

Time Series Analysis Class Notes

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1 Characteristics of Time Series (2020/01/09)

- Must be correlation between data points which limits conventional statistical analysis.
- One variable, x_t , will be used in this course

Important Questions to Ask

- What patterns are visible over time?
- How can correlation between observations be used to help with the model?

- Can future state be predicted using this data?

Problem: We don't know how many previous time points should be used to predict the current value.

General Tips

- if non-constant variance, transform the predictors
- Find assumptions, then continue modeling
- Time is generally treated as discrete values instead of continuous

Stochastic Process: collection of random variables, x_t , indexed by t

- **Realization:** Realization of a stochastic process.

Time Series: collection of random variables indexed and ordered by time

White Noise: $w_t \sim N(0, \sigma_w^2)$

One way to "smooth" a time series is to introduce a moving average.

MA(1): $x_t = \beta w_{t-1} + w_t$

AR(1): $x_t = \beta x_{t-1} + w_t$

$$\begin{aligned}
 E(x_t) &= E(\beta x_{t-1} + w_t) \\
 &= \beta E(x_{t-1}) + E(w_t) \\
 &= \dots \\
 &= 0
 \end{aligned} \tag{1}$$

- $0 \leq \beta \leq 1$

$\gamma(s, t) = \text{cov}(x_s, x_t) = E[(x_s - \mu_s)(x_t - \mu_t)] \forall s, t$

if $s = t$, $\text{cov}(x_s, x_s) = \text{var}(x_s)$

$$\gamma(s, t) = \begin{cases} \sigma_w^2 & s = t \\ 0 & s \neq t \end{cases}$$

- given $w_t \sim \text{ind } N(0, \sigma_w^2)$

1.1 Moving Average

Let $m_t = \frac{w_t + w_{t-1} + w_{t-2}}{3}$

$$\begin{aligned} E[(m_s - \mu_s)(m_t - \mu_t)] &= E(m_s m_t) \\ &= \frac{1}{9} E[(w_s + w_{s-1} + w_{s-2})(w_t + w_{t-1} + w_{t-2})] \end{aligned} \quad (2)$$

$s = t$

$$\begin{aligned} E(m_t^2) &= \text{var}(m_t) + E(m_t)^2 \\ &= \frac{1}{9} \text{var}(w_t + w_{t-1} + w_{t-2}) + 0 \\ &= \frac{1}{9} (\text{var}(w_t) + \text{var}(w_{t-1}) + \text{var}(w_{t-2})) \\ &= \frac{1}{9} (1 + 1 + 1) \\ &= \frac{3}{9} \end{aligned} \quad (3)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \underline{s = t - 1}: E(m_{t-1}, m_t) &= \frac{2}{9} \\ \underline{s = t - 2}: E(m_{t-2}, m_t) &= \frac{1}{9} \\ \underline{s = t - 3}: E(m_{t-3}, m_t) &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\gamma(s, t) = \begin{cases} \frac{3}{9} & s = t \\ \frac{2}{9} & |s - t| = 1 \\ \frac{1}{9} & |s - t| = 2 \\ 0 & |s - t| \geq 3 \end{cases}$$

1.2 Autocorrelation

$$\rho_{xy} = \frac{\text{cov}(x, y)}{\sqrt{\text{var}(x)} \sqrt{\text{var}(y)}}$$

$$\text{AR: } \rho(s, t) = \begin{cases} 1 & s = t \\ 0 & s \neq t \end{cases}$$

$$\text{MA: } \rho(s, t) = \begin{cases} 1 & s = t \\ \frac{2}{3} & |s - t| = 1 \\ \frac{1}{3} & |s - t| = 2 \\ 0 & |s - t| \geq 3 \end{cases}$$

positive linear dependence = smooth negative linear dependence = choppy

1.3 Stationarity

Strict stationary time series: the probabilistic behavior of x_t, \dots, x_{tk} is the exact same as the shifted set x_{t+h}, \dots, x_{tk+h} for any collection of time points $[t_1, t_k]$ for any $k = 1, 2, \dots$

$$P(x_q \leq c_1, x_2 \leq c_2) = P(x_{10} \leq c_q, x_{11} \leq c_2)$$

This is almost never used in practice because it is *too* strict.

Weakly Stationary Time Series: The first two moments (mean, covariance) of the time series are invariant to time shifts

$$E(x_t) = \mu \forall t$$

$$\gamma(t, t+h) = \gamma(0, h) \forall t$$

- μ and $\gamma(0, h)$ are *not* functions of t
- Assumption of **Equal Variance**
- $\gamma(h) = \gamma(-h)$ if weakly stationary

$$\begin{aligned} \rho(t, t+h) &= \frac{\gamma(t, t+h)}{\sqrt{\gamma(t, t)}\sqrt{\gamma(t+h, t+h)}} \\ &= \frac{\gamma(h)}{\sqrt{\gamma(0)}\sqrt{\gamma(0)}} \\ &= \frac{\gamma(h)}{\gamma(0)} \end{aligned} \tag{4}$$

Is there a correlation between lags? $H_0 : \rho(h) = 0$ $H_A : \rho(h) \neq 0$

Sample Mean: $\bar{x} = \frac{1}{n} \sum x_t$

Sample Covariance: $\hat{\gamma}(h) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{t=1}^{n-h} (x_{t+h} - \bar{x})(x_t - \bar{x})$

2 Time Series Regression, Exploratory Data Analysis, and ARIMA Models (2020/01/16)

2.1 Differences

Taking differences between successive values helps remove trend to help bring a time series to stationarity.

1st diff - $x_t = x_t - x_{t-1}$ (removes linear trend)

2nd diff - $(x_t - x_{t-1}) - (x_{t-1} - x_{t-2}) = x_t - x_{t-1} = x_T$ (removes quadratic trend)

Proof $x_t - x_{t-1} = \beta_0 + \beta_1 t - [\beta_0 + \beta_1(t-1)] = \beta_1$

Order of Attempt

1. Transformation
2. Differencing

2.1.1 Backshift

- $Bx_t = x_{t-1}$
- $B^k x_t = x_{t-k}$

$$\begin{aligned} (1 - 2B + B^2)x_t \\ = x_t - 2x_{t-1} + x_{t-2} = \\ (x_t - x_{t-1}) - (x_{t-1} - x_{t-2}) \end{aligned} \quad (5)$$

A MA model can be expressed using Backshift operators and subsequently, expressed as an AR model.

$$\begin{aligned} m_t &= \frac{w_t + w_{t-1} + w_{t-2}}{3} \\ &= \frac{1}{3}(1 + B + B^2)w_t \end{aligned} \quad (6)$$

1. Properties

- $BC = C$ for constant C
- $(1 - B)x_t = x_t - x_{t-1}$
- $(B \times B) = B^2$
- $(1 - B)^2 x_t = x_t - 2x_{t-1} + x_{t-2}$
- $(1 - B)^0 x_t = x_t$
- $(1 - B)x_t$ - considered a linear filter since it filters out linear trend.
i.e. first difference

2.1.2 MA(1)

$x_t = w_t + \theta_1 + w_{t-1} = (1 + \theta_1 B)w_t$ (AR Model Form)

$$\begin{aligned} (1 - 0.7B)(1 - B)x_t &= w_t \\ \rightarrow (1 - 1.7B + 0.7B^2)x_t &= w_t \\ \rightarrow (x_t = 1.7x_{t-1} - 0.7x_{t-2} + w_t) \end{aligned} \tag{7}$$

Aside: Time series predicts future values. Regression is for estimation within known values.

2.1.3 Functional Differencing

Use $-0.5 \leq B \leq 0.5$ to do differencing

long memory: for $h \rightarrow \infty$, $\rho(h) \rightarrow 0$ *slowly* **short memory:** for $h \rightarrow \infty$, $\rho(h) \rightarrow 0$ *quickly*

2.2 ARIMA

AR-I-MA

AR: Autoregressive I: Integrated (differencing) MA: Moving Average

2.2.1 AR(1)

Uses p past observations to predict future observations. The preset value is predicted by a linear combination of previous time points.

$$\begin{aligned} x_t &= \phi_1 x_{t-1} + \phi_2 x_{t-2} + \dots + \phi_p x_{t-p} + w_t \\ [\phi_1, \phi_p] &\text{ - unknown parameters} \\ (1 - \phi_1 B - \phi_2 B^2 - \dots - \phi_p B^p)x_t &= w_t \\ \rightarrow \phi(B)x_t &= w_t \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} x_t &= \phi x_{t-2} + w_t \\ &= \phi(\phi x_{t-2} + w_{t-1}) + w_t \\ &= \phi^2(x_{t-2} + \phi w_{t-1} + w_t) \\ &\dots \\ &= \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \phi^j w_{t-j} \end{aligned} \tag{8}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
E(x_t) &= E\left(\sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \phi^j w_{t-j}\right) = 0 \\
\gamma(x_t) &= E(X_t x_{t+h}) - E(x_t)E(x_{t+h}) \\
&= E(x_t x_{t+h}) \text{ when } \mu = 0 \\
\gamma(0) &= \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \phi^j w_{t-j} \\
&= \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \phi^{2j} \text{var}(w_{t-j}) \\
&= \sigma_w^2 \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \phi^{2j} = \frac{\sigma_w^2}{1 - \phi^2} \text{ where } h = 0
\end{aligned} \tag{9}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\gamma(h) &= \frac{\phi^h \sigma_w^2}{1 - \phi^2} \\
\rho(h) &= \frac{\gamma(h)}{\gamma(0)} = \phi^h
\end{aligned} \tag{10}$$

Given $|\phi| < 1$, an AR(1) Model can be expressed as a MA(1) Model (i.e. a sum of w_t 's).

2.2.2 MA(1)

$$\gamma(h) = \begin{cases} \sigma_w^2(1 + \theta_1^2) & h = 0 \\ \theta_1 \sigma_w^2 & h = 1 \\ 0 & h \geq 2 \end{cases} \tag{11}$$

$$\rho(h) = \begin{cases} 1 & h = 0 \\ \frac{\theta_1}{(1 + \theta_1^2)} & h = 1 \\ 0 & h > 1 \end{cases} \tag{12}$$

2.2.3 ARMA(p, q)

$$\begin{aligned}
(1 - \phi_1 B - \phi_2 B^2 - \dots - \phi_p B^p) x_t &= (1 + \theta_1 B + \theta_2 B^2 + \dots + \theta_q B^q) w_t \\
\rightarrow \phi(B) x_t &= \theta(B) w_t \text{ assuming } x_t \text{ is stationary}
\end{aligned}$$

1. Parameter Redundancy Because AR and MA models can be converted back and forth, parameter redundancy can occur. For example, $ARMA(2, 1) == AR(1)$. This mostly happens for theoretical data but R will throw an error if this happens. Can use `polyroot()` to debug.