

Homework 7

DATA130021 Financial Econometrics

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Problem 1

Let Y_t be an MA(2) process,

$$Y_t = \mu + \epsilon_t + \theta_1 \epsilon_{t-1} + \theta_2 \epsilon_{t-2}.$$

Find formulas for the autocovariance and autocorrelation functions of Y_t

Solution:

Recall the definition of autocovariance and autocorrelation functions, we have

$$\gamma(h) = \text{Cov}(Y_t, Y_{t+h}) = \gamma(0)\rho(h).$$

Find the variance of Y_t , we have

$$\begin{aligned}\gamma(0) &= \text{Var}(Y_t) \\ &= \text{Var}(\mu + \epsilon_t + \theta_1 \epsilon_{t-1} + \theta_2 \epsilon_{t-2}) \\ &= \text{Var}(\epsilon_t) + \theta_1^2 \text{Var}(\epsilon_{t-1}) + \theta_2^2 \text{Var}(\epsilon_{t-2}) \\ &= (1 + \theta_1^2 + \theta_2^2)\sigma^2.\end{aligned}$$

When $h > 2$, we have

$$\begin{cases} Y_t = \mu + \epsilon_t + \theta_1 \epsilon_{t-1} + \theta_2 \epsilon_{t-2} \\ Y_{t+h} = \mu + \epsilon_{t+h} + \theta_1 \epsilon_{t+h-1} + \theta_2 \epsilon_{t+h-2} \end{cases},$$

then $t-2 < t-1 < t < t+h-2 < t+h-1 < t+h$. Since $\epsilon_t \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \sigma^2)$, then $\text{Cov}(Y_i, Y_j) = 0$ where $i, j \in \{t-2, t-1, t, t+h-2, t+h-1, t+h\}$. Hence,

$$\begin{aligned}\gamma(h) &= \text{Cov}(Y_t, Y_{t+h}) \\ &= \text{Cov}(\mu + \epsilon_t + \theta_1 \epsilon_{t-1} + \theta_2 \epsilon_{t-2}, \mu + \epsilon_{t+h} + \theta_1 \epsilon_{t+h-1} + \theta_2 \epsilon_{t+h-2}) \\ &= \text{Cov}(\epsilon_t, \epsilon_{t+h}) + \theta_1 \text{Cov}(\epsilon_t, \epsilon_{t+h-1}) + \theta_2 \text{Cov}(\epsilon_t, \epsilon_{t+h-2}) \\ &\quad + \theta_1 \text{Cov}(\epsilon_{t-1}, \epsilon_{t+h}) + \theta_1^2 \text{Cov}(\epsilon_{t-1}, \epsilon_{t+h-1}) + \theta_1 \theta_2 \text{Cov}(\epsilon_{t-1}, \epsilon_{t+h-2}) \\ &\quad + \theta_2 \text{Cov}(\epsilon_{t-2}, \epsilon_{t+h}) + \theta_2 \theta_1 \text{Cov}(\epsilon_{t-2}, \epsilon_{t+h-1}) + \theta_2^2 \text{Cov}(\epsilon_{t-2}, \epsilon_{t+h-2}) \\ &= 0,\end{aligned}$$

and

$$\rho(h) = \frac{\gamma(h)}{\gamma(0)} = 0.$$

When $h = 2$, we have

$$\begin{cases} Y_t = \mu + \epsilon_t + \theta_1 \epsilon_{t-1} + \theta_2 \epsilon_{t-2} \\ Y_{t+2} = \mu + \epsilon_{t+2} + \theta_1 \epsilon_{t+1} + \theta_2 \epsilon_t \end{cases},$$

then

$$\begin{aligned} \gamma(2) &= \text{Cov}(Y_t, Y_{t+2}) \\ &= \text{Cov}(\mu + \epsilon_t + \theta_1 \epsilon_{t-1} + \theta_2 \epsilon_{t-2}, \mu + \epsilon_{t+2} + \theta_1 \epsilon_{t+1} + \theta_2 \epsilon_t) \\ &= \text{Cov}(\epsilon_t, \epsilon_{t+2}) + \theta_1 \text{Cov}(\epsilon_t, \epsilon_{t+1}) + \theta_2 \text{Cov}(\epsilon_t, \epsilon_t) \\ &\quad + \theta_1 \text{Cov}(\epsilon_{t-1}, \epsilon_{t+2}) + \theta_1^2 \text{Cov}(\epsilon_{t-1}, \epsilon_{t+1}) + \theta_1 \theta_2 \text{Cov}(\epsilon_{t-1}, \epsilon_t) \\ &\quad + \theta_2 \text{Cov}(\epsilon_{t-2}, \epsilon_{t+2}) + \theta_2 \theta_1 \text{Cov}(\epsilon_{t-2}, \epsilon_{t+1}) + \theta_2^2 \text{Cov}(\epsilon_{t-2}, \epsilon_t) \\ &= \theta_2 \text{Var}(\epsilon_t) \\ &= \theta_2 \sigma^2, \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\rho(2) = \frac{\gamma(2)}{\gamma(0)} = \frac{\theta_2 \sigma^2}{(1 + \theta_1^2 + \theta_2^2) \sigma^2} = \frac{\theta_2}{1 + \theta_1^2 + \theta_2^2}.$$

When $h = 1$, we have

$$\begin{cases} Y_t = \mu + \epsilon_t + \theta_1 \epsilon_{t-1} + \theta_2 \epsilon_{t-2} \\ Y_{t+1} = \mu + \epsilon_{t+1} + \theta_1 \epsilon_t + \theta_2 \epsilon_{t-1} \end{cases},$$

then

$$\begin{aligned} \gamma(1) &= \text{Cov}(Y_t, Y_{t+1}) \\ &= \text{Cov}(\mu + \epsilon_t + \theta_1 \epsilon_{t-1} + \theta_2 \epsilon_{t-2}, \mu + \epsilon_{t+1} + \theta_1 \epsilon_t + \theta_2 \epsilon_{t-1}) \\ &= \text{Cov}(\epsilon_t, \epsilon_{t+1}) + \theta_1 \text{Cov}(\epsilon_t, \epsilon_t) + \theta_2 \text{Cov}(\epsilon_t, \epsilon_{t-1}) \\ &\quad + \theta_1 \text{Cov}(\epsilon_{t-1}, \epsilon_{t+1}) + \theta_1^2 \text{Cov}(\epsilon_{t-1}, \epsilon_t) + \theta_1 \theta_2 \text{Cov}(\epsilon_{t-1}, \epsilon_{t-1}) \\ &\quad + \theta_2 \text{Cov}(\epsilon_{t-2}, \epsilon_{t+1}) + \theta_2 \theta_1 \text{Cov}(\epsilon_{t-2}, \epsilon_t) + \theta_2^2 \text{Cov}(\epsilon_{t-2}, \epsilon_{t-1}) \\ &= \theta_1 \text{Var}(\epsilon_t) + \theta_1 \theta_2 \text{Var}(\epsilon_{t-1}) \\ &= \theta_1 (1 + \theta_2) \sigma^2, \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\rho(1) = \frac{\gamma(1)}{\gamma(0)} = \frac{\theta_1 (1 + \theta_2) \sigma^2}{(1 + \theta_1^2 + \theta_2^2) \sigma^2} = \frac{\theta_1 (1 + \theta_2)}{1 + \theta_1^2 + \theta_2^2}.$$

When $h = 0$, we have

$$\gamma(0) = (1 + \theta_1^2 + \theta_2^2) \sigma^2,$$

and

$$\rho(0) = 1.$$

Hence, we can conclude that the autocovariance and autocorrelation functions of Y_t are

$$\gamma(h) = \begin{cases} 0, & h > 2 \\ \theta_2 \sigma^2, & h = 2 \\ \theta_1 (1 + \theta_2) \sigma^2, & h = 1 \\ (1 + \theta_1^2 + \theta_2^2) \sigma^2, & h = 0 \end{cases},$$

and

$$\rho(h) = \begin{cases} 0, & h > 2 \\ \frac{\theta_2}{1+\theta_1^2+\theta_2^2}, & h = 2 \\ \frac{\theta_1(1+\theta_2)}{1+\theta_1^2+\theta_2^2}, & h = 1 \\ 1, & h = 0 \end{cases}.$$

Problem 2

The MA(2) model $Y_t = \mu + \epsilon_t + \theta_1\epsilon_{t-1} + \theta_2\epsilon_{t-2}$ was fit to data and the estimates are

Parameter	Estimate
μ	45
θ_1	0.3
θ_2	-0.15

The last two values of the observed time series and residuals are

t	Y_t	$\hat{\epsilon}_t$
$n-1$	39.8	-4.3
n	42.7	1.5

Find the forecasts of Y_{n+1} and Y_{n+2} .

Solution:

From the definition, we know that the forecasts of Y_{n+k} are

$$\hat{Y}_{n+k} = \mathbb{E}[Y_{n+k}|Y_n, Y_{n-1}, \dots, Y_1], \quad k > 0.$$

The forecast of Y_{n+1} is

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{Y}_{n+1} &= \mathbb{E}[Y_{n+1}|Y_n, Y_{n-1}, \dots, Y_1] \\ &= \mathbb{E}[\mu + \epsilon_{n+1} + \theta_1\epsilon_n + \theta_2\epsilon_{n-1}|Y_n, Y_{n-1}, \dots, Y_1] \\ &= \mu + \mathbb{E}[\epsilon_{n+1}|Y_n, Y_{n-1}, \dots, Y_1] + \theta_1\mathbb{E}[\epsilon_n|Y_n, Y_{n-1}, \dots, Y_1] + \theta_2\mathbb{E}[\epsilon_{n-1}|Y_n, Y_{n-1}, \dots, Y_1] \\ &= \mu + 0 + \theta_1\hat{\epsilon}_n + \theta_2\hat{\epsilon}_{n-1} \\ &= 45 + 0 + 0.3 \times 1.5 + 0.15 \times 4.3 \\ &= 46.095 \approx 46.1. \end{aligned}$$

The forecast of Y_{n+2} is

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{Y}_{n+2} &= \mathbb{E}[Y_{n+2}|Y_n, Y_{n-1}, \dots, Y_1] \\ &= \mathbb{E}[\mu + \epsilon_{n+2} + \theta_1\epsilon_{n+1} + \theta_2\epsilon_n|Y_n, Y_{n-1}, \dots, Y_1] \\ &= \mu + \mathbb{E}[\epsilon_{n+2}|Y_n, Y_{n-1}, \dots, Y_1] + \theta_1\mathbb{E}[\epsilon_{n+1}|Y_n, Y_{n-1}, \dots, Y_1] + \theta_2\mathbb{E}[\epsilon_n|Y_n, Y_{n-1}, \dots, Y_1] \\ &= \mu + 0 + 0 + \theta_2\hat{\epsilon}_n \\ &= 45 + 0 + 0 - 0.15 \times 1.5 \\ &= 44.775 \approx 44.8. \end{aligned}$$

Problem 3

Simulate 300 time series observations from an MA(2) model

$$Y_t = \mu + \epsilon_t + \theta_1 \epsilon_{t-1} + \theta_2 \epsilon_{t-2},$$

with

- (a) $\theta_1 > 0, \theta_2 > 0$.
- (b) $\theta_1 < 0, \theta_2 > 0$.
- (c) $\theta_1 > 0, \theta_2 < 0$.
- (d) $\theta_1 < 0, \theta_2 < 0$.

Plot both ACF and PACF for each model. Considering the result in Problem 1, what do you observe?

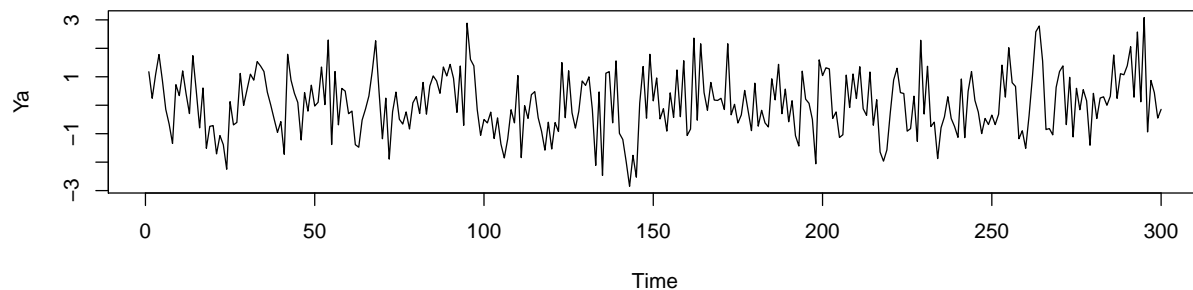
Solution:

For simplicity, we set $\mu = 0$.

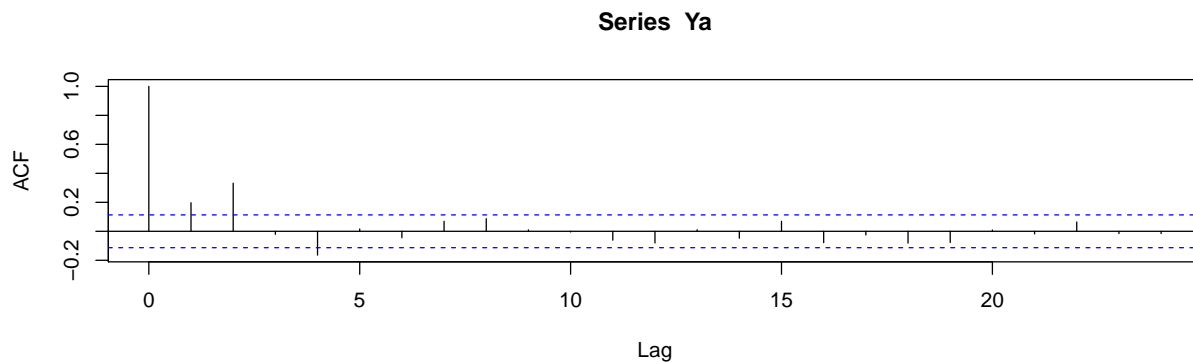
- (a) $\theta_1 = 0.2, \theta_2 = 0.6$

Simulate 300 time series observations from $Y_t = \epsilon_t + 0.2\epsilon_{t-1} + 0.6\epsilon_{t-2}$ as follow.

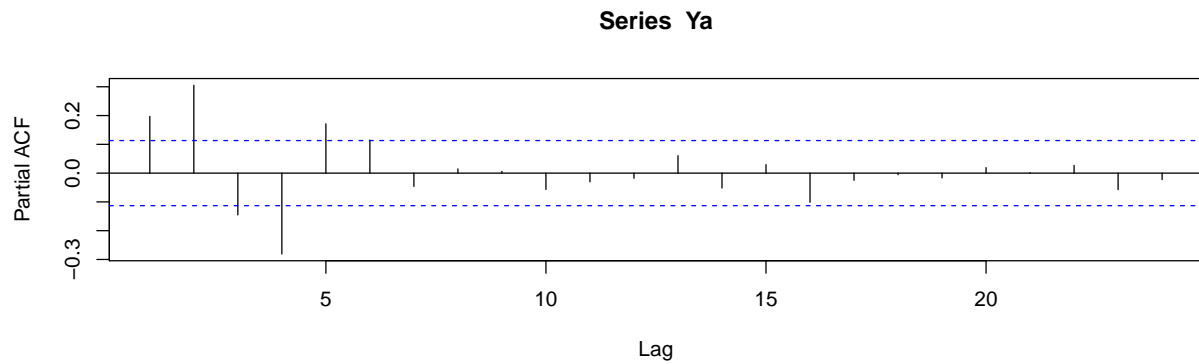
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set.seed(123)
Ya <- arima.sim(n=300, model=list(order=c(0, 0, 2), ma=c(0.2, 0.6)))
plot(Ya, type="l")
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acf(Ya)
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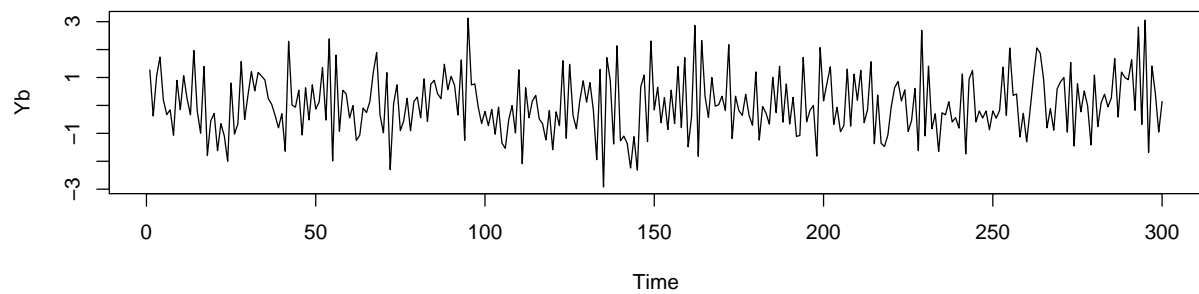
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pacf(Ya)
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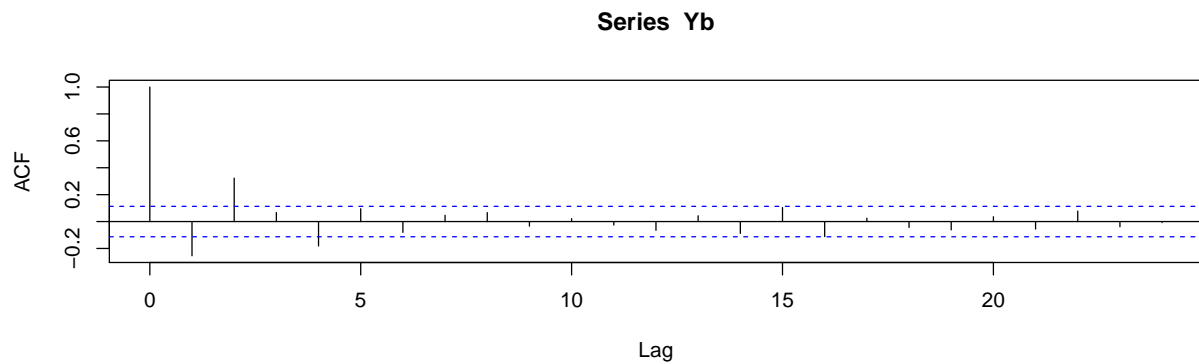
(b) $\theta_1 = -0.2, \theta_2 = 0.6$

Simulate 300 time series observations from $Y_t = \epsilon_t - 0.2\epsilon_{t-1} + 0.6\epsilon_{t-2}$ as follow.

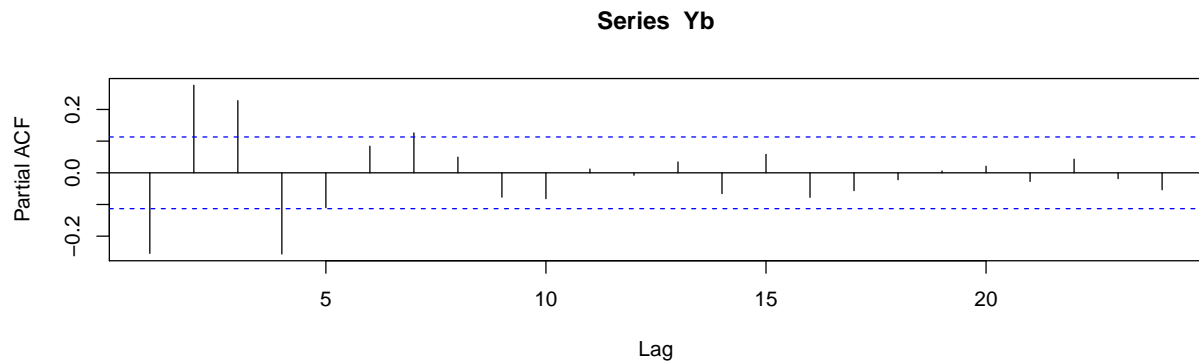
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set.seed(123)
Yb <- arima.sim(n=300, model=list(order=c(0, 0, 2), ma=c(-0.2, 0.6)))
plot(Yb, type="l")
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acf(Yb)
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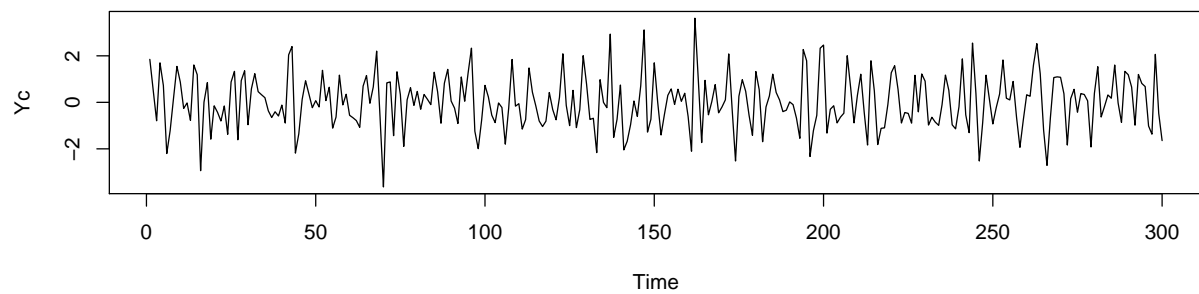
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pacf(Yb)
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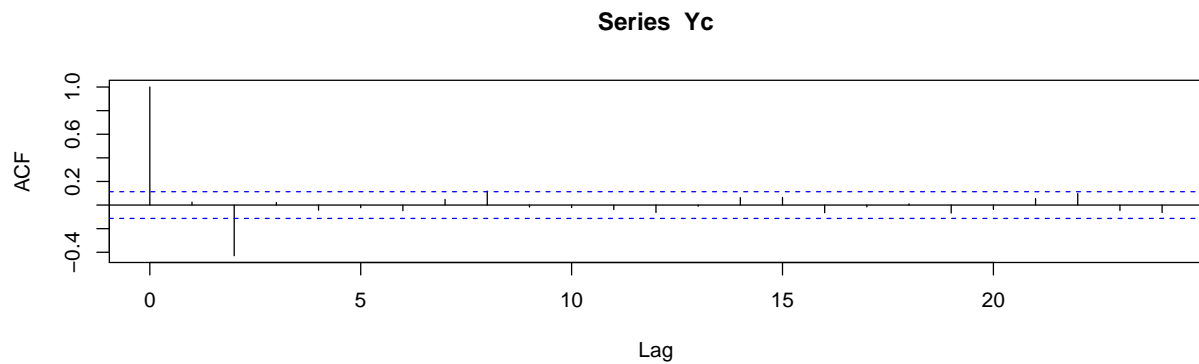
(c) $\theta_1 = 0.2$, $\theta_2 = -0.6$

Simulate 300 time series observations from $Y_t = \epsilon_t + 0.2\epsilon_{t-1} - 0.6\epsilon_{t-2}$ as follow.

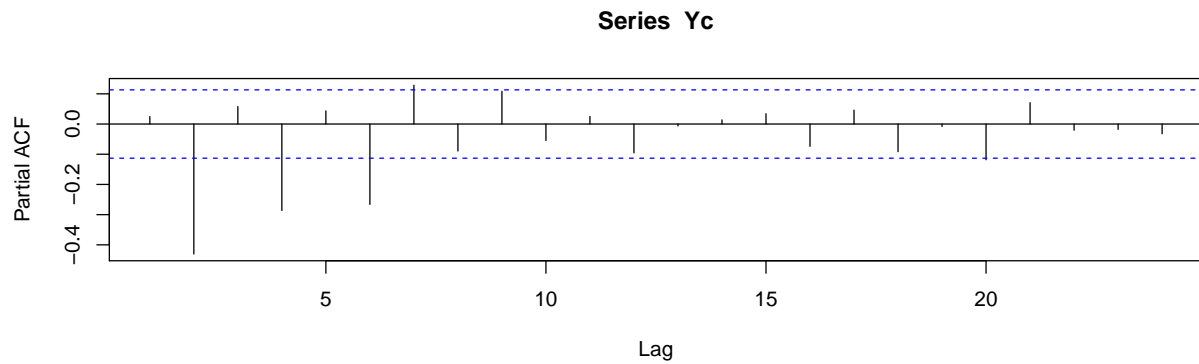
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set.seed(123)
Yc <- arima.sim(n=300, model=list(order=c(0, 0, 2), ma=c(0.2, -0.6)))
plot(Yc, type="l")
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acf(Yc)
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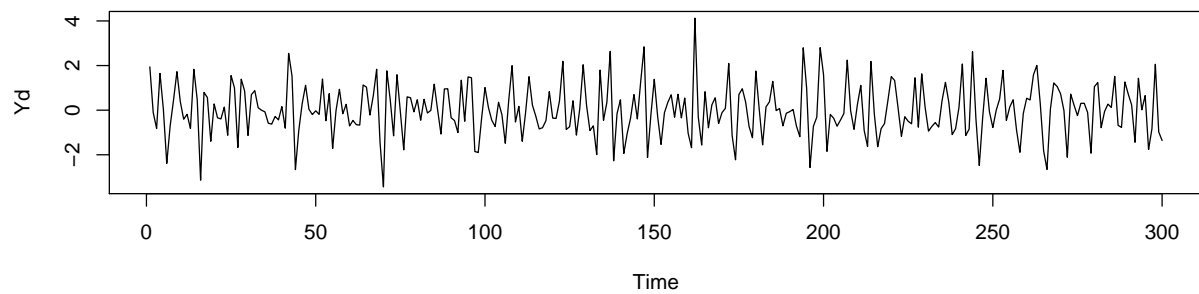
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pacf(Yc)
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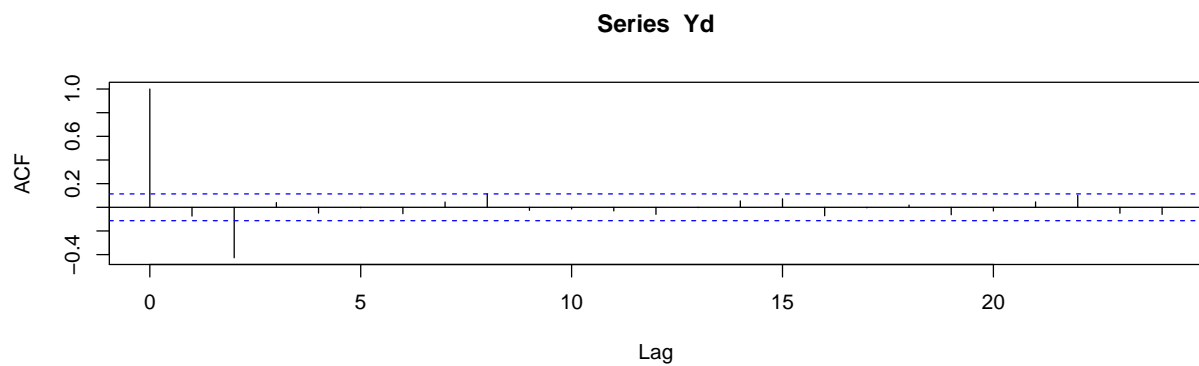
(d) $\theta_1 = -0.2$, $\theta_2 = -0.6$

Simulate 300 time series observations from $Y_t = \epsilon_t - 0.2\epsilon_{t-1} - 0.6\epsilon_{t-2}$ as follow.

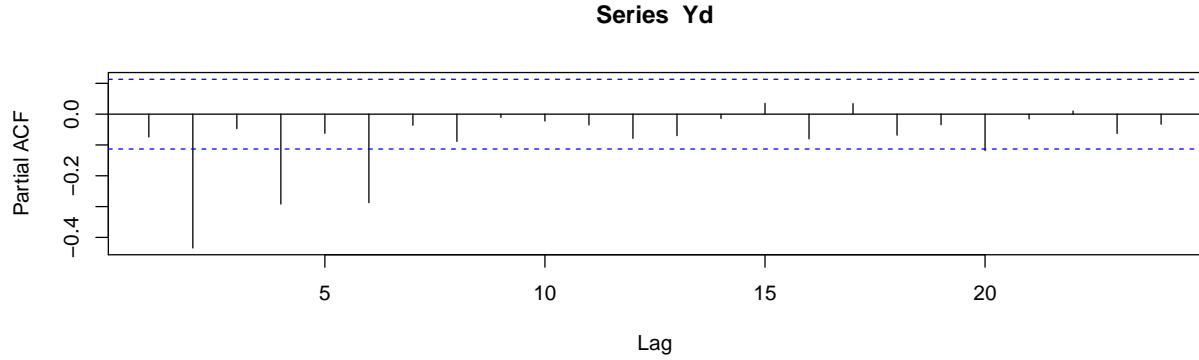
```
set.seed(123)
Yd <- arima.sim(n=300, model=list(order=c(0, 0, 2), ma=c(-0.2, -0.6)))
plot(Yd, type="l")
```



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acf(Yd)
```



pacf(Yd)



Observation:

- ACF shows the signs and significances of θ_1 and θ_2 for these MA(2) models.
- If $\theta_1 > 0$, then there is a positive peak at lag 1 in ACF; If $\theta_1 < 0$, then there is a negative peak at lag 1 in ACF.
- If $\theta_2 > 0$, then there is a positive peak at lag 2 in ACF; If $\theta_2 < 0$, then there is a negative peak at lag 2 in ACF.
- In ACF, all lags larger than 2 are not significant for MA(2) model. Hence, we can use ACF to observe the significant peaks at lags smaller than p to get p for any MA(p) model.
- Comparing to the results of Problem 1, we find that all peaks at lags larger than 2 in MA(2) model are close to 0, which are consistent with the theoretical results.

Problem 4*

For an ARMA(1, 1) model

$$Y_t - \mu = \phi_1(Y_{t-1} - \mu) + \epsilon_t + \theta_1\epsilon_{t-1}.$$

(a) Write it into a pure MA process. (Determine the coefficients of MA by using ϕ_1, θ_1)

Solution:

From the assumption, we have

$$\begin{aligned} Y_t - \mu &= \phi_1(Y_{t-1} - \mu) + \epsilon_t + \theta_1\epsilon_{t-1} \\ &= \phi_1(\phi_1(Y_{t-2} - \mu) + \epsilon_{t-1} + \theta_1\epsilon_{t-2}) + \epsilon_t + \theta_1\epsilon_{t-1} \\ &= \phi_1^2(Y_{t-2} - \mu) + \epsilon_t + (\phi_1 + \theta_1)\epsilon_{t-1} + \phi_1\theta_1\epsilon_{t-2} \\ &= \phi_1^2(\phi_1(Y_{t-3} - \mu) + \epsilon_{t-2} + \theta_1\epsilon_{t-3}) + \epsilon_t + (\phi_1 + \theta_1)\epsilon_{t-1} + \phi_1\theta_1\epsilon_{t-2} \\ &= \phi_1^3(Y_{t-3} - \mu) + \epsilon_t + (\phi_1 + \theta_1)\epsilon_{t-1} + \phi_1(\phi_1 + \theta_1)\epsilon_{t-2} + \phi_1^2\theta_1\epsilon_{t-3} \\ &= \lim_{k \rightarrow +\infty} \phi_1^k(Y_{t-k} - \mu) + \epsilon_t + (\phi_1 + \theta_1)\epsilon_{t-1} + \phi_1(\phi_1 + \theta_1)\epsilon_{t-2} + \cdots + \phi_1^{k-1}(\phi_1 + \theta_1)\epsilon_{t-k} + \cdots \\ &= \epsilon_t + \sum_{i=1}^{+\infty} \phi_1^{i-1}(\phi_1 + \theta_1)\epsilon_{t-i}, \end{aligned}$$

and this implies that

$$Y_t = \mu + \epsilon_t + \sum_{i=1}^{+\infty} \phi_1^{i-1} (\phi_1 + \theta_1) \epsilon_{t-i} = \mu + \epsilon_t + \sum_{i=1}^{+\infty} \tilde{\theta}_i \epsilon_{t-i},$$

where $\tilde{\theta}_i = \phi_1^{i-1} (\phi_1 + \theta_1)$, which means that $\{Y_t\}$ is an MA(∞) process.

(b) Find the ACF of it.

Solution:

First calculate the variance of Y_t

$$\begin{aligned} \gamma(0) &= \text{Var}(Y_t) = \text{Var}\left(\mu + \epsilon_t + \sum_{i=1}^{+\infty} \tilde{\theta}_i \epsilon_{t-i}\right) \\ &= \text{Var}(\epsilon_t) + \sum_{i=1}^{+\infty} \text{Var}(\tilde{\theta}_i \epsilon_{t-i}) \\ &= \sigma^2 + \sum_{i=1}^{+\infty} \tilde{\theta}_i^2 \text{Var}(\epsilon_{t-i}) = \sigma^2 \left(1 + \sum_{i=1}^{+\infty} \tilde{\theta}_i^2\right) \\ &= \sigma^2 \left(1 + \sum_{i=1}^{+\infty} \phi_1^{2i-2} (\phi_1 + \theta_1)^2\right) \\ &= \sigma^2 \left(1 + (\phi_1 + \theta_1)^2 \left(\sum_{i=0}^{+\infty} (\phi_1^2)^i\right)\right) \\ &= \sigma^2 \left(1 + \frac{(\phi_1 + \theta_1)^2}{1 - \phi_1^2}\right) = \frac{1 + 2\theta_1\phi_1 + \theta_1^2}{1 - \phi_1^2} \sigma^2. \end{aligned}$$

Since $\epsilon \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \sigma^2)$, when $h = 1$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \gamma(1) &= \text{Cov}(Y_t, Y_{t+1}) = \text{Cov}\left(\mu + \epsilon_t + \sum_{i=1}^{+\infty} \tilde{\theta}_i \epsilon_{t-i}, \mu + \epsilon_{t+1} + \sum_{i=1}^{+\infty} \tilde{\theta}_i \epsilon_{t-i+1}\right) \\ &= \text{Cov}\left(\epsilon_t + \sum_{i=1}^{+\infty} \tilde{\theta}_i \epsilon_{t-i}, \epsilon_{t+1} + \tilde{\theta}_1 \epsilon_t + \sum_{i=2}^{+\infty} \tilde{\theta}_i \epsilon_{t-i+1}\right) \\ &= \text{Cov}(\epsilon_t, \tilde{\theta}_1 \epsilon_t) + \text{Cov}\left(\sum_{i=1}^{+\infty} \tilde{\theta}_i \epsilon_{t-i}, \sum_{i=1}^{+\infty} \tilde{\theta}_{i+1} \epsilon_{t-i}\right) \\ &= \tilde{\theta}_1 \text{Var}(\epsilon_t) + \sum_{i=1}^{+\infty} \tilde{\theta}_i \tilde{\theta}_{i+1} \text{Var}(\epsilon_{t-i}) = \sigma^2 \left(\tilde{\theta}_1 + \sum_{i=1}^{+\infty} \tilde{\theta}_i \tilde{\theta}_{i+1}\right) \\ &= \sigma^2 \left(\phi_1 + \theta_1 + \sum_{i=1}^{+\infty} \phi_1^{i-1} (\phi_1 + \theta_1) \phi_1^i (\phi_1 + \theta_1)\right) \\ &= \sigma^2 (\phi_1 + \theta_1) \left(1 + \phi_1 (\phi_1 + \theta_1) \sum_{i=0}^{+\infty} (\phi_1^2)^i\right) \\ &= \sigma^2 (\phi_1 + \theta_1) \left(1 + \frac{\phi_1 (\phi_1 + \theta_1)}{1 - \phi_1^2}\right) \\ &= \frac{(\phi_1 + \theta_1)(1 + \phi_1 \theta_1)}{1 - \phi_1^2} \sigma^2. \end{aligned}$$

When $h > 1$, we can derive that

$$\begin{aligned}
\gamma(h) &= \text{Cov}(Y_t, Y_{t+h}) \\
&= \text{Cov}\left(\mu + \epsilon_t + \sum_{i=1}^{+\infty} \tilde{\theta}_i \epsilon_{t-i}, \mu + \epsilon_{t+h} + \sum_{i=1}^{+\infty} \tilde{\theta}_i \epsilon_{t+h-i}\right) \\
&= \text{Cov}\left(\epsilon_t + \sum_{i=1}^{+\infty} \tilde{\theta}_i \epsilon_{t-i}, \epsilon_{t+h} + \sum_{i=1}^{h-1} \tilde{\theta}_i \epsilon_{t+h-i} + \sum_{i=h}^{+\infty} \tilde{\theta}_i \epsilon_{t+h-i}\right) \\
&= \text{Cov}\left(\epsilon_t + \sum_{i=1}^{+\infty} \tilde{\theta}_i \epsilon_{t-i}, \epsilon_{t+h} + \sum_{i=1}^{h-1} \tilde{\theta}_i \epsilon_{t+h-i}\right) + \text{Cov}\left(\epsilon_t + \sum_{i=1}^{+\infty} \tilde{\theta}_i \epsilon_{t-i}, \sum_{i=h}^{+\infty} \tilde{\theta}_i \epsilon_{t+h-i}\right) \\
&= 0 + \text{Cov}\left(\epsilon_t + \sum_{i=1}^{+\infty} \tilde{\theta}_i \epsilon_{t-i}, \tilde{\theta}_h \epsilon_t + \sum_{i=1}^{+\infty} \tilde{\theta}_{i+h} \epsilon_{t-i}\right) \\
&= \text{Cov}(\epsilon_t, \tilde{\theta}_h \epsilon_t) + \sum_{i=1}^{+\infty} \text{Cov}(\tilde{\theta}_i \epsilon_{t-i}, \tilde{\theta}_{i+h} \epsilon_{t-i}) \\
&= \tilde{\theta}_h \text{Var}(\epsilon_t) + \sum_{i=1}^{+\infty} \tilde{\theta}_i \tilde{\theta}_{i+h} \text{Var}(\epsilon_{t-i}) \\
&= \sigma^2 \left(\tilde{\theta}_h + \sum_{i=1}^{+\infty} \tilde{\theta}_i \tilde{\theta}_{i+h} \right) \\
&= \sigma^2 \left(\phi_1^{h-1} (\phi_1 + \theta_1) + \sum_{i=1}^{+\infty} \phi_1^{i-1} (\phi_1 + \theta_1) \phi_1^{i+h-1} (\phi_1 + \theta_1) \right) \\
&= \sigma^2 \phi_1^{h-1} (\phi_1 + \theta_1) \left(1 + \phi_1 (\phi_1 + \theta_1) \sum_{i=0}^{+\infty} (\phi_1^2)^i \right) \\
&= \sigma^2 \phi_1^{h-1} (\phi_1 + \theta_1) \left(1 + \frac{\phi_1 (\phi_1 + \theta_1)}{1 - \phi_1^2} \right) = \sigma^2 \phi_1^{h-1} (\phi_1 + \theta_1) \frac{1 + \phi_1 \theta_1}{1 - \phi_1^2} \\
&= \frac{\phi_1^{h-1} (\phi_1 + \theta_1) (1 + \phi_1 \theta_1)}{1 - \phi_1^2} \sigma^2.
\end{aligned}$$

Hence, we get the autocovariance function as

$$\gamma(h) = \begin{cases} \frac{1 + 2\theta_1 \phi_1 + \theta_1^2}{1 - \phi_1^2} \sigma^2, & h = 0 \\ \frac{\phi_1^{h-1} (\phi_1 + \theta_1) (1 + \phi_1 \theta_1)}{1 - \phi_1^2} \sigma^2, & h \geq 1 \end{cases}$$

and the ACF of ARMA(1, 1) as

$$\rho(h) = \begin{cases} 1, & h = 0 \\ \frac{\phi_1^{h-1} (\phi_1 + \theta_1) (1 + \phi_1 \theta_1)}{1 + 2\theta_1 \phi_1 + \theta_1^2}, & h \geq 1 \end{cases}$$