

Time Series

2. Stationary Processes. ARMA Models

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- AR(p) models
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Gaussian process $\{X_t\}$, $t = 1, \dots, n$

$X = (X_t) \sim$ Multivariate Normal/Gaussian distribution

$$E(X) = \mu = (\mu_1, \dots, \mu_n)'$$

Covariance matrix ($n \times n$) is

$$V(X) = \Gamma = \{\gamma(t_i, t_j) | t, j = 1, \dots, n\}$$

And the multivariate Normal density function can be written as

$$f(x) = (2\pi)^{-n/2} |\Gamma|^{-1/2} \exp\{-1/2(x - \mu)' \Gamma^{-1}(x - \mu)\}$$

where $|\Gamma| \equiv$ determinant

General Stochastic model for a time series:

$$X_t = G(X_{t-1}, X_{t-2}, \dots, Z_{t-1}, Z_{t-2}, \dots) + Z_t \quad Z_t \sim WN(0, \sigma_z)$$

The most easy mathematical function $G(\cdot)$ is the linear combination of the components:

Linear Stochastic model for a time series:

$$X_t = \phi_1 X_{t-1} + \phi_2 X_{t-2} + \dots + \theta_1 Z_{t-1} + \theta_2 Z_{t-2} + \dots + Z_t \quad Z_t \sim WN(0, \sigma_z)$$

$$\phi_1, \phi_2, \dots, \theta_1, \theta_2, \dots \in \mathbf{R}$$

The variable at time t is a linear combination of past observations and disturbances plus a new disturbance independent from the past

A **p**th-order autoregressive model, or AR(p), takes the form:

$$X_t = \phi_1 X_{t-1} + \phi_2 X_{t-2} + \cdots + \phi_p X_{t-p} + Z_t$$

$$(1 - \phi_1 B - \phi_2 B^2 - \cdots + \phi_p B^p) X_t = Z_t$$

where

X_t is stationary and ϕ_1, \dots, ϕ_p are the parameters (constants)

Z_t is a Gaussian white noise ($E(Z_t) = 0$, $V(Z_t) = \sigma_Z^2$)

B is the Backshift operator: $BX_t = X_{t-1}$

p is the lag of the farthest observation included

An **AR(p) model** is a regression model with lagged values of the dependent variable in the independent variable positions, hence the name **Auto-Regressive model**.

- If $\mu \neq 0$, then

$$(X_t - \mu) = \phi_1(X_{t-1} - \mu) + \cdots + \phi_p(X_{t-p} - \mu) + Z_t$$

or

$$X_t = \alpha + \phi_1 X_{t-1} + \cdots + \phi_p X_{t-p} + z_t$$

where the constant term is:

$$\alpha = \mu(1 - \phi_1 - \cdots - \phi_p)$$

Or a more concise expression:

$$\phi_p(B)X_t = Z_t$$

where $\phi(B) = (1 - \phi_1 B - \cdots - \phi_p B^p)$ is the characteristic autoregressive polynomial of order p .

AR(1) process, considering $\mu = 0$:

$$(1 - \phi B)X_t = Z_t, \quad Z_t \sim N(0, \sigma_Z^2).$$

Or equivalently:

$$X_t = \phi X_{t-1} + Z_t, \quad Z_t \sim N(0, \sigma_Z^2).$$

Autocovariance function derivation:

$$\gamma(0) = E[X_t^2] = E[(\phi X_{t-1} + Z_t)^2] = \phi^2 \gamma(0) + \sigma_Z^2 \Rightarrow \gamma(0) = \frac{\sigma_Z^2}{1 - \phi^2}$$

$$\gamma(1) = E[X_t X_{t-1}] = E[(\phi X_{t-1} + Z_t) X_{t-1}] = \phi \gamma(0)$$

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$$\gamma(h) = E[X_t X_{t-h}] = E[(\phi X_{t-1} + Z_t) X_{t-h}] = \phi \gamma(h-1) = \phi^h \gamma(0)$$

Reminder: The noise at time t is independent of the past:

$$E[Z_t X_s] = E[Z_t Z_s] = 0 \quad s < t.$$

AR(1) process: $(1 - \phi B)X_t = Z_t$

Autocorrelation function:

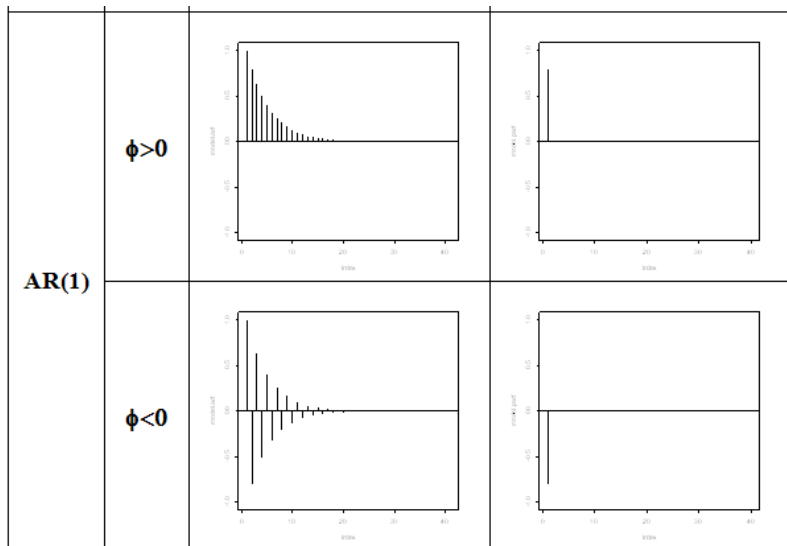
$$\begin{aligned}\rho(1) &= \frac{\gamma(1)}{\gamma(0)} = \phi \\ &\vdots \\ \rho(h) &= \frac{\gamma(h)}{\gamma(0)} = \phi^h\end{aligned}$$

Recursion: $\rho(h) = \phi\rho(h-1)$

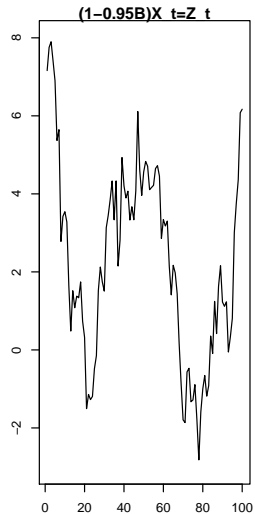
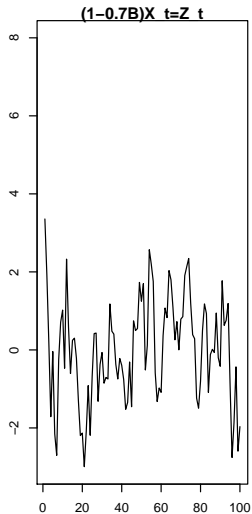
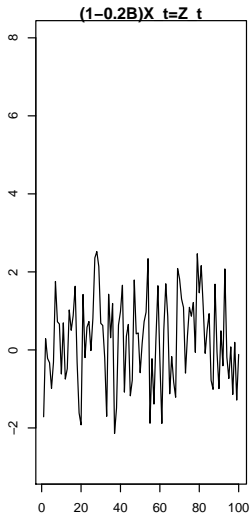
****Partial Autocorrelation function:****

$$\begin{aligned}\phi_{1,1} &= \phi \\ &\vdots \\ \phi_{h,h} &= 0 \quad h > 1\end{aligned}$$

AR(1) process: $(1 - \phi B)X_t = Z_t$



AR(1) models



AR(2) process: $(1 - \phi_1 B - \phi_2 B^2)X_t = Z_t$

Considering $\mu = 0$, then

$$X_t = \phi_1 X_{t-1} + \phi_2 X_{t-2} + Z_t \quad Z_t \sim N(0, \sigma_Z^2)$$

Autocovariance function:

$$\gamma(0) = E[X_t^2] = (\phi_1^2 + \phi_2^2)\gamma(0) + 2\phi_1\phi_2\gamma(1) + \sigma_Z^2$$

$$\gamma(1) = E[X_t X_{t-1}] = \phi_1 \gamma(0) + \phi_2 \gamma(1)$$

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$$\gamma(h) = E[X_t X_{t-h}] = \phi_1 \gamma(h-1) + \phi_2 \gamma(h-2) \quad h > 1$$

A **qth-order moving average model**, or MA(q), takes the form:

$$X_t = z_t + \theta_1 Z_{t-1} + \theta_2 Z_{t-2} + \cdots + \theta_q Z_{t-q}$$

In other words,

$$X_t = \theta_q(B)Z_t$$

where

$$\theta(B) = 1 + \theta_1 B + \theta_2 B^2 + \cdots + \theta_q B^q$$

is the moving average operator or characteristic polynomial.

An **MA(q) model** is a regression model with the dependent variable, X_t , depending on previous values of the errors rather than on the variable itself.

MA(1) process, considering $\mu = 0$:

$$X_t = (1 + \theta B)Z_t, \quad Z_t \sim N(0, \sigma_Z^2)$$

Or equivalently:

$$X_t = Z_t + \theta Z_{t-1}, \quad Z_t \sim N(0, \sigma_Z^2)$$

Autocovariance function derivation:

$$\gamma(0) = E[X_t^2] = E[(Z_t + \theta Z_{t-1})^2] = (1 + \theta^2)\sigma_Z^2$$

$$\gamma(1) = E[X_t X_{t-1}] = E[(Z_t + \theta Z_{t-1})(Z_{t-1} + \theta Z_{t-2})] = \theta \sigma_Z^2$$

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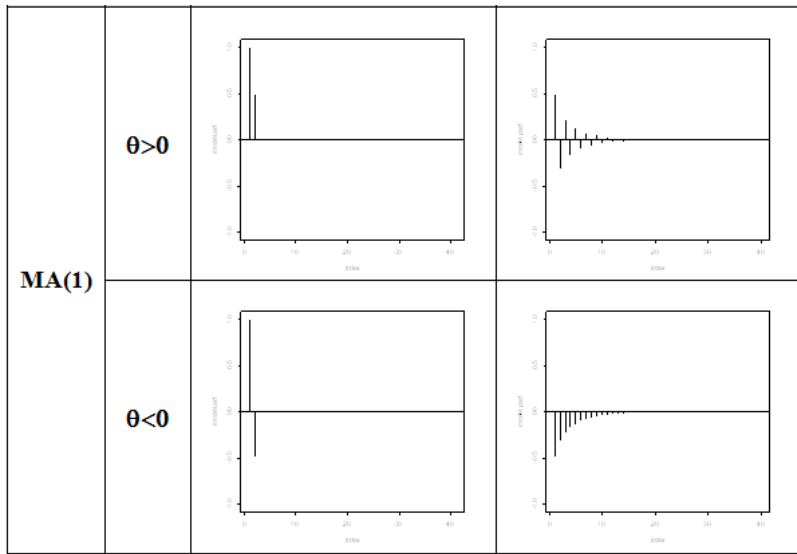
$$\gamma(h) = E[X_t X_{t-h}] = 0 \quad h > 1$$

MA(1) process: $X_t = (1 + \theta B)Z_t$.

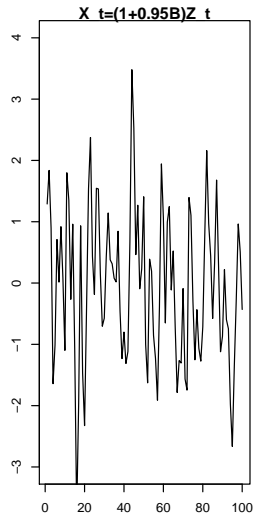
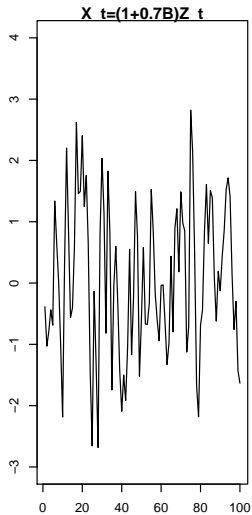
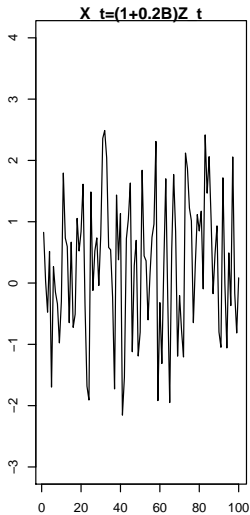
Autocorrelation function:

$$\begin{aligned}\rho(1) &= \frac{\gamma(1)}{\gamma(0)} = \frac{\theta}{1 + \theta^2} \\ &\vdots \\ \rho(h) &= \frac{\gamma(h)}{\gamma(0)} = 0 \quad h > 1\end{aligned}$$

$$\text{MA}(1): x_t = (1 + \theta B)z_t$$



MA(1) models



A times series $\{X_t; t = 0, \pm 1, \pm 2, \dots\}$ is an **AutoRegressive Moving Average model**, ARMA (p,q), if it is stationary and

$$X_t = \phi_1 X_{t-1} + \dots + \phi_p X_{t-p} + Z_t + \theta_1 Z_{t-1} + \dots + \theta_q Z_{t-q}$$

with $\phi_p \neq 0$, $\theta_q \neq 0$ and $\sigma_z^2 > 0$

The parameters p and q are called the autoregressive and the moving average orders, respectively.

If X_t has a nonzero mean μ and $\alpha = \mu(1 - \phi_1 - \cdots - \phi_p)$, the model will be:

$$X_t = \alpha + \phi_1 X_{t-1} + \cdots + \phi_p X_{t-p} + Z_t + \theta_1 Z_{t-1} + \cdots + \theta_q Z_{t-q}$$

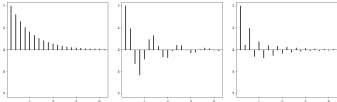
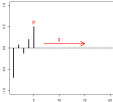
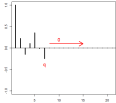
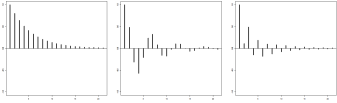
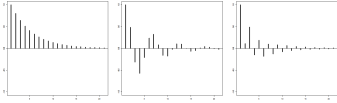
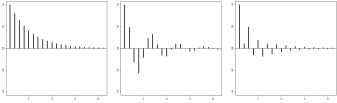
When $q = 0$, the model is an AR(p).

When $p = 0$, the model is a MA(q)

ARMA(p,q) model can be written in concise form as,

$$\phi(B)X_t = \theta_q(B)Z_t$$

Identification of ARMA(p,q) models

MODEL	ACF	PACF
AR(p)	<p>Decreasing patterns (∞ lags not null)</p> 	<p>p = Last lag not null</p> 
MA(q)	<p>q = Last lag not null</p> 	<p>Decreasing patterns (∞ lags not null)</p> 
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Expression of an $ARMA(p, q)$ model, using characteristic polynomials:

$$\phi(B)x_t = \theta(B)z_t$$

Under certain conditions, $ARMA(p, q)$ models can be expressed as an $AR(\infty)$ or $MA(\infty)$ model.

Expression as an $AR(\infty)$:

$$\frac{\phi(B)}{\theta(B)}x_t = \pi(B)x_t = z_t$$

Expression as an $MA(\infty)$:

$$x_t = \frac{\theta(B)}{\phi(B)}z_t = \psi(B)z_t$$

Expression of an $ARMA(p, q)$ model, using characteristic polynomials:

$$(1 - \phi_1 B - \dots - \phi_p B^p)x_t = (1 + \theta_1 B + \dots + \theta_q B^q)z_t$$

Under certain conditions, $ARMA(p, q)$ models can be expressed as a pure $AR(\infty)$ or $MA(\infty)$ process.

Expression as an $AR(\infty)$:

$$\frac{1 - \phi_1 B - \dots - \phi_p B^p}{1 + \theta_1 B + \dots + \theta_q B^q} x_t = (1 - \pi_1 B - \pi_2 B^2 - \dots) x_t = z_t$$

Expression as an $MA(\infty)$:

$$x_t = \frac{1 + \theta_1 B + \dots + \theta_q B^q}{1 - \phi_1 B - \dots - \phi_p B^p} z_t = (1 + \psi_1 B + \psi_2 B^2 + \dots) z_t$$