ARMA definition

ARMA(p,q) processes are random processes depending on p+q real-valued parameters.

We consider an ARMA(p,q) process given by

$$X_{t} - \phi_{1}X_{t-1} - \dots - \phi_{p}X_{t-p} = Z_{t} + \theta_{1}Z_{t-1} + \dots + \theta_{q}Z_{t-q}$$

where $\{Z_t\} \sim WN(0,\sigma^2)$. $\{X_t\}$ is then defined by the two polynomials $\phi(z) = 1 - \phi_1 z - \ldots - \phi_p z^p$ and $\theta(z) = 1 + \theta_1 z + \ldots + \theta_q z^q$.

We assume that $\phi(z)$ and $\theta(z)$ do not have any common root.

Causal ARMA

The process $\{X_t\}$ is said to be causal if $\phi(z) \neq 0$ for all $|z| \leq 1$. If so, the process can be written as

$$X_t = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \psi_j Z_{t-j}$$

where $\sum_{j=0} |\psi_j| < \infty$ and where

$$\psi_j = \sum_{k=1}^p \phi_k \psi_{j-k} + \theta_j$$

and where $\psi_0 = 0, \theta_0 = 1, \theta_j = 0$, for j > q.

Invertible ARMA

The process $\{X_t\}$ is said to be invertible if $\theta(z) \neq 0$ for all $|z| \leq 1$. If so, the process can be written as

$$Z_t = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \pi_j X_{t-j}$$

where $\sum_{j=0} |\pi_j| < \infty$ and where

$$\pi_j = -\sum_{k=1}^q \theta_k \pi_{j-k} - \phi_j$$

and where $\phi_0 = -1$, $\phi_i = 0$, for j > p and $\pi_i = 0$, for j < 0.

ARMA(1,1) example

The time series $\{X_t\}$ is said to be an ARMA(1,1) if it is stationary and verifies the equation

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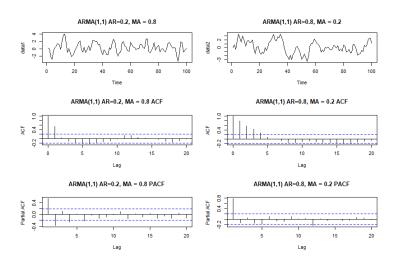
Using the backward shift operator, the equation of ARMA(1,1) can be rewritten as

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

where $\phi(B) = 1 - \phi(B)$ and $\theta(B) = 1 + \theta(B)$ are two linear filters.

ARMA(1,1) example - R code

ARMA(1,1) example - plots



ARMA(1,1) causality and invertibility example

(after P. Brockwell and R. Davis, p.86)

We consider the following ARMA(1,1) process

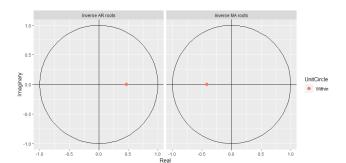
$$X_t - 0.5X_{t-1} = Z_t + 0.4Z_{t-1}, \quad \{Z_t\} \sim WN(0, \sigma^2)$$

The AR polynomial $\phi(z)=1-0.5z$ has a zero at z=2. It is located outside of the unit circle so we can conclude that the process is causal. The inverse is 1/z=0.5, which is located inside of the unit circle (same conclusion of causality).

The MA polynomial $\theta(z)=1+0.4z$ has a zero at z=-2.5. It is located outside of the unit circle so we can conclude that the process is invertible. The inverse is 1/z=-0.4, which is located inside of the unit circle (same conclusion of invertibility).

$\mathsf{ARMA}(1,1)$ visualizing causality and invertibility

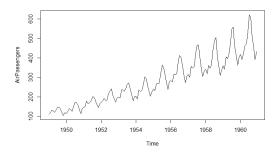
```
# inverse of unit root library (forecast) set. seed (1986)  
n <-1000 
sd <-1 
data3 <- arima.sim(model = list(ar = c(0.5), ma = c(0.4), order = c(1, 0, 1)), 
fit <- Arima(data3, order=c(1, 0, 1)) 
autoplot(fit)
```



Practical example

We will fit an ARIMA(p,d,q) model to the 'AirPassengers' data.

```
# practical example: Airpassengers data
plot (AirPassengers)
class (AirPassengers)
# [1] "ts"
AirPassengers
       Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec
           118 132 129 121 135 148 148 136
               141
       115 126
                   135 125
                            149
                                        158
                                199 199
                                        184 162
       145 150
                   163
                       172
                            178
  1952 171 180 193 181 183 218 230 242 209 191 172 194
```



Testing for stationarity

Clearly, the data appear non stationary as the mean is not constant over time. We will apply differencing of order one and test for stationarity using the Augmented Dickey-Fuller test.

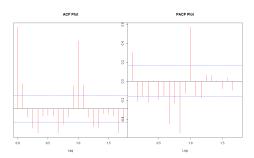
```
# Augmented Dickey-Fuller test for stationarity
library(tseries)
adf.test(diff(AirPassengers), alternative="stationary", k=0)

# Augmented Dickey-Fuller Test
# data: diff(AirPassengers)
# Dickey-Fuller = -8.5472, Lag order = 0, p-value = 0.01
# alternative hypothesis: stationary
# # Message d'avis:
# Dans adf.test(diff(AirPassengers), alternative = "stationary", k = 0):
# p-value smaller than printed p-value
```

Now we can use the Autocorrelation Function (ACF) and the Partial Autocorrelation Function (PACF) to determine the best ARIMA model that could fit those data.

ACF and PACF of the stationary series

The ACF helps us determine the AR part of the ARIMA process, while the PACF helps us determine the MA part of the ARIMA process. Definitely the lags at which the ACF and PACF cut off remain unclear. We can use an automatic method to help us determine which model to fit.



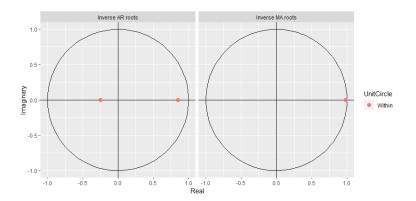
ARIMA model selection

We use the function auto.arima() to select the best model. The retained model will be an ARIMA(2,1,1).

```
# ARIMA model estimation
library (forecast)
set . seed (1986)
summary(fit <- auto.arima(AirPassengers))</pre>
# Series: AirPassengers
# ARIMA(2,1,1)(0,1,0)[12]
  Coefficients:
            ar1
                    ar2
                             ma1
        0.5960 0.2143 -0.9819
  s.e. 0.0888
                0.0880
                          0.0292
  sigma<sup>2</sup> estimated as 132.3: log likelihood = -504.92
  AIC=1017.85
                 AICc=1018.17 BIC=1029.35
  Training set error measures:
                     MAE
                              MPE
                                                MASE
   ME
           RMSE
                                       MAPE
                                                             ACF1
  Training set 1.3423 10.84619 7.86754 0.420698 2.800458 0.245628 -0.00124847
```

Checking characteristic roots for the ARIMA(2,1,1) model

autoplot (fit)



Checking the residuals of ARIMA(2,1,1)

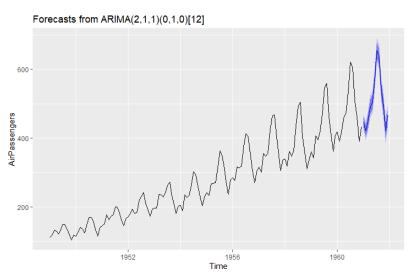
checkresiduals (fit) Residuals from ARIMA(2,1,1)(0,1,0)[12] 40 -20 0 --20 -1950 1952 1954 1958 1960 1956 30 -0.2 -0.1 ACF d₽ 0.0 10 --0.1 -12 24 -20 Lag

ARIMA(2,1,1) model forecasts

We can make forecasts for the next 12 months using the ARIMA(2,1,1) model.

```
# ARIMA model forecasting
library (tidyverse)
fit \%\% forecast (level = c(95), h=12) \%\% autoplot()
forecast \leftarrow forecast (fit, level = c(95), h=12)
forecast
           Point Forecast
                              Lo 95
                                        Hi 95
                 445.6349 423.0851 468.1847
  Jan 1961
# Feb 1961
                 420.3950 393.9304 446.8596
 Mar 1961
                 449.1983 419.4892 478.9074
  Apr 1961
                 491.8399 460.0092 523.6707
# May 1961
                 503.3945 469.9953 536.7937
# Jun 1961
                 566.8624 532.3007 601.4242
                 654,2602 618,8122 689,7081
  Jul 1961
# Aug 1961
                 638.5975 602.4630 674.7320
 Sep 1961
                 540.8837 504.2081 577.5594
  Oct 1961
                 494.1266 457.0177 531.2356
 Nov 1961
                 423.3327 385.8715 460.7939
# Dec 1961
                 465.5076 427.7556 503.2596
```

Visualizing the forecasts of ARIMA(2,1,1)



Further reading and code

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