

Problem #1-a

For the **MA (1) model** where y_t is a stationary, ergodic process

$$y_t = \mu + \epsilon_t + \theta\epsilon_{t-1}$$

Where the mean, $E(y_t) = \mu$, θ is the MA (1) parameter, and ϵ_t is a white noise sequence.

The properties of ϵ_t :

Mean:

$$E(\epsilon_t) = 0,$$

$$E(\epsilon_t \epsilon_{t-k}) = 0, \text{ for all } k \geq 1$$

$$\text{Variance: } \text{Var}(\epsilon_t) = \sigma^2$$

Looking at the second-order properties of MA (1), we have:

$$\text{Mean: } E(y_t) = \mu$$

Variance:

$$\begin{aligned} \gamma_0 &= \text{Var}(y_t) = E[y_t - E(y_t)]^2 \\ &= E[y_t - \mu]^2 \\ &= E[(\mu + \epsilon_t + \theta\epsilon_{t-1}) - \mu]^2 = E[\epsilon_t + \theta\epsilon_{t-1}]^2 \\ &= E[\epsilon_t^2 + 2\theta\epsilon_t\epsilon_{t-1} + \theta^2\epsilon_{t-1}^2] \\ &= \sigma^2 + 0 + \theta^2\sigma^2 \\ \gamma_0 &= (1 + \theta^2)\sigma^2 \end{aligned}$$

Autocovariance:

$$\begin{aligned} \gamma_j &= E[(y_t - \mu)(y_{t-j} - \mu)] \\ &= E[((\mu + \epsilon_t + \theta\epsilon_{t-1}) - \mu)((\mu + \epsilon_{t-j} + \theta\epsilon_{t-j-1}) - \mu)] \\ &= E[(\epsilon_t + \theta\epsilon_{t-1})(\epsilon_{t-j} + \theta\epsilon_{t-j-1})] \\ \gamma_j &= E[\epsilon_t\epsilon_{t-j} + \theta\epsilon_t\epsilon_{t-j-1} + \theta\epsilon_{t-1}\epsilon_{t-j} + \theta^2\epsilon_{t-1}\epsilon_{t-j-1}] \end{aligned}$$

\therefore , If $j = 1$,

$$\gamma_1 = E[\epsilon_t\epsilon_{t-1} + \theta\epsilon_t\epsilon_{t-2} + \theta\epsilon_{t-1}\epsilon_{t-1} + \theta^2\epsilon_{t-1}\epsilon_{t-2}]$$

Using the properties of ϵ_t , we get:

$$\gamma_1 = \mathbf{E} [\theta \epsilon_{t-1}^2] = \theta \sigma^2$$

Else for $j \geq 2, \gamma_j = 0$

$$\therefore, \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} |\gamma_j| = \gamma_0 + \gamma_1 = ((1 + \theta^2) \sigma^2) + \theta \sigma^2 = (1 + \theta + \theta^2) \sigma^2 < \infty$$

\therefore , we have the **autocorrelation function (ACF) of MA (1)** as:

$$\rho_j = \frac{\gamma_j}{\gamma_0}$$

$$\text{For } j = 0, \rho_0 = \frac{\gamma_0}{\gamma_0} = \frac{(1+\theta^2) \sigma^2}{(1+\theta^2) \sigma^2} = 1$$

$$\text{For } j = 1, \rho_1 = \frac{\gamma_1}{\gamma_0} = \frac{\theta \sigma^2}{(1+\theta^2) \sigma^2} = \frac{\theta}{(1+\theta^2)}$$

$$\text{For } j \geq 2, \rho_j = 0$$

For the **MA (2) model** where y_t is a stationary, ergodic process

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

Where the mean, $\mathbf{E}(y_t) = \mu$, θ is the MA (2) parameter, and ϵ_t is a white noise sequence.

The properties of ϵ_t :

Mean:

$$\mathbf{E}(\epsilon_t) = 0,$$

$$\mathbf{E}(\epsilon_t \epsilon_{t-k}) = 0, \text{ for all } k \geq 1$$

$$\text{Variance: } \mathbf{Var}(\epsilon_t) = \sigma^2$$

Looking at the second-order properties of MA (2), we have:

$$\text{Mean: } \mathbf{E}(y_t) = \mu$$

Variance:

$$\begin{aligned} \gamma_0 &= \mathbf{Var}(y_t) = \mathbf{E} [y_t - \mathbf{E}(y_t)]^2 \\ &= \mathbf{E} [y_t - \mu]^2 \\ &= \mathbf{E} [(\mu + \epsilon_t + \theta_1 \epsilon_{t-1} + \theta_2 \epsilon_{t-2}) - \mu]^2 = \mathbf{E} [\epsilon_t + \theta_1 \epsilon_{t-1} + \theta_2 \epsilon_{t-2}]^2 \\ &= \mathbf{E} [\epsilon_t^2 + 2\theta_1 \epsilon_t \epsilon_{t-1} + 2\theta_2 \epsilon_t \epsilon_{t-2} + \theta_1^2 \epsilon_{t-1}^2 + 2\theta_1 \theta_2 \epsilon_{t-1} \epsilon_{t-2} + \theta_2^2 \epsilon_{t-2}^2] \\ &= \sigma^2 + 0 + 0 + \theta_1^2 \sigma^2 + 0 + \theta_2^2 \sigma^2 \\ \gamma_0 &= (1 + \theta_1^2 + \theta_2^2) \sigma^2 \end{aligned}$$

Autocovariance:

$$\gamma_j = \mathbf{E} [(y_t - \mu)(y_{t-j} - \mu)]$$

$$= \mathbf{E} [((\mu + \epsilon_t + \theta_1 \epsilon_{t-1} + \theta_2 \epsilon_{t-2}) - \mu)((\mu + \epsilon_{t-j} + \theta_1 \epsilon_{t-j-1} + \theta_2 \epsilon_{t-j-2}) - \mu)]$$

$$= \mathbf{E} [(\epsilon_t + \theta_1 \epsilon_{t-1} + \theta_2 \epsilon_{t-2})(\epsilon_{t-j} + \theta_1 \epsilon_{t-j-1} + \theta_2 \epsilon_{t-j-2})]$$

$$\gamma_j = \mathbf{E} [\epsilon_t \epsilon_{t-j} + \theta_1 \epsilon_t \epsilon_{t-j-1} + \theta_2 \epsilon_t \epsilon_{t-j-2} + \theta_1 \epsilon_{t-1} \epsilon_{t-j} + \theta_1^2 \epsilon_{t-1} \epsilon_{t-j-1} + \theta_1 \theta_2 \epsilon_{t-1} \epsilon_{t-j-2} + \theta_2 \epsilon_{t-2} \epsilon_{t-j} + \theta_1 \theta_2 \epsilon_{t-2} \epsilon_{t-j-1} + \theta_2^2 \epsilon_{t-2} \epsilon_{t-j-2}]$$

∴, If $j = 1$,

$$\gamma_1 = \mathbf{E} [\epsilon_t \epsilon_{t-1} + \theta_1 \epsilon_t \epsilon_{t-2} + \theta_2 \epsilon_t \epsilon_{t-3} + \theta_1 \epsilon_{t-1} \epsilon_{t-1} + \theta_1^2 \epsilon_{t-1} \epsilon_{t-2} + \theta_1 \theta_2 \epsilon_{t-1} \epsilon_{t-3} + \theta_2 \epsilon_{t-2} \epsilon_{t-1} + \theta_1 \theta_2 \epsilon_{t-2} \epsilon_{t-2} + \theta_2^2 \epsilon_{t-2} \epsilon_{t-3}]$$

Using the properties of ϵ_t , we get:

$$\gamma_1 = \mathbf{E} [\theta_1 \epsilon_{t-1}^2 + \theta_1 \theta_2 \epsilon_{t-2}^2] = \theta_1 \sigma^2 + \theta_1 \theta_2 \sigma^2$$

$$\gamma_1 = (\theta_1 + \theta_1 \theta_2) \sigma^2$$

∴, If $j = 2$,

$$\gamma_2 = \mathbf{E} [\epsilon_t \epsilon_{t-2} + \theta_1 \epsilon_t \epsilon_{t-3} + \theta_2 \epsilon_t \epsilon_{t-4} + \theta_1 \epsilon_{t-1} \epsilon_{t-2} + \theta_1^2 \epsilon_{t-1} \epsilon_{t-3} + \theta_1 \theta_2 \epsilon_{t-1} \epsilon_{t-3} + \theta_2 \epsilon_{t-2} \epsilon_{t-2} + \theta_1 \theta_2 \epsilon_{t-2} \epsilon_{t-3} + \theta_2^2 \epsilon_{t-2} \epsilon_{t-4}]$$

Using the properties of ϵ_t , we get:

$$\gamma_2 = \mathbf{E} [\theta_2 \epsilon_{t-2}^2]$$

$$\gamma_2 = \theta_2 \sigma^2$$

∴, Else for $j \geq 3$, $\gamma_j = 0$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore, \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} |\gamma_j| &= \gamma_0 + \gamma_1 + \gamma_2 = ((1 + \theta_1^2 + \theta_2^2) \sigma^2) + ((\theta_1 + \theta_1 \theta_2) \sigma^2) + (\theta_2 \sigma^2) \\ &= (1 + \theta_1 + \theta_2 + \theta_1 \theta_2 + \theta_1^2 + \theta_2^2) \sigma^2 < \infty \end{aligned}$$

∴, we have the **autocorrelation function (ACF) of MA (2)** as:

$$\rho_j = \frac{\gamma_j}{\gamma_0}$$

$$\text{For } j = 0, \rho_0 = \frac{\gamma_0}{\gamma_0} = \frac{(1 + \theta_1^2 + \theta_2^2) \sigma^2}{(1 + \theta_1^2 + \theta_2^2) \sigma^2} = 1$$

$$\text{For } j = 1, \rho_1 = \frac{\gamma_1}{\gamma_0} = \frac{(\theta_1 + \theta_1 \theta_2) \sigma^2}{(1 + \theta_1^2 + \theta_2^2) \sigma^2} = \frac{(\theta_1 + \theta_1 \theta_2)}{(1 + \theta_1^2 + \theta_2^2)}$$

$$\text{For } j = 2, \rho_2 = \frac{\gamma_2}{\gamma_0} = \frac{\theta_2 \sigma^2}{(1 + \theta_1^2 + \theta_2^2) \sigma^2} = \frac{\theta_2}{(1 + \theta_1^2 + \theta_2^2)}$$

$$\text{For } j \geq 3, \rho_j = 0$$

Problem #1-b

For the **AR (1) model** where y_t is a stationary, ergodic process

$$y_t = c + \phi y_{t-1} + \epsilon_t, \quad \text{for } |\phi| < 1$$

Where the mean, $E(y_t) = \mu$ for all t , ϕ is the AR (1) parameter, and ϵ_t is a white noise sequence.

The properties of ϵ_t :

Mean:

$$E(\epsilon_t) = 0,$$

$$\text{Cov}(\epsilon_i, \epsilon_t) = 0, \text{ for all } i \neq t$$

$$\text{Variance: } \text{Var}(\epsilon_t) = \sigma^2$$

Looking at the second-order properties of AR (1), we have:

$$\text{Mean: } E(y_t) = \mu$$

To find μ , we can use the y_t equation:

$$\mu = E(y_t) = c + \phi E(y_{t-1}) + E(\epsilon_t) = c + \phi \mu + 0$$

$$\therefore, \mu = \frac{c}{1-\phi}$$

Variance:

Substituting c from where we find μ ,

$$y_t = (\mu - \phi\mu) + \phi y_{t-1} + \epsilon_t$$

$$y_t - \mu = \phi (y_{t-1} - \mu) + \epsilon_t$$

$$\begin{aligned} \gamma_0 &= \text{Var}(y_t) = E[y_t - E(y_t)]^2 \\ &= E[y_t - \mu]^2 \\ &= E[\phi (y_{t-1} - \mu) + \epsilon_t]^2 = E[\phi^2 (y_{t-1} - \mu)^2 + \epsilon_t^2 + 2\phi (y_{t-1} - \mu)\epsilon_t] \\ &= E[\phi^2 (y_{t-1} - \mu)^2 + 2\phi (y_{t-1} - \mu)\epsilon_t + \epsilon_t^2] \\ &= \phi^2 E[(y_{t-1} - \mu)^2] + 0 + E[\epsilon_t^2] \\ \gamma_0 &= \phi^2 \gamma_0 + \sigma^2 \\ \gamma_0 &= \frac{\sigma^2}{1-\phi^2} \end{aligned}$$

Autocovariance:

$$\begin{aligned} \gamma_j &= E[(y_t - \mu)(y_{t-j} - \mu)] = E[(\phi (y_{t-1} - \mu) + \epsilon_t)(y_{t-j} - \mu)] \\ &= E[\phi (y_{t-1} - \mu)(y_{t-j} - \mu) + \epsilon_t(y_{t-j} - \mu)] \end{aligned}$$

$$= \phi E[(y_{t-1} - \mu)(y_{t-j} - \mu) + 0]$$

$$= \phi \gamma_{j-1}$$

Iterating γ_j ,

$$\gamma_j = \phi^j \gamma_0 = \phi^j \left(\frac{\sigma^2}{1-\phi^2} \right)$$

\therefore , we have the **autocorrelation function (ACF) of AR (1)** as:

$$\rho_j = \frac{\gamma_j}{\gamma_0} = \frac{\phi^j \gamma_0}{\gamma_0}$$

$$\rho_j = \phi^j$$

For the **AR (2) model** where y_t is a stationary process

$$y_t = c + \phi_1 y_{t-1} + \phi_2 y_{t-2} + \epsilon_t, \quad \text{for } |\lambda| < 1$$

Where the mean, $E(y_t) = \mu$ for all t , ϕ is the AR (1) parameter, and ϵ_t is a white noise sequence.

For y_t to be stable, the roots of the characteristic equation lie within the unit circle in the complex plane. Using λ , we can describe the characteristic equation for y_t as follow:

$$\lambda^2 - \phi_1 \lambda - \phi_2 = 0$$

$$\lambda = \frac{\phi_1 \pm \sqrt{\phi_1^2 + 4\phi_2}}{2}, \text{ where } |\lambda| < 1 \text{ for stationary process.}$$

The properties of ϵ_t :

Mean:

$$E(\epsilon_t) = 0,$$

$$\text{Cov}(\epsilon_i, \epsilon_t) = 0, \text{ for all } i \neq t$$

$$\text{Variance: } \text{Var}(\epsilon_t) = \sigma^2$$

Looking at the second-order properties of AR (1), we have:

$$\text{Mean: } E(y_t) = \mu$$

To find μ , we can use the y_t equation:

$$\mu = E(y_t) = c + \phi_1 E(y_{t-1}) + \phi_2 E(y_{t-2}) + E(\epsilon_t) = c + \phi_1 \mu + \phi_2 \mu + 0$$

$$\therefore, \mu = \frac{c}{1-\phi_1-\phi_2}$$

Variance:

Substituting c from where we find μ ,

$$y_t = (\mu - \phi_1\mu - \phi_2\mu) + \phi_1 y_{t-1} + \phi_2 y_{t-2} + \epsilon_t$$

$$y_t - \mu = \phi_1 (y_{t-1} - \mu) + \phi_2 (y_{t-2} - \mu) + \epsilon_t$$

$$\begin{aligned}\gamma_0 &= \text{Var}(y_t) = E[y_t - E(y_t)]^2 \\ &= E[y_t - \mu]^2 \\ &= E[(\phi_1 (y_{t-1} - \mu) + \phi_2 (y_{t-2} - \mu) + \epsilon_t)(y_t - \mu)] \\ &= E[(\phi_1 (y_t - \mu)(y_{t-1} - \mu) + \phi_2 (y_t - \mu)(y_{t-2} - \mu) + (y_t - \mu)\epsilon_t)] \\ &= E[(\phi_1 (y_t - \mu)(y_{t-1} - \mu)] + E[\phi_2 (y_t - \mu)(y_{t-2} - \mu)] + E[(y_t - \mu)\epsilon_t] \\ &= \phi_1 \gamma_1 + \phi_2 \gamma_2 + E[(\phi_1 (y_{t-1} - \mu) + \phi_2 (y_{t-2} - \mu) + \epsilon_t) \epsilon_t] \\ &= \phi_1 \gamma_1 + \phi_2 \gamma_2 + E[(\phi_1 (y_{t-1} - \mu)\epsilon_t + \phi_2 (y_{t-2} - \mu)\epsilon_t + \epsilon_t \epsilon_t)] \\ &= \phi_1 \gamma_1 + \phi_2 \gamma_2 + 0 + 0 + \sigma^2 \\ \gamma_0 &= \phi_1 \gamma_1 + \phi_2 \gamma_2 + \sigma^2\end{aligned}$$

Autocovariance:

$$\begin{aligned}\gamma_j &= E[\phi_1 (y_t - \mu)(y_{t-j} - \mu)] = E[(\phi_1 (y_{t-1} - \mu) + \phi_2 (y_{t-2} - \mu) + \epsilon_t)(y_{t-j} - \mu)] \\ &= \phi_1 E[(y_{t-1} - \mu)(y_{t-j} - \mu)] + \phi_2 E[(y_{t-2} - \mu)(y_{t-j} - \mu)] + E[\epsilon_t (y_{t-j} - \mu)]\end{aligned}$$

$$\gamma_j = \phi_1 \gamma_{j-1} + \phi_2 \gamma_{j-2}, \text{ for } j \geq 1$$

∴, we have the **autocorrelation function (ACF) of AR (2)** as:

$$\begin{aligned}\rho_j &= \frac{\gamma_j}{\gamma_0} = \frac{\phi_1 \gamma_{j-1} + \phi_2 \gamma_{j-2}}{\gamma_0} \\ &= \phi_1 \frac{\gamma_{j-1}}{\gamma_0} + \phi_2 \frac{\gamma_{j-2}}{\gamma_0}\end{aligned}$$

$$\rho_j = \phi_1 \rho_{j-1} + \phi_2 \rho_{j-2}, \text{ for } j \geq 1$$

$$\text{For } j = 0, \rho_0 = \frac{\gamma_0}{\gamma_0} = \frac{\phi_1 \gamma_1 + \phi_2 \gamma_2 + \sigma^2}{\phi_1 \gamma_1 + \phi_2 \gamma_2 + \sigma^2} = 1$$

Using $\rho_k = \rho_{-k}$

For $j = 1$,

$$\rho_1 = \phi_1 \rho_{1-1} + \phi_2 \rho_{1-2} = \phi_1 \rho_0 + \phi_2 \rho_1$$

$$\rho_1 = \frac{\phi_1}{1 - \phi_2}$$

$$\text{For } j = 2, \rho_2 = \phi_1 \rho_{2-1} + \phi_2 \rho_{2-2} = \phi_1 \rho_1 + \phi_2$$

$$\text{For } j \geq 3, \rho_j = \phi_1 \rho_{j-1} + \phi_2 \rho_{j-2}$$

Note: for $\gamma_0 = \text{Var}(y_t) = \phi_1\gamma_1 + \phi_2\gamma_2 + \sigma^2$, since we now know ρ_1 and ρ_2 , we can find γ_1 and γ_2 .

$$\gamma_0 = \phi_1 \left(\frac{\phi_1}{1-\phi_2} \right) \gamma_0 + \phi_2 (\phi_1 \rho_1 + \phi_2) \gamma_0 + \sigma^2$$

$$\gamma_0 \left(1 - \phi_1 \left(\frac{\phi_1}{1-\phi_2} \right) - \phi_2 \left(\phi_1 \left(\frac{\phi_1}{1-\phi_2} \right) + \phi_2 \right) \right) = \sigma^2$$

$$\gamma_0 \left(\frac{(1-\phi_2) - \phi_1^2 - \phi_2 \phi_1^2 - \phi_2^2 (1-\phi_2)}{(1-\phi_2)} \right) = \sigma^2$$

$$\gamma_0 = \frac{(1-\phi_2) \sigma^2}{(1+\phi_2)[(1-\phi_2)^2 - \phi_1^2]}$$