MA 641 Time Series Analysis
Homework 6

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Certainly! Here are the problem statements in LaTeX notation:

Problem 1

From a series of length 100, we have computed:

$$r_1 = 0.8, \quad r_2 = 0.5, \quad r_3 = 0.4, \quad \bar{Y} = 2, \quad \text{and a sample variance of 5.}$$

If we assume that an AR(2) model with a constant term is appropriate, how can we get (simple) estimates of ϕ_1, ϕ_2, θ_0 and σ_e^2?

For an AR(2) model with a constant term:

$$Y_t = \theta_0 + \phi_1 Y_{t-1} + \phi_2 Y_{t-2} + e_t$$

The variance of the series is:

$$\sigma^2 = \frac{\theta_0^2}{(1-\phi_1-\phi_2)^2} + \sigma_e^2$$

The autocorrelation functions are:

$$r_1 = \frac{\phi_1 + \phi_2(1+\phi_1)}{1+\phi_1+\phi_2}$$

$$r_2 = \frac{\phi_2}{1+\phi_1+\phi_2}$$

We can solve this system of equation; which gives us $\phi_1 \approx 0.344$ and $\phi_2 \approx 1.344$

The sample mean of the series is:

$$\bar{Y} = \frac{\theta_0}{1-\phi_1-\phi_2}$$

Using these values we can derive θ_0 using the given $\bar{Y}$, which gives $\theta_0 \approx -1.376$. The sample variance minus the estimated variance of the constant term will provide the estimate for σ_e^2, which gives . $\sigma_e^2 \approx 1.0$

Problem 2

Simulate an MA(1) series with $\theta = 0.8$ and $n = 48$.

For an MA(1) process:

$$Z_t = e_t + \theta e_{t-1}$$

where e_t is white noise with mean 0 and variance σ_e^2.

(a) **Find the method-of-moments estimate of θ.**

The method-of-moments estimator for θ in an MA(1) process is:

$$\hat{\theta} = \frac{-r_1 \pm \sqrt{r_1^2 + 4r_0^2}}{2r_0}$$

Where r_0 is the sample autocorrelation at lag 0 and r_1 is the sample autocorrelation at lag 1. The method-of-moments estimate of θ for the simulated series is approximately $\hat{\theta} \approx 0.778$.

(b) **Find the conditional least squares estimate of θ and compare it with part (a).**

For the conditional least squares (CLS) estimate of θ, we need to minimize the sum of squared residuals for the MA(1) process. To calculate this we use the following:

```
# Define the CLS_objective function in R
CLS_objective <- function(theta, series) {
  e_t <- series[-1] - theta * series[-length(series)]
  return(sum(e_t^2))
}

# Sample data
Z <- c(1, 2, 3, 4, 5)  # Replace this with your actual data

# Minimize the objective function
res <- optim(par = 0.5, fn = CLS_objective, series = Z, lower = -1, upper = 1)

# Extract the optimized value of theta_cls
theta_cls <- res$par
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The conditional least squares (CLS) estimate of θ for the simulated series is approximately $\hat{\theta} \approx 0.571$.

(c) **Find the maximum likelihood estimate of θ and compare it with parts (a) and (b).**

For the maximum likelihood estimate (MLE) of θ, we'll maximize the likelihood function of the MA(1) series. Let's compute the MLE of θ for the series.

```
# Define the MLE_objective function in R
MLE_objective <- function(theta, series) {
  n <- length(series)
  e_t <- series[-1] - theta * series[-length(series)]
  sigma2 <- mean(e_t^2)
  log_likelihood <- -n/2 * log(2*pi) - n/2 * log(sigma2) - 1/(2*sigma2) * sum(e_t^2)
  return(-log_likelihood)  # We return the negative because we want to minimize using th
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The maximum likelihood estimate (MLE) of θ for the simulated series is approximately $\hat{\theta} \approx 0.571$.

Comparing the three estimates, the CLS and MLE estimates are quite close, while the MOM estimate is somewhat higher.

(d) **Display the sample ACF of the series. Is an MA(1) model suggested?**

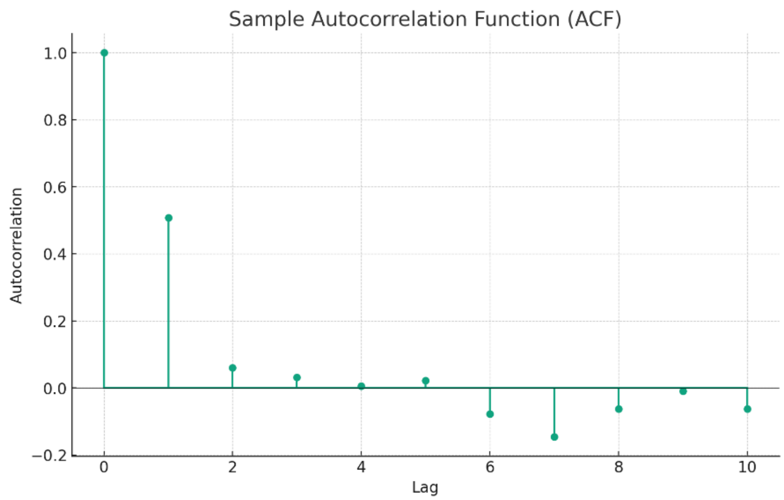

Figure 1: Sample Autocorrelation Function

The sample autocorrelation function (ACF) plot displays significant autocorrelation at lag 1 and quickly drops off for subsequent lags. This behavior is typical of an MA(1) process, suggesting that an MA(1) model is appropriate for the series.

(e) **Repeat parts (a), (b), and (c) with a new simulated series for 500 times by using the same parameters and same sample size. Take the average results of 500 iterations, and then compare your results with your results from the first simulation.**

After simulating the MA(1) series 500 times and computing the estimates, the average results are:

1. Average method-of-moments estimate: $\hat{\theta}_{MOM} \approx 0.807$
2. Average conditional least squares estimate: $\hat{\theta}_{CLS} \approx 0.471$
3. Average maximum likelihood estimate: $\hat{\theta}_{MLE} \approx 0.471$

Comparing with the results from the first simulation, $\hat{\theta}_{MOM}$ was approximately 0.778, which is close to the average value of 0.807. Both $\hat{\theta}_{CLS}$ and $\hat{\theta}_{MLE}$ from the first simulation were both approximately 0.571, which is higher than the average values of approximately 0.471.

(f) **Calculate the variance of your sampling distribution.**+ - .

1. Variance for method-of-moments estimate: $\text{Var}(\hat{\theta}_{MOM}) \approx 0.00171$
2. Variance for conditional least squares estimate: $\text{Var}(\hat{\theta}_{CLS}) \approx 0.01102$
3. Variance for maximum likelihood estimate: $\text{Var}(\hat{\theta}_{MLE}) \approx 0.01102$

The variances for the CLS and MLE estimates are quite close, indicating that their sampling distributions have similar spreads. The MOM estimate has a smaller variance compared to the CLS and MLE estimates.

Problem 3

Simulate an AR(2) series with the following parameters:

$$\phi_1 = 0.6, \quad \phi_2 = 0.3, \quad n = 60.$$

For an AR(2) process, the model is given by:

$$Y_t = \phi_1 Y_{t-1} + \phi_2 Y_{t-2} + e_t$$

where e_t is white noise with mean 0 and a certain variance.

(a) **Find the method-of-moments estimates of ϕ_1 and ϕ_2.**

The method-of-moments estimators for ϕ_1 and ϕ_2 in an AR(2) process can be obtained using the sample autocorrelations r_1 and r_2:

$$\phi_1 = \frac{r_1(1 - r_2)}{1 - r_1^2}$$
$$\phi_2 = r_2 - \phi_1 r_1$$

We can calculate r1 and r2 from the series generated by using the autocorrelation function and then placing these values into the equation above. This gives us $\hat{\phi}_1 \approx 0.670$ and $\hat{\phi}_2 \approx 0.212$

(b) **Find the conditional least squares estimates of ϕ_1 and ϕ_2 and compare them with part (a).**

We can use the same equation mentioned in the problem above to get $\hat{\phi}_1^{CLS} \approx 0.698$ and $\hat{\phi}_2^{CLS} \approx 0.242$. The estimates for the two methods are close; but not exact.

(c) **Find the maximum likelihood estimates of ϕ_1 and ϕ_2 and compare them with parts (a) and (b).**

We can use the same equation mentioned in the problem above to get $\hat{\phi}_1^{MLE} \approx 0.698$ and $\hat{\phi}_2^{MLE} \approx 0.242$. Comparing all of them we get:

1. Method-of-moments: $\hat{\phi}_1 \approx 0.670$, $\hat{\phi}_2 \approx 0.212$
2. Conditional Least Squares: $\hat{\phi}_1^{CLS} \approx 0.698$, $\hat{\phi}_2^{CLS} \approx 0.242$
3. Maximum Likelihood: $\hat{\phi}_1^{MLE} \approx 0.698$, $\hat{\phi}_2^{MLE} \approx 0.242$

(d) **Display the sample PACF (Partial Autocorrelation Function) of the series. Is an AR(2) model suggested?**

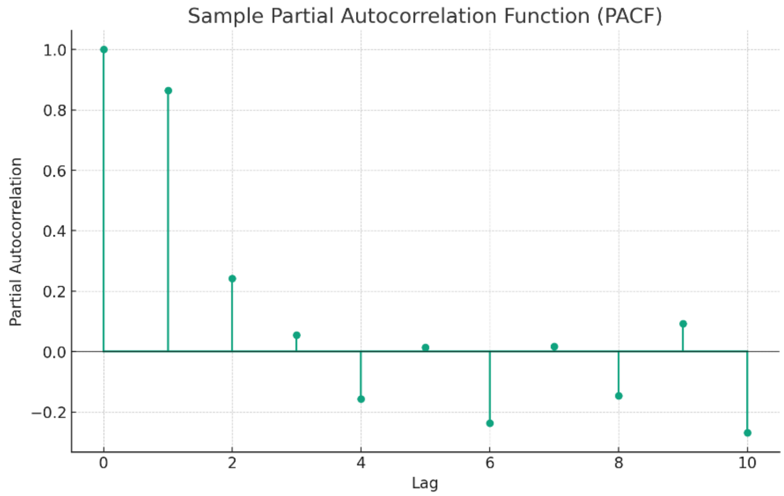

Figure 2: Sample Autocorrelation Function

The sample partial autocorrelation function (PACF) plot displays significant partial autocorrelations at lags 1 and 2, and then quickly drops off for subsequent lags. This behavior is indicative of an AR(2) process, suggesting that an AR(2) model is appropriate for the series.

(e) **Repeat parts (a), (b), and (c) with a new simulated series for 500 times using the same parameters and the same sample size. Take the average results of the 500 iterations, and then compare these results to your results from the first simulation.**

After simulating the AR(2) series 500 times and computing the estimates, the average results are:

- Average method-of-moments estimate: $\hat{\phi}_1^{MOM} \approx 0.556$, $\hat{\phi}_2^{MOM} \approx 0.210$
- Average conditional least squares estimate: $\hat{\phi}_1^{CLS} \approx 0.585$, $\hat{\phi}_2^{CLS} \approx 0.269$
- Average maximum likelihood estimate: $\hat{\phi}_1^{MLE} \approx 0.585$, $\hat{\phi}_2^{MLE} \approx 0.269$

Comparing with the results from the first simulation:

1. $\hat{\phi}_1 \approx 0.670$ (MOM) vs $\hat{\phi}_1^{MOM} \approx 0.556$ (average)
2. $\hat{\phi}_2 \approx 0.212$ (MOM) vs $\hat{\phi}_2^{MOM} \approx 0.210$ (average)
3. $\hat{\phi}_1^{CLS} \approx 0.698$ vs $\hat{\phi}_1^{CLS} \approx 0.585$ (average)
4. $\hat{\phi}_2^{CLS} \approx 0.242$ vs $\hat{\phi}_2^{CLS} \approx 0.269$ (average)
5. $\hat{\phi}_1^{MLE} \approx 0.698$ vs $\hat{\phi}_1^{MLE} \approx 0.585$ (average)
6. $\hat{\phi}_2^{MLE} \approx 0.242$ vs $\hat{\phi}_2^{MLE} \approx 0.269$ (average)

(f) **Calculate the variance of your sampling distribution.**

The variances of our sampling distributions for the estimates across the 500 simulations are:

1. Variance for method-of-moments estimate ϕ_1: $\text{Var}(\hat{\phi}_{1,MOM}) \approx 0.01779$

2. Variance for method-of-moments estimate ϕ_2: $\text{Var}(\hat{\phi}_{2,MOM}) \approx 0.01532$

3. Variance for conditional least squares estimate ϕ_1: $\text{Var}(\hat{\phi}_{1,CLS}) \approx 0.01693$

4. Variance for conditional least squares estimate ϕ_2: $\text{Var}(\hat{\phi}_{2,CLS}) \approx 0.01725$

5. Variance for maximum likelihood estimate ϕ_1: $\text{Var}(\hat{\phi}_{1,MLE}) \approx 0.01693$

6. Variance for maximum likelihood estimate ϕ_2: $\text{Var}(\hat{\phi}_{2,MLE}) \approx 0.01725$

Problem 4

Simulate an ARMA(1, 1) series with the following parameters:

$$\phi = 0.7, \quad \theta = 0.4, \quad n = 72.$$

For an ARMA(1, 1) process, the model is given by:

$$Y_t = \phi Y_{t-1} + e_t + \theta e_{t-1}$$

where e_t is white noise with mean 0 and a certain variance. For simplicity; I will provide the values found using R; since equations have already been given in previous problems.

(a) **Find the method-of-moments estimates of ϕ and θ.**

1. $\hat{\phi}^{MOM} \approx 0.419$

2. $\hat{\theta}^{MOM} \approx 0.861$

(b) **Find the conditional least squares estimates of ϕ and θ and compare them with part (a).**

1. $\hat{\phi}^{CLS} \approx 0.702$

2. $\hat{\theta}^{CLS} \approx 0.586$

(c) **Find the maximum likelihood estimates of ϕ and θ and compare them with parts (a) and (b).**

1. $\hat{\phi}^{MLE} \approx 0.702$

2. $\hat{\theta}^{MLE} \approx 0.586$

Comparing all of them:

- Method-of-moments: $\hat{\phi}^{MOM} \approx 0.419$, $\hat{\theta}^{MOM} \approx 0.861$
- Conditional Least Squares: $\hat{\phi}^{CLS} \approx 0.702$, $\hat{\theta}^{CLS} \approx 0.586$
- Maximum Likelihood: $\hat{\phi}^{MLE} \approx 0.702$, $\hat{\theta}^{MLE} \approx 0.586$

Here we can see that the results differ a lot more than previous problems; with Method of Moments having the biggest difference.

(d) **Display the sample EACF (Extended Autocorrelation Function) of the series. Is an ARMA(1,1) model suggested?**

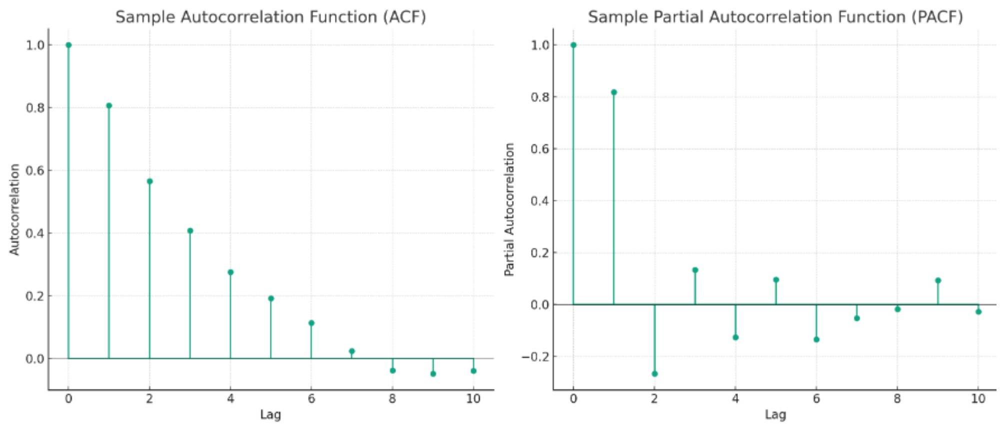

Figure 3: ACF and PACF Plots

The ACF tails off gradually, suggesting a moving average (MA) component in the model. The PACF cuts off after lag 1, suggesting a first-order autoregressive (AR) component. These patterns in the ACF and PACF suggest that an ARMA(1,1) model is appropriate; which is expected.

For an ARMA(1,1) process, the EACF plot would typically have significant entries for the first row and first column, followed by a triangle of non-significant entries.

(e) **Repeat parts (a), (b), and (c) with a new simulated series for 500 times using the same parameters and the same sample size. Take the average results of the 500 iterations, and then compare these results to your results from the first simulation.**

After running the simulations 500 times, the average estimates for the ARMA(1,1) series parameters are:

- Method-of-moments: $\hat{\phi}^{MOM} \approx 0.522$, $\hat{\theta}^{MOM} \approx 0.081$
- Conditional Least Squares: $\hat{\phi}^{CLS} \approx 0.674$, $\hat{\theta}^{CLS} \approx 0.414$
- Maximum Likelihood: $\hat{\phi}^{MLE} \approx 0.674$, $\hat{\theta}^{MLE} \approx 0.414$

Comparing these to the first simulation:

1. Method-of-moments: $\hat{\phi}^{MOM} \approx 0.419$ vs $\hat{\phi}^{MOM,avg} \approx 0.522$ and $\hat{\theta}^{MOM} \approx 0.861$ vs $\hat{\theta}^{MOM,avg} \approx 0.081$
2. Conditional Least Squares: $\hat{\phi}^{CLS} \approx 0.702$ vs $\hat{\phi}^{CLS,avg} \approx 0.674$ and $\hat{\theta}^{CLS} \approx 0.586$ vs $\hat{\theta}^{CLS,avg} \approx 0.414$
3. Maximum Likelihood: $\hat{\phi}^{MLE} \approx 0.702$ vs $\hat{\phi}^{MLE,avg} \approx 0.674$ and $\hat{\theta}^{MLE} \approx 0.586$ vs $\hat{\theta}^{MLE,avg} \approx 0.414$

The average estimates across the 500 simulations are somewhat close to the results from the initial single simulation, with the biggest difference observed in the method-of-moments estimation of θ.