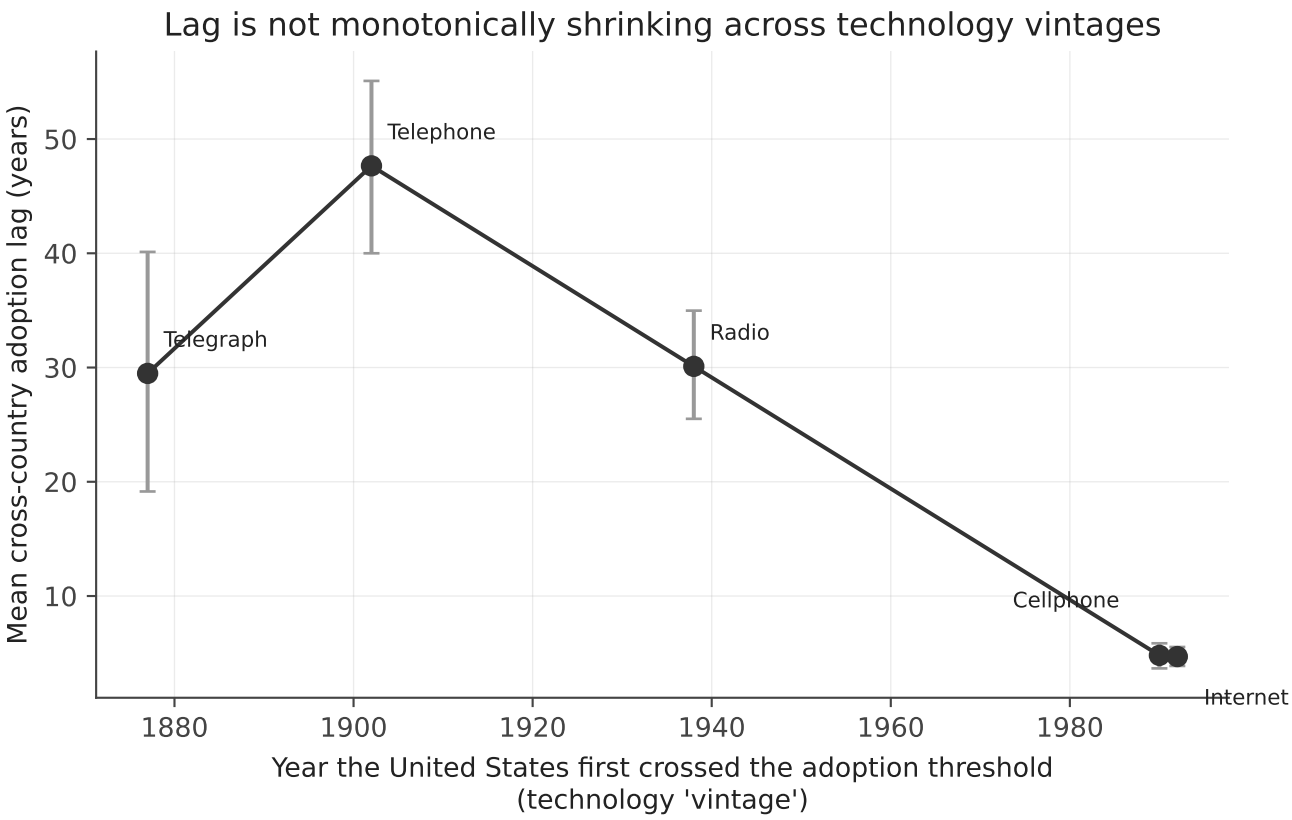

Lag is not monotonically shrinking across technology vintages
Mean cross-country adoption lag (years)
50
40
30
20
10
Telephone
Telegraph
Radio
Cellphone
Internet
1880
1900
1920
1940
1960
1980
Year the United States first crossed the adoption threshold
(technology 'vintage')