

Assignment 1

2.1 Given $E(X) = 2$, $\text{Var}(X) = 9$, $E(Y) = 0$, $\text{Var}(Y) = 4$
 $\text{Corr}(X, Y) = 0.25$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(a) } \text{Cov}(X, Y) &= \text{Corr}(X, Y) \times \sigma_X \times \sigma_Y \\ &= 0.25 \times \sqrt{9} \times \sqrt{4} \\ &= 1.5 \end{aligned} \quad \text{_____ ①}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Var}(X+Y) &= \text{Var}(X) + \text{Var}(Y) + 2\text{Cov}(X, Y) \\ &= 9 + 4 + 2(1.5) \quad \text{--- (from ①)} \\ &= 16 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(b) } \text{Cov}(X, X+Y) &= E[(X - E(X))(X+Y - E(X) - E(Y))] \\ &= E[X^2 - 2(X+Y)E(X) - XE(Y) + E(X)^2 \\ &\quad + XY + E(X)E(Y)] \\ &= \text{Var}(X) + E(X)^2 - 2(4) + E(X)^2 + E(XY) \\ &= 2.5 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(c) } \text{Cov}(X+Y, X-Y) &= \text{Cov}(X, X) - \text{Cov}(Y, Y) \\ &= \text{Var}(X) - \text{Var}(Y) \\ &= 9 - 4 \\ &= 5 \end{aligned} \quad \text{_____ ①}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Var}(X-Y) &= \text{Var}(X) + \text{Var}(Y) + 2\text{Cov}(X, Y) \\ &= 9 + 4 + 2(1.5) \\ &= 16 \end{aligned} \quad \text{_____ ②}$$

$$\text{Cor}(X+Y, X-Y) = \frac{\text{Cov}(X+Y, X-Y)}{\sigma_{X+Y} \times \sigma_{X-Y}}$$

$$= \frac{5}{\sqrt{16} \times \sqrt{16}} \quad \text{--- (from (1), (2), (a))}$$

$$= 0.3125$$

2.2 X and Y are dependent but $\text{Var}(X) = \text{Var}(Y)$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Cov}(X+Y, X-Y) &= \text{Cov}(X, X) - \text{Cov}(Y, Y) \\ &\quad + \text{Cov}(X, Y) - \text{Cov}(Y, X) \end{aligned}$$

$$= \text{Var}(X) - \text{Var}(Y)$$

$$= 0$$

2.5

$$Y_t = 5 + 2t + X_t$$

$\{X_t\}$ is zero mean stationary series with autocovariance function γ_k

$$\begin{aligned} (a) \quad E(Y_t) &= E[5 + 2t + X_t] \\ &= 5 + 2t + E[X_t] \\ &= 5 + 2t \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} (b) \quad \text{Cov}(Y_t, Y_{t+n}) &= E[(Y_t - E(Y_t)) \times (Y_{t+n} - E(Y_{t+n}))] \\ &= E[(5 + 2t + X_t - (5 + 2t)) \times (5 + 2(t+n) + X_{t+n} - (5 + 2(t+n)))] \\ &= E[(X_t - X_{t+n})(2n + 2t)] \\ &= E[(X_t - X_{t+n})(2n + 2t)] \end{aligned}$$

Since X_t is a stationary series, γ_k only depends on time lag k .

$\text{Cov}(Y_t, Y_{t+n}) = 2n\gamma_n + 2\gamma_0$
where γ_n is the autocovariance function for X_t at lag n and γ_0 is the variance of X_t .

\therefore autocovariance for Y_t will be

$$\text{Cov}(Y_t, Y_{t+n}) = 2n\gamma_n + 2\gamma_0$$

★ (c) From (a) we have mean of Y_t which is $5 + 2t$, which is not constant over time.

Therefore $\{Y_t\}$ is not stationary.

Autocovariance function for Y_t is $2h\gamma_h + 2\gamma_0$ where γ_h is

autocovariance of X_t . Since X_t is a stationary series, we know that γ_h is stationary.

However, autocovariance function of Y_t is not constant over time with a factor of $2h$.

So $\{Y_t\}$ is not a stationary series.

2.6 $\{X_t\}$ is a stationary time series

$$Y_t = \begin{cases} X_t & \text{when } t \text{ is odd} \\ X_{t+3} & \text{when } t \text{ is even} \end{cases}$$

$$(a) \text{Cov}(Y_t, Y_{t-k}) = E[(Y_t - E(Y_t)) \times (Y_{t-k} - E(Y_{t-k}))]$$

$$= E[(X_t - E(X_t)) \times (X_{t-k} - E(X_{t-k}))]$$

if k is odd

$$= E[(X_t + 3 - E(X_t + 3)) \times (X_{t-k} + 3 - E(X_{t-k} + 3))] \\ \text{if } k \text{ is even}$$

It is apparent from above that when k is odd, Y_t and Y_{t-k} are odd too and equal the X_t and X_{t-k} .

$$\text{So for odd } k, \\ \text{Cov}(Y_t, Y_{t-k}) = \text{Cov}(X_t, X_{t-k})$$

When k is even, Y_t and Y_{t-k} are both even.

$$\text{Cov}(Y_t, Y_{t-k}) = E(X_t \times X_{t-k}) - E(X_t) \times \\ E(X_{t-k}) + 3(E(X_{t-k})) \\ - 3(E(X_t)) + 9$$

Since X_t is stationary, $E(X_t)$ and $E(X_{t-k})$ are constant.

So the first 2 terms of the above equation only depend on lag k .
Last 2 terms depend on $E(X_{t-k})$ and $E(X_t)$ which are only functions of lag k .

So $\text{Cov}(Y_t, Y_{t-k})$ is independent of t and only depends on lag k .

$$(b) \ E(Y_t) = \begin{cases} E(X_t) & \text{for odd } t \\ E(X_t + 3) & \text{for even } t \end{cases}$$

Since X_t is stationary, $E(X_t)$ is constant over t .

So $E(Y_t)$ alternates between $E(X_t)$ and $E(X_t) + 3$, so it is not constant over t .

Moreover,

$$\gamma_{Y(k)} = \text{Cov}(X_t, X_{t-k}) \text{ for odd } k$$

$$\gamma_{Y(k)} = \text{Cov}(X_t + 3, X_{t-k}) \text{ for even } k$$

So autocovariance function of Y_t for odd lags k is not dependant on t . But it differs for even lag k and thus overall it is not constant over t .

Thus $\{Y_t\}$ is not stationary.

2.7 $\{Y_t\}$ is stationary with autocovariance function γ_k

(a) $W_t = Y_t - Y_{t-1}$

$$E(W_t) = E(Y_t) - E(Y_{t-1})$$

$$= 0$$

(because both will be constant for stationary Y_t)

\therefore Mean of W_t does not depend on t .

$$\text{Cov}(W_t, W_{t-k}) = E(W_t W_{t-k}) - E(W_t) E(W_{t-k})$$

$$= E[(Y_t - Y_{t-1})(Y_{t-k} - Y_{t-k-1})]$$

$$= \gamma_k + \gamma_k - \gamma_{k+1} - \gamma_{k-1}$$

$$= 2\gamma_k - \gamma_{k+1} - \gamma_{k-1} \rightarrow \text{function of } k$$

$\therefore W_t$ is stationary

(b) $U_t = Y_t - 2Y_{t-1} + Y_{t-2}$

$$= Y_t - Y_{t-1} - (Y_{t-1} - Y_{t-2}) - Y_{t-2}$$

$$= W_t - W_{t-1} - W_{t-2}$$

Since we showed in (a) that W_t is stationary, U_t is also stationary because it is a linear combination of W_t .

2.8 $\{Y_t\}$ is stationary with autocovariance function γ_k .

$$W_t = C_1 Y_t + C_2 Y_{t-1} + \dots + C_n Y_{t-n+1}$$

$$E(W_t) = C_1 E(Y_t) + C_2 E(Y_{t-1}) + \dots + C_n E(Y_{t-n+1})$$

Since Y_t is stationary, $E(Y_t)$, $E(Y_{t-1})$, ... are constant and do not depend on t .

So $E(W_t)$ is constant.

$$\text{Cov}(W_t, W_{t-n}) = E[(C_1 Y_t + C_2 Y_{t-1} + \dots + C_n Y_{t-n+1})(C_1 Y_{t-n} + \dots + C_n Y_{t-n-n+1})]$$

$\therefore W_t$ is stationary because it has constant mean and its autocovariance depends on lag k .

2.11 $\text{Cov}(X_t, X_{t-k}) = \gamma_k$ is not dependent on t
 $E(X_t) = 3t$ which is dependent on t .

(a) $\{X_t\}$ is not stationary because its mean is not constant.

(b) $Y_t = 7 - 3t + X_t$

$$E(Y_t) = E(7 - 3t + X_t) = E(7 - 3t - 3t) = 0$$

$$\text{Cov}(Y_t, Y_{t-k}) = E[(Y_t)(Y_{t-k})] - E(Y_t)E(Y_{t-k})$$

$$= E(7 - 3t + X_t)(7 - 3(t-k) + X_{t-k}) - 7 \times 7$$

$$= E[(X_t)(X_{t-k})] - E(X_t)E(X_{t-k})$$

$\therefore \{Y_t\}$ is stationary

2.12 $Y_t = e_t - e_{t-12}$

$$E(Y_t) = E(e_t) - E(e_{t-12}) = 0$$

$$\text{Cov}(Y_t, Y_{t-k}) = E(Y_t Y_{t-k}) - E(Y_t)E(Y_{t-k})$$

$$= E[(e_t - e_{t-12})(e_{t-k} - e_{t-k-12})]$$

$$= E[e_t e_{t-k}] + E(e_{t-12} e_{t-k-12})$$

$$- E(e_{t-12} e_{t-k}) - E(e_t e_{t-k-12})$$

$$= 0 \quad \text{for } k > 0 \text{ or } k < 0$$

$$\text{For } k = 12, \text{ Cov}(Y_t, Y_{t-k}) = E[e_{t-12}^2] = -6^2$$

\therefore autocovariance and the autocorrelation $\neq 0$ when $k = 12$
 $= 0$ when $k \neq 12$

$$2.14 \quad (a) \quad Y_t = \theta_0 + t e_t$$

$$\begin{aligned} E(Y_t) &= E(\theta_0 + t e_t) \\ &= E(\theta_0) + t E(e_t) \\ &= E(\theta_0) + t \times 0 = \theta_0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \gamma_k &= \text{Cov}(Y_t, Y_{t-k}) = E[Y_t Y_{t-k}] - E[Y_t] E[Y_{t-k}] \\ &= E[(\theta_0 + t e_t)(\theta_0 + (t-k) e_{t-k})] \\ &= E(\theta_0^2) = 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Var}(Y_t) &= t^2 \text{Var}(e_t) \\ &= \sigma^2 t^2 \end{aligned}$$

So the process has constant variance and constant autocovariance

$\therefore Y_t$ is stationary

$$\begin{aligned}
 (b) \quad W_t &= \nabla Y_t = Y_t - Y_{t-1} \\
 &= \theta_0 + te_t - (\theta_0 + (t-1)e_{t-1}) \\
 &= te_t - (t-1)e_{t-1}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 E(W_t) &= E(te_t) - E[(t-1)e_{t-1}] \\
 &= 0
 \end{aligned}$$

since e_t is white noise.

$$\begin{aligned}
 \gamma_k &= \text{Cov}(W_t, W_{t-k}) \\
 &= E(W_t W_{t-k}) - E(W_t)E(W_{t-k}) \\
 &= E(W_t W_{t-k}) \\
 &= E[te_t - (t-1)e_{t-1}][(t-k)e_{t-k} \\
 &\quad - (t-k-1)e_{t-k-1}]
 \end{aligned}$$

$$= 0$$

$$\text{Var}(W_t) = \text{Var}(te_t - (t-1)e_{t-1})$$

So the process has constant mean and autocovariance

$\therefore \{W_t\}$ is stationary.

$$(c) Y_t = e_t e_{t-1}$$

$$E(Y_t) = 0$$

$$\text{Cov}(Y_t, Y_{t-k}) = E(Y_t, Y_{t-k}) - E(Y_t) E(Y_{t-k})$$

$$= E(e_t e_{t-1}, e_{t-k} e_{t-1-k}) - E(e_t e_{t-1}) E(e_{t-k} e_{t-1-k})$$

$$= 0$$

The process has constant mean and constant autocovariance.

$\therefore \{Y_t\}$ is stationary.

$$2.15 \quad Y_t = (-1)^t X \quad \text{and} \quad E(X) = 0$$

$$(a) E(Y_t) = E(X(-1)^t)$$

$$= 0$$

$$\text{since } E(X) = 0$$

$$(b) \text{Cov}(Y_t, Y_{t-k}) = \text{Cov}(X(-1)^t, X(-1)^{t-k})$$

$$= \text{Cov}(X, X) \times (-1)^k$$

$$= (-1)^k \sigma^2$$

$$\text{for } k \geq 0$$

(c) Y_t is stationary because it is only dependent on lag k .