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# Time Series Analysis

## MS 4218

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# Outline

Model Specification

Estimation of model parameters

- ▶ Method-of-Moments(MoM)
- ▶ Least squares
- ▶ Maximum likelihood

## Arima model $?(p, d, q)$

If model is an  $ARMA(p, q)$  stationary model, the values of  $\phi_1, \dots, \phi_p$  and  $\theta_1, \dots, \theta_q$  need to be found.

If model is non-stationary  $Arima(p, d, q)$ , the  $d^{th}$  difference of the original time series is a stationary  $ARMA(p, q)$ , and again, the  $\phi_1, \dots, \phi_p$  and  $\theta_1, \dots, \theta_q$  parameters need to be estimated.

If there is a non-zero mean,  $\mu$ , then it also needs to be estimated.

Likewise  $\sigma_e^2 = Var(e_t)$  needs to be estimated.

## Method-of-Moments estimation of parameters

Uses sample moments to estimate corresponding theoretical moments, e.g.,

sample mean  $\bar{x}$  to estimate the theoretical population mean  $\mu$ .

In TSLecture3 Page 9, we saw that this estimator was heavily influenced by auto-correlation in the data.

$$\text{Var}(\bar{Y}) = \frac{\gamma_0}{n} \left\{ 1 + 2 \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} \left( 1 - \frac{|k|}{n} \right) \rho_k \right\}.$$

If  $\rho_k < 0$ ,  $\text{Var}(\bar{Y})$  decreases and if  $\rho_k > 0$ ,  $\text{Var}(\bar{Y})$  increases.

## MoM estimation for AR models: See TSlecture 4b

In an AR(1) model, the theoretical auto-correlation  $\rho_1 = \phi$ .

The MoM estimate of  $\rho_1$  is  $r_1$ , the sample auto-correlation coefficient, and  $r_1$  is then used to estimate  $\phi$ , i.e.,  $r_1 = \hat{\phi}$ .

For an AR(2) process,  $\phi_1$  and  $\phi_2$  need to be estimated.

The Yule-Walker equations here are:

$$\rho_k = \phi_1 \rho_{k-1} + \phi_2 \rho_{k-2}.$$

$$\rho_1 = \phi_1 \rho_0 + \phi_2 \rho_{-1} = \phi_1 + \phi_2 \rho_1.$$

$$\rho_2 = \phi_1 \rho_1 + \phi_2 \rho_0 = \phi_1 \rho_1 + \phi_2.$$

## MoM estimator of AR(2) models cont.

For MoM estimates of  $\phi_1$  and  $\phi_2$ , replace  $\rho$ 's with  $r$ 's.

$$r_1 = \phi_1 + \phi_2 r_1.$$

$$r_2 = r_1 \phi_1 + \phi_2.$$

Solving these equations for  $\phi_1$  and  $\phi_2$  yields

$$\hat{\phi}_1 = \frac{r_1(1 - r_2)}{1 - r_1^2}.$$

$$\hat{\phi}_2 = \frac{r_2 - r_1^2}{1 - r_1^2}.$$

## MoM estimator of AR( $p$ ) models cont.

Replace  $\rho$ 's with  $r$ 's in full Yule-Walker equations.

$$r_1 = \phi_1 + \phi_2 r_1 + \phi_3 r_2 + \cdots + \phi_p r_{p-1}.$$

$$r_2 = \phi_1 r_1 + \phi_2 + \phi_3 r_1 + \cdots + \phi_p r_{p-2}.$$

$$\vdots$$

$$r_p = \phi_1 r_{p-1} + \phi_2 r_{p-2} + \phi_3 r_{p-3} + \cdots + \phi_p.$$

These linear equations are then solved for  $\hat{\phi}_1, \dots, \hat{\phi}_p$ , which are called the Yule-Walker estimates.

## MoM estimates for MA(1) models: See TSlecture4a

For an MA(1) model, the theoretical auto-correlation function is

$$\rho_1 = -\frac{\theta}{1 + \theta^2}, \quad (\rho_{\max} = |0.5|).$$

$$r_1 = -\frac{\theta}{1 + \theta^2}.$$

$$r_1 \theta^2 + \theta + r_1 = 0.$$

$$\Rightarrow \hat{\theta} = -\frac{1}{2r_1} \pm \sqrt{\frac{1}{4r_1^2} - 1}.$$

$\exists$  a Real solution if  $\frac{1}{4r_1^2} - 1 > 0$ , i.e.,  $r < |0.5|$ .

If  $r > |0.5|$ ,  $\nexists$  MoM estimate, so ? wrong model choice.



## MoM estimates for MA(2) models: See TSlecture4a

For an MA(2) model, the theoretical auto-correlation function is

$$\rho_k = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } k = 0. \\ \frac{-\theta_1 + \theta_1\theta_2}{1 + \theta_1^2 + \theta_2^2} & \text{if } k = 1. \\ \frac{-\theta_2}{1 + \theta_1^2 + \theta_2^2} & \text{if } k = 2. \\ 0 & \text{if } k > 2. \end{cases}$$

Replacing  $\rho_k$  with  $r_k$  and solving  $\hat{\theta}$ 's results in equations that are non-linear in  $\theta$ 's.

Thus solutions may possibly be numerical and only invertible solutions are retained.

## MoM estimates for MA( $q$ ) models: See TSlecture4a

For an MA( $q$ ) model, the theoretical auto-correlation function is

$$\rho_k = \begin{cases} \frac{-\theta_k + \theta_1\theta_{k+1} + \dots + \theta_{q-k}\theta_q}{1 + \theta_1^2 + \theta_2^2 + \dots + \theta_q^2} & \text{if } k = 1, 2, \dots, q \\ 0 & \text{if } k > q. \end{cases}$$

Replacing  $\rho_k$  with  $r_k$  and solving  $\hat{\theta}$ 's results in equations that are highly non-linear in  $\theta$ 's and thus solutions, if any, are only numerical.

Only invertible solutions are retained.

## MoM estimates for ARMA( $p = 1, q = 1$ ) models: See TSlecture4c

For an ARMA(1, 1) model, the theoretical auto-correlation function is

$$\rho_k = \frac{(\phi - \theta)(1 - \phi\theta)}{1 - 2\phi\theta + \theta^2} \phi^{k-1}, \text{ for } k \geq 1.$$

We have  $\frac{\rho_2}{\rho_1} = \frac{\rho_3}{\rho_2} = \frac{\rho_k}{\rho_{k-1}} = \phi$ , and so,

$$\hat{\phi} = \frac{r_2}{r_1}.$$

Then solve for  $\hat{\theta}$  using

$$r_1 = \frac{(1 - \theta\hat{\phi})(\hat{\phi} - \theta)}{1 - 2\theta\hat{\phi} + \theta^2},$$

retaining only the invertible solution.

## Estimates of the noise variance $\sigma_e^2$

After estimating  $\phi'$ s and  $\theta'$ s, only  $\sigma_e^2$  still needs estimating.

The process variance  $\gamma_0$  can be estimated by the sample variance  $s^2$ .

$$s^2 = \frac{\sum_{t=1}^n (Y_t - \bar{Y})^2}{n-1}.$$

## Estimates of the noise variance $\sigma_e^2$ for AR models

Equations for  $\gamma_0$  in terms of the AR(p) parameters in  
 TSLecture4b Page 35.

$$\gamma_0 = \frac{\sigma_e^2}{1 - \phi_1\rho_1 - \phi_2\rho_2 - \cdots - \phi_p\rho_p}$$

$$\Rightarrow \hat{\sigma}_e^2 = s^2(1 - \phi_1r_1 - \phi_2r_2 - \cdots - \phi_pr_p).$$

For an AR(1) process

$$\begin{aligned}\hat{\sigma}_e^2 &= s^2(1 - \phi_1r_1) \\ &= s^2(1 - r_1^2),\end{aligned}$$

where  $r_1 = \hat{\phi}_1$ .

## Estimates of the noise variance $\sigma_e^2$ for MA models

Equations for  $\gamma_0$  for MA( $q$ ) parameters in TSLecture4a Page 30.

$$\gamma_0 = (1 + \theta_1^2 + \theta_2^2 + \cdots + \theta_q^2) \sigma_e^2$$

$$\Rightarrow \hat{\sigma}_e^2 = \frac{s^2}{1 + \theta_1^2 + \theta_2^2 + \cdots + \theta_q^2}.$$

Because MoM estimators for MA processes can be numerically difficult to evaluate,  $\hat{\sigma}_e^2$  can likewise be difficult to estimate.

### Estimates of the noise variance $\sigma_e^2$ for ARMA(1,1) model

In TSLecture4c Page 13 we derived an expression for  $\gamma_0$  in terms of the parameters for this model.

$$\gamma_0 = \frac{1 - 2\phi\theta + \theta^2}{1 - \phi^2} \sigma_e^2.$$

$$\Rightarrow \hat{\sigma}_e^2 = \frac{s^2(1 - \hat{\phi}^2)}{1 - 2\hat{\phi}\hat{\theta} + \hat{\theta}^2}.$$

As with purely MA processes, the computations can be numerically difficult to evaluate, and so  $\hat{\sigma}_\theta^2$  can likewise be difficult to estimate.

## Least Squares Estimation

Because with MA and ARMA models, MoM estimates may not be available, other methods are required.

For an AR(1) process with non-zero mean, we need to estimate  $\phi$ ,  $\sigma_e^2$  and  $\mu$ .

$$Y_t - \mu = \phi(Y_{t-1} - \mu) + e_t.$$

The residual for this model is given by:

$$e_t = (Y_t - \mu) - \phi(Y_{t-1} - \mu).$$

The best fitting model has the minimum value of the total sum of squares of the residuals.

$$S_c(\phi, \mu) = \sum_{t=2}^n \{(Y_t - \mu) - \phi(Y_{t-1} - \mu)\}^2, \quad \text{for } (Y_1, \dots, Y_n).$$

This is the conditional sum-of-squares function.





## LSE and AR(1) models

If  $n \uparrow\uparrow$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{n-1} \sum_{t=2}^n Y_t &\approx \frac{1}{n-1} \sum_{t=2}^n Y_{t-1} \\ &\approx \bar{Y}. \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{\mu} &\approx \frac{1}{1-\phi} (\bar{Y} - \phi \bar{Y}) \\ &= \frac{\bar{Y}(1-\phi)}{1-\phi} \\ &= \bar{Y}. \end{aligned}$$

## LSE and AR(1) models cont.

$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{S}_c}{\partial \phi} = \sum_{t=2}^n 2\{(Y_t - \bar{Y}) - \phi(Y_{t-1} - \bar{Y})\}(Y_{t-1} - \bar{Y}) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \hat{\phi} = \frac{\sum_{t=2}^n (Y_t - \bar{Y})(Y_{t-1} - \bar{Y})}{\sum_{t=2}^n (Y_{t-1} - \bar{Y})^2}.$$

Apart from one missing denominator term, this is the same as  $r_1$ .

For large  $n$ , this missing term can be ignored, and thus LSE and MoM estimators are almost identical.

## LSE and AR( $p$ ) models cont.

Using the same techniques, but for  $\phi_1, \dots, \phi_p$  and  $\mu$  parameters, we get  $\hat{\phi}_1, \dots, \hat{\phi}_p$  and  $\hat{\mu}$  results for LSE which are almost identical to their MoM counterparts, i.e., we get the sample Yule-Walker equations:

$$r_1 = \phi_1 + r_1\phi_2 \text{ and } r_2 = r_1\phi_1 + \phi_2.$$

$$\hat{\phi}_1 = \frac{r_1(1 - r_2)}{1 - r_1^2}.$$

$$\hat{\phi}_2 = \frac{r_2 - r_1^2}{1 - r_1^2}.$$

The estimate of the mean,  $\hat{\mu}$  is likewise  $\bar{Y}$ .

## LSE and MA models

An MA(1) process can be expressed as an AR( $\infty$ ) process, - see TSLecture4c Page 3 and LabSolutions5 Q3.

$$\begin{aligned} Y_t &= e_t - \theta e_{t-1}. \\ &= -\theta Y_{t-1} - \theta^2 Y_{t-2} - \dots + e_t. \end{aligned}$$

LSE is obtained from minimising the sum of squared residuals, i.e.,

$$\begin{aligned} S_c(\theta) &= \sum (e_t)^2 \\ &= \sum (Y_t + \theta Y_{t-1} + \theta^2 Y_{t-2} + \theta^3 Y_{t-3} + \dots)^2 \end{aligned}$$

## LSE and MA models cont.

The  $S_c$  equation is non-linear in the parameters and requires numerical optimisation.

Conditional on  $e_0 = 0$ ,  $S_c(\theta)$  can be evaluated for a single value of  $\theta$ .

$$e_1 = Y_1.$$

$$e_2 = Y_2 + \theta e_1$$

$$e_n = Y_n + \theta e_{n-1},$$

and so,  $\sum(e_t)^2$  can be evaluated for that single  $\theta$  value.

An MA(1) process is invertible for  $-1 < \theta < 1$ , and the minimisation process can be computed over a selection of  $\theta$  values in this range to find the optimum LSE.

## LSE and ARMA(1,1) and $(p, q)$ model

The ARMA(1,1) model is defined by:

$$Y_t = \phi Y_{t-1} + e_t - \theta e_{t-1},$$

$$\Rightarrow e_t = Y_t - \phi Y_{t-1} + \theta e_{t-1}$$

The LSE is found by minimising the sum of residual squares

$$S_c(\phi, \theta) = \sum_{t=2}^n e_t^2,$$

For ARMA( $p, q$ ) minimise  $S_c(\phi_1, \dots, \phi_p, \theta_1, \dots, \theta_q)$  numerically to get LSE of the parameters.

## Maximum Likelihood and Unconditional least squares

The likelihood function is the joint probability distribution of obtaining the data actually observed,  $Y_1, \dots, Y_n$ , as a function of the unknown parameters  $L(\phi, \theta, \mu, \sigma_e^2)$  in the model.

The maximum likelihood estimates (mles) of the parameters maximise the likelihood, or equivalently the log likelihood  $l(\phi, \theta, \mu, \sigma_e^2)$  which is mathematically more tractable.

For  $\sigma_e^2$ , the joint density is the product of  $n$  independent Normal densities of  $e_1, \dots, e_n$  terms.

In an AR(1) process, for given values of  $\phi$  and  $\mu$ ,  $l(\phi, \mu, \sigma_e^2)$  can be maximised analytically w.r.t.  $\sigma_e^2$ .

In theory, is most comprehensive and R does all the work!





## Properties of MA estimates

For an MA(1) model

$$\text{Var}(\hat{\theta}) = \frac{1 - \theta^2}{n} \quad (\text{Var} \downarrow \text{ as } \theta \rightarrow 1).$$

For an MA(2) model

$$\text{Var}(\hat{\theta}_1) \approx \text{Var}(\hat{\theta}_2) = \frac{1 - \theta_2^2}{n}.$$

$$\text{Corr}(\hat{\theta}_1, \hat{\theta}_2) \approx -\frac{\theta_1}{1 - \theta_2}.$$

If MA(2) model fitted instead of MA(1),  $\text{Var}(\hat{\theta}_1) \uparrow$ .

## Properties of ARMA estimates

For an ARMA(1,1) model

$$\text{Var}(\hat{\phi}) = \frac{1 - \phi^2}{n} \left( \frac{1 - \phi\theta}{\phi - \theta} \right)^2.$$

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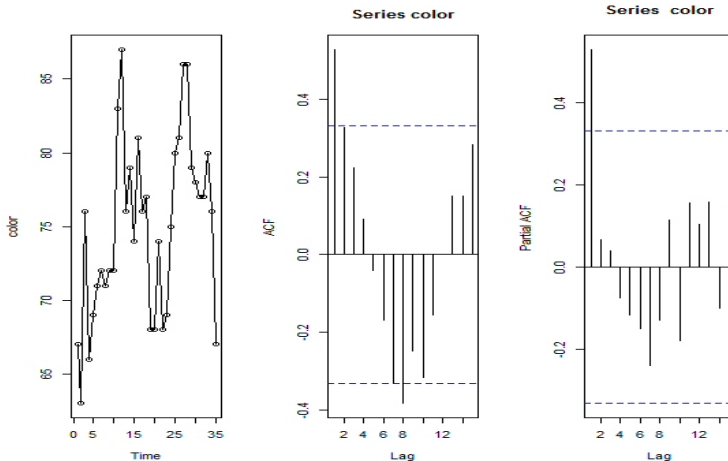
$$\text{Corr}(\hat{\phi}, \hat{\theta}) \approx \frac{\sqrt{(1 - \phi^2)(1 - \theta^2)}}{1 - \phi\theta}.$$

If ARMA(1,1) model fitted instead of AR(1) or MA(1),  $\text{Var}(\hat{\phi})$  and  $\text{Var}(\hat{\theta}) \uparrow$ .

$\text{Var}(\hat{\phi})$  and  $\text{Var}(\hat{\theta})$  also  $\uparrow$  if  $\phi$  and  $\theta$  values are close to one another.

## Colour property series Model Fitting

```
data(color) ; n=length(color)
plot(color,type="o"); acf(color); pacf(color)
```



## Colour property series Model Fitting

```
#Try AR(1) model
a<-acf(color)$acf[1]; a
arima(color,order=c(1,0,0),method="CSS")
arima(color,order=c(1,0,0),method="ML")
```

There is no method of finding MOM estimators with arima().

```
ar(color,order.max=1, AIC=F, method="yw")
ar(color,order.max=1, AIC=F, method="ols")
ar(color,order.max=1, AIC=F, method="mle")
```

## $\hat{\phi}$ values for Colour property series

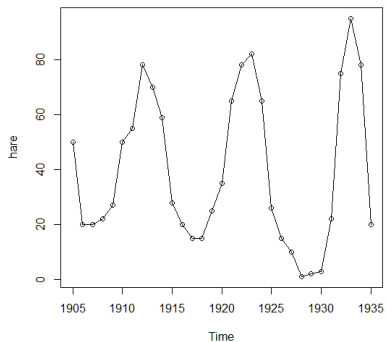
Parameter	Mom	CSS	MLE	$n$
$\phi$	0.528	0.555	0.570	35

$$\begin{aligned}
 Se(\hat{\phi}) &= \sqrt{\frac{1 - \phi^2}{n}} \\
 &\approx \sqrt{\frac{1 - 0.57^2}{35}} \\
 &\approx 0.14.
 \end{aligned}$$

Thus all the estimates are comparable.

## Canadian Hare Abundance Model Fitting

```
data(hare);  
plot(hare,type="o")
```



## Canadian Hare Abundance Model Fitting

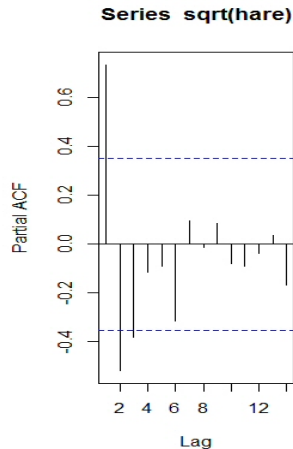
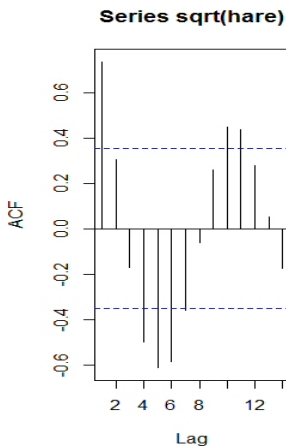
```
ar(diff(hare)) #8
adf.test(hare,k=8)
#Dickey-Fuller = -0.5785,
#Lag order = 8, p-value = 0.9698
#Ho: data not stationary
#High p value, do not reject Ho

haretransform<-BoxCox.ar(hare,
lambda=seq(0.3,0.7,0.01))
haretransform
#mle =0.46, so use square root approx.
adf.test(sqrt(hare))
# p-value < 0.01 i.e., reject Ho,
#Transformed data stationary
```



## Canadian Hare Abundance Model Fitting

```
acf(sqrt(hare))  
pacf(sqrt(hare))
```



## Canadian Hare Abundance Model Fitting

```
# try AR(3 model)
arima(sqrt(hare), order=c(3, 0, 0))
```

method = "ML" is the default in the arima function.  
Equivalently

```
ar(sqrt(hare), order.max=3, method="mle")
```

## Parameter output values for $\sqrt{Hare}$ series

Call:

```
arima(x = sqrt(hare), order = c(3, 0, 0))
```

Coefficients:

	ar1	ar2	ar3	intercept
	1.0519	-0.2292	-0.3931	5.6923
s.e.	0.1877	0.2942	0.1915	0.3371

sigma^2 estimated as 1.066: log likelihood = -46.54, aic = 101.08

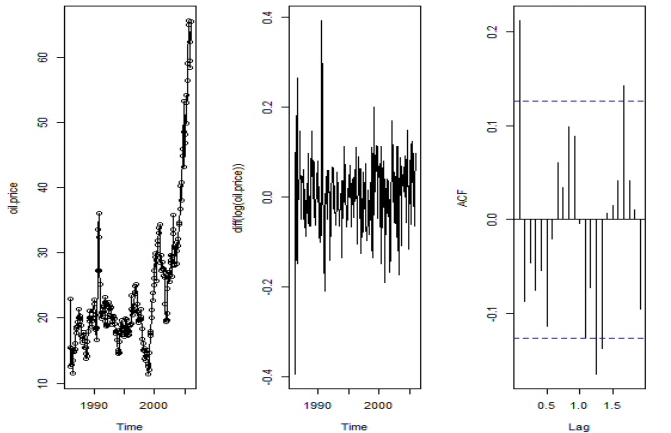
$\hat{\phi}_2$  with its high se is not significantly different from 0.

$$(\sqrt{Y_t} - 5.6923) = 1.0519(\sqrt{Y_{t-1}} - 5.6923) - 0.2292(\sqrt{Y_{t-2}} - 5.6923) - 0.393(\sqrt{Y_{t-3}} - 5.6923) + e_t$$

$$\sqrt{Y_t} = 3.25 + 1.0519\sqrt{Y_{t-1}} - 0.2292\sqrt{Y_{t-2}} - 0.393\sqrt{Y_{t-3}} + e_t.$$

## Oil.Price Model Fitting

```
data(oil.price); plot(oil.price,type="o")
plot(diff(log(oil.price))); acf(diff(log(oil.price)))
```



## Oil.Price Model Fitting

```
# try MA(1) on difference of log(oil.price)
arima(log(oil.price),order=c(0,1,1),method='CSS')
arima(log(oil.price),order=c(0,1,1),method='ML')
r1=acf(diff(log(oil.price)))$acf[1]; r1# 0.2117
```

MoM estimate:

$$\begin{aligned}\hat{\theta} &= -\frac{1}{2r_1} \pm \sqrt{\frac{1}{4r_1^2} - 1} \\ &= -0.225 \text{ and } -4.502.\end{aligned}$$

Discard the latter because  $|\theta| > 1$ .

## Parameter output values for Oil Price series

Parameter	MoM	CSS	MLE	$n$
$\theta$	-0.2225	-0.2731	-0.2956	241

The MoM estimate looks quite different from the LS and ML estimates but is actually only one standard error of  $\hat{\theta}$  from them, i.e.,  $se(\hat{\theta}) = \sqrt{\frac{1-\theta^2}{n}} \approx 0.06$ , because  $n$  is quite large.

## Model diagnostics

- ▶ Residual analysis
- ▶ Residual plots
- ▶ Normality of residuals
- ▶ Auto-correlation of residuals
- ▶ Ljung-Box test
- ▶ Over-fitting and parameter redundancy