

Problem #1-1

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

$$x_t = 0.5 + 0.1x_{t-1} + \epsilon_t$$

Where the mean, $E(y_t) = \mu$ for all t , $\phi = 0.1$ is the AR (1) parameter, and ϵ_t is a white noise sequence.

The properties of ϵ_t :

Mean:

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

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

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

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

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

To find μ , we can use the x_t equation:

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

$$\therefore, \mu = \frac{c}{1-\phi} = \frac{0.5}{1-0.1} = 0.556$$

Variance:

Substituting c from where we find μ ,

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

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

$$\gamma_0 = Var(y_t) = E [y_t - E(y_t)]^2$$

$$= E [y_t - \mu]^2$$

$$= E [\phi (y_{t-1} - \mu) + \epsilon_t]^2 = E [\phi^2 (y_{t-1} - \mu)^2 + \epsilon_t^2 + 2\phi (y_{t-1} - \mu)\epsilon_t]$$

$$= E [\phi^2 (y_{t-1} - \mu)^2 + 2\phi (y_{t-1} - \mu)\epsilon_t + \epsilon_t^2]$$

$$= \phi^2 E [(y_{t-1} - \mu)^2] + 0 + E [\epsilon_t^2]$$

$$\gamma_0 = \phi^2 \gamma_0 + \sigma^2$$

$$\gamma_0 = \frac{\sigma^2}{1-\phi^2}$$

Autocovariance:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \gamma_j &= \mathbf{E}[(y_t - \mu)(y_{t-j} - \mu)] = \mathbf{E}[(\phi(y_{t-1} - \mu) + \epsilon_t)(y_{t-j} - \mu)] \\
 &= \mathbf{E}[\phi(y_{t-1} - \mu)(y_{t-j} - \mu) + \epsilon_t(y_{t-j} - \mu)] \\
 &= \phi \mathbf{E}[(y_{t-1} - \mu)(y_{t-j} - \mu) + 0] \\
 &= \phi \gamma_{j-1}
 \end{aligned}$$

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:

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

$$\rho_j = \phi^j, \text{ for } j \geq 1$$

$$\rho_1 = \phi^1 = 0.1^1 = \mathbf{0.1}$$

$$\rho_2 = \phi^2 = 0.1^2 = \mathbf{0.01}$$

Problem #1-2

For the **AR (4) model** where x_t is a stationary, ergodic process

$$x_t = 0.5 + 0.1x_{t-4} + \epsilon_t$$

Where the mean, $\mathbf{E}(x_t) = \mu$ for all t , $\phi_4 = 0.1$ is the AR (4) parameter, and ϵ_t is a white noise sequence.

The properties of ϵ_t :

Mean:

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

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

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

Looking at the second-order properties of AR (4), we have:

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

To find μ , we can use the x_t equation:

$$\mu = \mathbf{E}(x_t) = c + \phi_4 \mathbf{E}(x_{t-4}) + \mathbf{E}(\epsilon_t) = c + \phi_4 \mu + 0$$

$$\therefore, \mu = \frac{c}{1 - \phi_4} = \frac{0.5}{1 - 0.1} = 0.556$$

To find general equation for μ , we can use the $x_t = c + \phi_1 x_{t-1} + \phi_2 x_{t-2} + \phi_3 x_{t-3} + \phi_4 x_{t-4} + \epsilon_t$ equation:

$$\begin{aligned}\mu &= E(x_t) = c + \phi_1 E(x_{t-1}) + \phi_2 E(x_{t-2}) + \phi_3 E(x_{t-3}) + \phi_4 E(x_{t-4}) + E(\epsilon_t) \\ &= c + \phi_1 \mu + \phi_2 \mu + \phi_3 \mu + \phi_4 \mu + 0\end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore, \mu = \frac{c}{1-\phi_1-\phi_2-\phi_3-\phi_4}$$

Variance:

Substituting c from where we find μ ,

$$x_t = (\mu - \phi_1 \mu - \phi_2 \mu - \phi_3 \mu - \phi_4 \mu) + \phi_1 x_{t-1} + \phi_2 x_{t-2} + \phi_3 x_{t-3} + \phi_4 x_{t-4} + \epsilon_t$$

$$x_t - \mu = \phi_1 (x_{t-1} - \mu) + \phi_2 (x_{t-2} - \mu) + \phi_3 (x_{t-3} - \mu) + \phi_4 (x_{t-4} - \mu) + \epsilon_t$$

$$\begin{aligned}\gamma_0 &= Var(x_t) = E [x_t - E(x_t)]^2 \\ &= E [y_t - \mu]^2 \\ &= E [(\phi_1 (x_{t-1} - \mu) + \phi_2 (x_{t-2} - \mu) + (\phi_3 x_{t-3} - \mu) + (\phi_4 x_{t-4} - \mu) + \epsilon_t)(x_t - \mu)] \\ &= \phi_1 \gamma_1 + \phi_2 \gamma_2 + \phi_3 \gamma_3 + \phi_4 \gamma_4 \\ &\quad + E [(\phi_1 (y_{t-1} - \mu) + \phi_2 (y_{t-2} - \mu) + (\phi_3 x_{t-3} - \mu) + (\phi_4 x_{t-4} - \mu) + \epsilon_t) \epsilon_t] \\ &= \phi_1 \gamma_1 + \phi_2 \gamma_2 + \phi_3 \gamma_3 + \phi_4 \gamma_4 \\ &\quad + E [(\phi_1 (x_{t-1} - \mu) \epsilon_t + \phi_2 (x_{t-2} - \mu) \epsilon_t + (\phi_3 x_{t-3} - \mu) \epsilon_t + (\phi_4 x_{t-4} - \mu) \epsilon_t + \epsilon_t \epsilon_t)] \\ &= \phi_1 \gamma_1 + \phi_2 \gamma_2 + \phi_3 \gamma_3 + \phi_4 \gamma_4 + \mathbf{0} + \mathbf{0} + \mathbf{0} + \mathbf{0} + \sigma^2 \\ \gamma_0 &= \phi_1 \gamma_1 + \phi_2 \gamma_2 + \phi_3 \gamma_3 + \phi_4 \gamma_4 + \sigma^2\end{aligned}$$

Autocovariance:

$$\begin{aligned}\gamma_j &= E[\phi_1 (x_t - \mu)(x_{t-j} - \mu)] \\ &= E[(\phi_1 (x_{t-1} - \mu) + \phi_2 (x_{t-2} - \mu) + (\phi_3 x_{t-3} - \mu) + (\phi_4 x_{t-4} - \mu) + \epsilon_t)(x_{t-j} - \mu)] \\ &= \phi_1 E [(x_{t-1} - \mu)(x_{t-j} - \mu)] + \phi_2 E [(x_{t-2} - \mu)(x_{t-j} - \mu)] + \phi_3 E [(x_{t-3} - \mu)(x_{t-j} - \mu)] \\ &\quad + \phi_4 E [(x_{t-4} - \mu)(x_{t-j} - \mu)] + E [\epsilon_t (x_{t-j} - \mu)]\end{aligned}$$

$$\gamma_j = \phi_1 \gamma_{j-1} + \phi_2 \gamma_{j-2} + \phi_3 \gamma_{j-3} + \phi_4 \gamma_{j-4}, \text{ for } j \geq 1$$

\therefore , we have the **autocorrelation function (ACF) of AR (4)** as:

$$\begin{aligned}\rho_j &= \frac{\gamma_j}{\gamma_0} = \frac{\phi_1 \gamma_{j-1} + \phi_2 \gamma_{j-2} + \phi_3 \gamma_{j-3} + \phi_4 \gamma_{j-4}}{\gamma_0} \\ &= \phi_1 \frac{\gamma_{j-1}}{\gamma_0} + \phi_2 \frac{\gamma_{j-2}}{\gamma_0} + \phi_3 \frac{\gamma_{j-3}}{\gamma_0} + \phi_4 \frac{\gamma_{j-4}}{\gamma_0}\end{aligned}$$

$$\rho_j = \phi_1 \rho_{j-1} + \phi_2 \rho_{j-2} + \phi_3 \rho_{j-3} + \phi_4 \rho_{j-4}, \text{ for } j \geq 1$$

$$\text{For } j = 0, \rho_0 = \frac{\gamma_0}{\gamma_0} = \frac{\phi_1 \gamma_1 + \phi_2 \gamma_2 + \phi_3 \gamma_3 + \phi_4 \gamma_4 + \sigma^2}{\phi_1 \gamma_1 + \phi_2 \gamma_2 + \phi_3 \gamma_3 + \phi_4 \gamma_4 + \sigma^2} = 1$$

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

For $j = 1$,

$$\rho_1 = \frac{\phi_1 + \phi_3 \rho_2 + \phi_4 \rho_3}{1 - \phi_2}$$

$$\text{For } j = 2, \rho_2 = \phi_1 \rho_{2-1} + \phi_2 \rho_{2-2} + \phi_3 \rho_{2-3} + \phi_4 \rho_{2-4} = \phi_1 \rho_1 + \phi_2 + \phi_3 \rho_2 + \phi_4 \rho_3$$

$$\text{For } j = 3, \rho_3 = \phi_1 \rho_{3-1} + \phi_2 \rho_{3-2} + \phi_3 \rho_{3-3} + \phi_4 \rho_{3-4} = \phi_1 \rho_2 + \phi_2 \rho_1 + \phi_3 + \phi_4 \rho_1$$

$$\text{For } j = 4, \rho_4 = \phi_1 \rho_{4-1} + \phi_2 \rho_{4-2} + \phi_3 \rho_{4-3} + \phi_4 \rho_{4-4} = \phi_1 \rho_3 + \phi_2 \rho_2 + \phi_3 \rho_1 + \phi_4$$

$$\text{For } j \geq 5, \rho_j = \phi_1 \rho_{j-1} + \phi_2 \rho_{j-2} + \phi_3 \rho_{j-3} + \phi_4 \rho_{j-4}$$

For problem 1-2, we know

$$\phi_1 = 0, \phi_2 = 0, \phi_3 = 0, \phi_4 = 0.1$$

$$\text{For } j = 4, \rho_4 = \phi_1 \rho_3 + \phi_2 \rho_2 + \phi_3 \rho_1 + \phi_4 = 0.1$$

Problem #1-3

For the **AR (4) model** where x_t is a stationary, ergodic process

$$x_t = 0.5 + 0.1x_{t-1} + 0.1x_{t-4} + \epsilon_t$$

Where the mean, $E(x_t) = \mu$ for all t , $\phi_1 = 0.1$, $\phi_4 = 0.1$ is the AR (4) parameter, and ϵ_t is a white noise sequence.

(Using what we found in Problem 1-2)

For problem 1-3, we know

$$\phi_1 = 0.1, \phi_2 = 0, \phi_3 = 0, \phi_4 = 0.1$$

$$\text{For } j = 0, \rho_0 = \frac{\gamma_0}{\gamma_0} = \frac{\phi_1 \gamma_1 + \phi_2 \gamma_2 + \phi_3 \gamma_3 + \phi_4 \gamma_4 + \sigma^2}{\phi_1 \gamma_1 + \phi_2 \gamma_2 + \phi_3 \gamma_3 + \phi_4 \gamma_4 + \sigma^2} = 1$$

$$\text{For } j = 1, \rho_1 = \frac{\phi_1 + \phi_3 \rho_2 + \phi_4 \rho_3}{1 - \phi_2} = \phi_1 + \phi_4 \rho_3 = 0.1 + 0.1 \rho_3 = 0.1011236$$

$$\text{For } j = 2, \rho_2 = \phi_1 \rho_1 + \phi_2 + \phi_3 \rho_2 + \phi_4 \rho_3 = \phi_1 \rho_1 + \phi_4 \rho_3$$

$$= 0.1 \rho_1 + 0.1(0.1 \rho_2 + 0.1 \rho_1) = 0.011$$

$$\text{For } j = 3, \rho_3 = \phi_1 \rho_2 + \phi_2 \rho_1 + \phi_3 + \phi_4 \rho_1 = \phi_1 \rho_2 + \phi_4 \rho_1 = 0.1 \rho_2 + 0.1 \rho_1 = 0.011236$$

$$\text{For } j = 4, \rho_4 = \phi_1 \rho_3 + \phi_2 \rho_2 + \phi_3 \rho_1 + \phi_4 = \phi_1 \rho_3 + \phi_4 = 0.1 \rho_3 + 0.1 = 0.1011236$$

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