

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

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

Where the mean,  $E(y_t) = \mu$ ,  $\theta$  is the MA (2) parameter, and  $\epsilon_t$  is a white noise sequence.

$$y_t = \mu + (1 + \theta_1 L + \theta_2 L^2) \epsilon_t = \mu + \psi(L) \epsilon_t \text{ ---- (2)}$$

$$\text{Where } \psi(L) = 1 + \theta_1 L + \theta_2 L^2$$

Recall, we know that the autocovariances of MA(2) model are (eq. (3)):

$$\gamma_0 = (1 + \theta_1^2 + \theta_2^2) \sigma^2$$

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

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

$$\gamma_j = 0 \text{ for } |j| > 2$$

The generating function for ACF is:

$$g_y(z) = \sum_{-\infty}^{\infty} \gamma_j z^j, (\gamma_{-j} = \gamma_j)$$

So, for MA(2) model we have:

$$g_y(z) = \gamma_{-2} z^{-2} + \gamma_{-1} z^{-1} + \gamma_0 z^0 + \gamma_1 z^1 + \gamma_2 z^2 = \gamma_{-2} z^{-2} + \gamma_{-1} z^{-1} + \gamma_0 + \gamma_1 z + \gamma_2 z^2 \text{ ---- (4)}$$

Because of symmetry  $\gamma_{-2} = \gamma_2$  and  $\gamma_{-1} = \gamma_1$

Substituting what we know from the autocovariances of MA(2) model on eq. (3) to eq. (4) we get:

$$g_y(z) = \theta_2 \sigma^2 z^{-2} + (\theta_1 + \theta_1 \theta_2) \sigma^2 z^{-1} + (1 + \theta_1^2 + \theta_2^2) \sigma^2 + (\theta_1 + \theta_1 \theta_2) \sigma^2 z + \theta_2 \sigma^2 z^2$$

$$g_y(z) = \sigma^2 [\theta_2 z^{-2} + (\theta_1 + \theta_1 \theta_2) z^{-1} + (1 + \theta_1^2 + \theta_2^2) + (\theta_1 + \theta_1 \theta_2) z + \theta_2 z^2] \text{ ---- (5)}$$

$$= \sigma^2 [\theta_2 z^{-2} + \theta_1 z^{-1} + \theta_1 \theta_2 z^{-1} + (1 + \theta_1^2 + \theta_2^2) + \theta_1 z + \theta_1 \theta_2 z + \theta_2 z^2]$$

$$= \sigma^2 (1 + \theta_1 z + \theta_2 z^2) (1 + \theta_1 z^{-1} + \theta_2 z^{-2})$$

$$= \sigma^2 \psi(z) \psi(z^{-1})$$

Factoring  $z$  from eq. (5), we have:

$$g_y(z) = \sigma^2 [(1 + \theta_1^2 + \theta_2^2) + (\theta_1 + \theta_1 \theta_2)(z^{-1} + z) + \theta_2(z^{-2} + z^2)] \text{ ---- (6)}$$

Setting  $z = e^{-i\omega} = \cos \omega - i \sin \omega$ , and the symmetric properties of  $\gamma_{-j} = \gamma_j$ , we have the power spectrum of MA(2) as:

$$S_y(\omega) = \frac{\sigma^2}{2\pi} [(1 + \theta_1^2 + \theta_2^2) + 2(\theta_1 + \theta_1\theta_2) \cos \omega + 2\theta_2 \cos 2\omega] \quad \text{---- (7)}$$

∴, the power spectrum for MA(2):

$$S_y(\omega) = \frac{1}{2\pi} [\gamma_0 + 2\gamma_1 \cos \omega + 2\gamma_2 \cos 2\omega] \quad \text{---- (8)}$$

**Plot** for  $S_y(\omega)$  for MA(2):

$$\frac{2\pi}{\sigma^2} S_y(\omega) = (1 + \theta_1^2 + \theta_2^2) + 2(\theta_1 + \theta_1\theta_2) \cos \omega + 2\theta_2 \cos 2\omega \quad \text{---- (9)}$$

Since  $\cos 0 = \cos 2\pi = 1$ ,  $\cos \frac{\pi}{2} = 0$ ,  $\cos \pi = -1$ ,

At  $\omega = 0$ , eq. (9) becomes:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{2\pi}{\sigma^2} S_y(\omega) &= (1 + \theta_1^2 + \theta_2^2) + 2(\theta_1 + \theta_1\theta_2)(1) + 2\theta_2(1) \\ &= (1 + \theta_1^2 + \theta_2^2) + 2\theta_1 + 2\theta_1\theta_2 + 2\theta_2 \\ &= (1 + \theta_1 + \theta_2)^2 \end{aligned}$$

At  $\omega = \frac{\pi}{2}$ , eq. (9) becomes:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{2\pi}{\sigma^2} S_y(\omega) &= (1 + \theta_1^2 + \theta_2^2) + 2(\theta_1 + \theta_1\theta_2)(0) + 2\theta_2(-1) \\ &= 1 - 2\theta_2 + \theta_1^2 + \theta_2^2 \end{aligned}$$

At  $\omega = \pi$ , eq. (9) becomes:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{2\pi}{\sigma^2} S_y(\omega) &= (1 + \theta_1^2 + \theta_2^2) + 2(\theta_1 + \theta_1\theta_2)(-1) + 2\theta_2(1) \\ &= (1 + \theta_1^2 + \theta_2^2) - 2\theta_1 - 2\theta_1\theta_2 + 2\theta_2 \\ &= (1 - \theta_1 + \theta_2)^2 \end{aligned}$$

the function decreases from  $(1 + \theta_1 + \theta_2)^2$  to  $(1 - \theta_1 + \theta_2)^2$