

# 1 Introduction

**Def. 1.1** a Time Series (TS)<sup>1</sup>  $X_T$  is a sequence of r.v. that ordered in time  $T$  i.e.,

$$X_T = \{X_t, t \in T\}.$$

**Def. 1.2 (sample ACVF)** sample auto-covariance function

$$\hat{\gamma}_X(h) := \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=t}^{n-|h|} (X_{t+|h|} - \bar{X})(X_t - \bar{X}), \quad w.l \quad |h| < n.$$

**Def. 1.3 (sample ACF)** sample auto-correlation function

$$\hat{\rho}_X(h) := \frac{\hat{\gamma}_X(h)}{\hat{\gamma}_X(0)}$$

**Lemma 1.0.1** If  $\gamma_{t,t+h} = \gamma_X(h), \forall t \in T$ , then  $\rho_X(h) = \frac{\gamma_X(h)}{\gamma_X(0)}$ .  
Notice that  $\{X_t\}$  do not need to be weakly stationary.

**Def. 1.4**  $f : \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is non-negative definite iff

$$\sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n a_i f(i-j) a_j \geq 0, \forall n \in \mathbb{N}, \mathbf{a} \in \mathbb{R}^n.$$

prop. (Basic property of  $\gamma(h)$ )

1.  $|\gamma(h)| \leq \gamma(0), \forall h$ .
2.  $\gamma(h) = \gamma(-h), \forall h$ .
3.  $\gamma(h)$  is non-negative definite.

**pf:**

$$\text{var}(\sum a_i X_i) \geq 0 \Rightarrow \sum_i \sum_j a_i \text{Cov}(X_i, X_j) a_j \geq 0. \quad \blacksquare$$

**Thm 1.1**  $\gamma : \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is ACVF for some  $X_T$  iff symmetric & non-negative definite.

**Def. 1.5 (sample PACF)** sample partial auto-correlation function<sup>2</sup>

$$\hat{\alpha}(h) := \phi_{hh},$$

where  $\phi_{hh}$  is given by Durbin-Levinson Algorithm 8.1.

prop.

1.  $\alpha(0) = 1$  and  $\alpha(1) = \rho(1)$ . **pf:**  
By definition,  $\alpha(1) = \Gamma_1^{-1} \gamma_1 = \frac{1}{\gamma(0)} \gamma(1) = \rho(1).$  ■
2.  $|\alpha(h)| \leq 1, \forall h$ .

**pf:**

Recall from Durbin-Levinson Algorithm 8.1 that  $v(h)$  is the MSE of the best linear forecast, then

$$v(h) = v(h-1)(1 - \phi_{hh}^2) \Rightarrow (1 - \phi_{hh}^2) \geq 0. \quad \blacksquare$$

<sup>1</sup>In this chapter,  $T$  is always discrete and equally spaced.

<sup>2</sup>"Partial" comes from the statistical terminology "partial correlation". XXX

## 2 Stationary

**Def. 2.1**  $X_T$  is (weakly) stationary iff

- $\mu_i = \mu, \forall i$ , for some const.  $\mu \in \mathbb{R}$ .
- $\gamma_{i,i+h} = f(|h|), \forall i, h$ , for some fnc.  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ .<sup>1</sup>

**Def. 2.2**  $X_T$  is strictly stationary iff the joint distribution

$$f_{X_i, X_{i+1}, \dots, X_{i+h}} = f_{X_{i+k}, X_{i+k+1}, \dots, X_{i+k+h}}, \forall i, k, h$$

**Thm 2.1** If  $\{X_t\}$  is strictly stationary &  $\mu_i, \gamma_{i,j}$  exists,  $\forall i, j$ , then  $X_T$  is weakly stationary.

**E.X. 2.1 (strictly stationary  $\nRightarrow$  weakly stationary)** Cauchy distribution  $F(x|x_0, \gamma) = \frac{1}{\pi} \arctan(\frac{x-x_0}{\gamma}) + \frac{1}{2}$ .

*pf:*

Let  $k = 2b$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} EX &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} xf(x)dx = \lim_{a, b \rightarrow \infty} \int_{-b}^a xf(x)dx \\ &= \lim_{k=a-b, b \rightarrow \infty} \int_k^{k+b} xf(x)dx + \int_{-b}^b xf(x)dx \quad \nearrow 0 \end{aligned}$$

That is,  $EX$  DNE.

Similarly,  $EX^2 \propto \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{x^2}{1+x^2} dx = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} 1 dx - \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{1}{1+x^2} dx = DNE$ .

By [Holder Inequality](#),  $\forall$  moments of it is DNE. ■

## 3 Processes

**Def. 3.1**  $\{W_t\}$  is i.i.d noise iff  $\{W_t\}$  is i.i.d &  $E(W_t) = 0, \forall t$ .

**Def. 3.2**  $\{Z_t\}$  is White noise iff  $E(Z_t) = 0$  &  $Cov(Z_t, Z_s) = \begin{cases} \sigma^2 & , t = s \\ 0 & , t \neq s \end{cases}$ .

noted as  $WN(0, \sigma^2)$ .

prop.

1. independent  $\Rightarrow \gamma_\epsilon(h) = \begin{cases} 0 & , t \neq s \\ \sigma_i^2 & , t = s \end{cases}$ .
2. i.i.d  $\Rightarrow$  independent + Homoscedasticity  $\Rightarrow WN(0, \sigma^2)$ .

**E.X. 3.1** ( $WN(0, \sigma^2) \nRightarrow$  i.i.d.)  $Y_t = Z_t - Z_{t-1}$ , where  $Z_t \sim N(0, \sigma^2)$ .

<sup>1</sup>From now on,  $\gamma_X(h) := f(|h|)$ , and  $\gamma(h)$  and  $\rho(h)$  represent the Short cut of "ACVF" and "ACF" respectively.

**Def. 3.3**  $\{X_t\}$  is called random walk<sup>1</sup>. iff  $X_t = \sum_{j=1}^t W_j$ , w.l.  $\{W_j\}$  be i.i.d noise.

**Def. 3.4**  $\{X_t\}$  is called simple random walk iff  $(W_j + \frac{1}{2}) \stackrel{i.i.d}{\sim} \text{bern}(\frac{1}{2})$ .

prop.

$\text{Var}(X_t) = t\sigma^2$ , i.e., not stationary.

### 3.1 Linear process

**Def. 3.5**  $\{X_t\}$  is linear process iff

- $X_t = \sum_{j=-\infty}^{\infty} a_j Z_j$  w.l.  $Z_j \sim WN(0, \sigma^2)$ .
- $\sum_{j=-\infty}^{\infty} |a_j| < \infty$ , i.e., converge.

That is,  $X_t$  is a L.C. of  $\{Z_j\}$ . Notice that  $a_j$  could be 0.

prop.

Let  $\{Y_t\}$  is stationary, and  $\{X_t\}$  is a L.C. of  $\{Y_t\}$ , and  $\sum_{j=-\infty}^{\infty} |a_j| < \infty$ . Then,

$$\gamma_X(h) = \sum_{j=-\infty}^{\infty} \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} a_j a_k \gamma_Y(h+k-j).$$

If  $Y_t \sim WN(0, \sigma^2)$ , then  $\gamma_X(h) = \sigma^2 \sum_{j=-\infty}^{\infty} a_j a_{j+h}$ .

-  $q^{th}$  order moving average MA(q) process.

**Def. 3.6**  $\{X_t\}$  is MA(1) process w.l coefficient  $a$ ,  $\sigma^2$  iff  $X_t = Z_t + aZ_{t-1}$  w.l.  $Z_t \sim WN(0, \sigma^2)$ .

prop.

$$\gamma(h) = \begin{cases} (1+a^2) \cdot \sigma^2 & , |h| = 0 \\ a \cdot \sigma^2 & , |h| = 1 \\ 0 & , |h| > 2 \end{cases}$$

**Def. 3.7**  $\{X_t\}$  is MA(q) process iff

$$X_t = \sum_{j=t-q}^t a_j Z_j \quad \text{w.l.} \quad Z_j \sim WN(0, \sigma^2).$$

**Def. 3.8**  $\{X_t\}$  is q-dependent iff  $\forall k > q, X_t \perp\!\!\!\perp X_{t+k}$ .

prop.

$\{e_t\}$  is q-dependent  $\Rightarrow$  for any fnc.  $G : \mathbb{R}^q \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^q$ , s.t.,  $X_t = G(e_t, \dots, e_{t+q})$ ,  $\{X_t\}$  is q-dependent.

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<sup>1</sup>origin: [Brownian motion](#) (布朗运动).

**Def. 3.9**  $\{X_t\}$  is q-correlated iff  $\forall k > q, \rho_{X_t, X_{t+k}} = 0$ .

**Thm 3.1**  $\{X_t\}$  is exactly a MA(q) process  $\Leftrightarrow \{X_t\}$  is q-correlated & stationary.

*pf:*

( $\Leftarrow$ ) Trivial, 略.

( $\Rightarrow$ ) Too non-trivial, 略. ■

Note that in practice, we usually plot the sample ACF and check if it cuts off at some p to test whether MA(p) process is a good candidate for  $\{X_t\}$ .

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**Def. 3.10**  $\{X_t\}$  is MA( $\infty$ ) process w.l coefficient  $a$ ,  $\sigma^2$  iff  $X_t = \sum_{j=-\infty}^t a_j Z_j$  w.l.  $Z_t \sim WN(0, \sigma^2)$  and  $\sum_{j=-\infty}^{\infty} |a_j| < \infty$ .

-  $p^{th}$  order auto-regressive AR(p) process

**Def. 3.11**  $\{X_t\}$  is a AR(1) process w.l coefficient  $a$ ,  $\sigma^2$  iff  $X_t = Z_t + aX_{t-1}$ ,  $Z_t \sim WN(0, \sigma^2)$ .

prop.

1.  $\gamma(h) = \frac{a^{|h|}}{1-a^2} \cdot \sigma^2$ .
2.  $Cov(X_t, Z_{t+1}) = 0, \forall t$ .<sup>1</sup>

**Def. 3.12**  $\{X_t\}$  is causal process iff  $X_t = \sum_{j=-\infty}^t a_j Z_j$ , w.l.  $Z_t \sim WN(0, \sigma^2)$ .

Notice that  $X_t$  is a L.C. of historical pts. only.

**Def. 3.13**  $\{X_t\}$  is invertable process iff  $Z_t$  can be written as a L.C. of  $X_s$ , where  $s \leq t$ .

**Lemma 3.1.1**  $AR(1)$  is casual  $\Leftrightarrow AR(1)$  is MA( $\infty$ )  $\Leftrightarrow |a| \leq 1 \Leftrightarrow \sum |a_j| < \infty$ .

*pf:*

$$X_t = \frac{1}{1-aB} Z_t = \sum_{j=-\infty}^t a^{t-j} Z_j \text{ is a kind of MA}(\infty), \text{ and MA}(\infty) \text{ is causal.} \quad \blacksquare$$

**Thm 3.2** If  $\{X_t\}$  is a AR(p) process, then the PACF  $\alpha(h) = 0, \forall |h| \geq p+1$ .

Note that in practice, we usually plot the sample PACF and check if it cuts off at some p to test whether AP(p) process is a good candidate for  $\{X_t\}$ .

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- The merger between AR(p) and MA(q) process

**Def. 3.14**  $\{X_t\}$  is ARMA(1,1) process iff  $(1-aB)X_t = (1+\theta B)Z_t$ , w.l.  $\theta+a \neq 0$ <sup>2</sup> and  $Z_t \sim WN(0, \sigma^2)$ .

<sup>1</sup>Because  $X_t$  is a L.C. of  $Z_t, Z_{t-1}, \dots, Z_2, Z_1$ .

<sup>2</sup>if  $a = -\theta$ , then  $X_t = Z_t, WN(0, \sigma^2)$  は興味がありません!

prop.

$|a| > 1, \exists$  a stationary non-causal solution to  $(1 - aB)X_t = (1 + \theta B)Z_t$ .  
XXX. (Unfinished)

**Lemma 3.2.1**  $|a| < 1 \Rightarrow ARMA(1,1)$  is  $MA(\infty)$ .

*pf:*

Since  $|a| < 1, X_t = \frac{1+\theta B}{1-aB} Z_t = (1 + \frac{a+\theta}{1-aB})Z_t = Z_t + \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} (a + \theta)a^{j-1}Z_j$ .<sup>1</sup> ■

**Lemma 3.2.2**  $|\theta| < 1 \Rightarrow ARMA(1,1)$  is invertable.

*pf:*

$$Z_t = \frac{1-aB}{1+\theta B} X_t = \dots B^j X_t. \quad \blacksquare$$

**Def. 3.15**  $\{X_t\}$  is ARMA(p,q) process iff  $\phi(B)X_t = \theta(B)Z_t$ , w.l.  $\phi(\cdot), \theta(\cdot)$  be some polynomial function and  $Z_t \sim WN(0, \sigma^2)$ .

**Thm 3.3** There exists a stationary solution  $\{x_t\}$  for an  $ARMA(p,q)$  process  $\Leftrightarrow \forall x_0 \in \mathbb{C}$  as the roots of  $\phi(x) = 1 - \phi_1 x - \dots - \phi_p x^p = 0, \|x_0\| \neq 1$ .

*pf:*

Given  $\phi(B)$  and  $X_t = \frac{\theta(B)}{\phi(B)} Z_t$  if and only if  $\forall$  the roots of  $\Phi(B), \|B_0\| \neq 1$ . (???) wtf is that  
■

**Thm 3.4**  $ARMA(p,q)$  process is causal  $\Leftrightarrow \forall x_0 \in \mathbb{C}$  as the roots of  $\phi(x), \|x_0\| > 1$ .

*pf:*

Given p-th degree of polynomial fnc.  $\phi(x)$ , w.l.  $x \in \mathbb{C}$ , we have

$$\phi(x) = (1 - \alpha_1 x)(1 - \alpha_2 x) \dots (1 - \alpha_p x).$$

Thus, the  $i^{th}$  root  $x^i = \frac{1}{\alpha_i}$ . ( $\Leftarrow$ ) If  $\|x_i\| > 1$ , then  $\|\alpha_i\| < 1, \forall i$ . Therefore,

$$\frac{1}{\phi(B)} = \prod_{i=1}^p \frac{1}{1 - \alpha_i B} = \sum_{i=1}^p \frac{c_i}{1 - \alpha_i B} = \sum_{i=1}^p c_i \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} (\alpha_i B)^j. \quad \blacksquare$$

**Thm 3.5**  $ARMA(p,q)$  process is invertable  $\Leftrightarrow \forall x_0 \in \mathbb{C}$  as the roots of  $\theta(x), \|x_0\| > 1$ .

**E.X. 3.2**  $X_t - 2X_{t-1} + 3X_{t-2} = Z_t$ .

Clearly it is invertable, and  $\theta(x) = 1 = 0 \Rightarrow x_0 \in \emptyset$ .

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<sup>1</sup>It is incorrect to write  $(1 + \frac{a+\theta}{1-aB})$ , but it is fine here.

## 4 Inference - Given n obs. $X_t$

Note:

$$\text{Cov}(x, x) = \begin{bmatrix} \gamma(0) & \gamma(1) & \cdots & \gamma(n) \\ \gamma(-1) & \gamma(0) & \cdots & \gamma(n-1) \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \gamma(-n) & \gamma(-(n-1)) & \cdots & \gamma(0) \end{bmatrix}$$

### 4.1 Mean $\mu$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Var}(\hat{\mu}_n) &= E(\hat{\mu}_n - \mu)^2 = \frac{1}{n^2} E(X_t - \mu)^2 = \frac{1}{n^2} \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \gamma(i-j) \\ &= \frac{1}{n^2} (n\gamma(0) + (n-1) \cdot [\gamma(1) + \gamma(-1)] + (n-2) \cdot [\gamma(2) + \gamma(-2)] + \cdots) \end{aligned}$$

**Thm 4.1 (CLT<sup>1</sup>)** If  $\{X_t\}$  is stationary &  $\sum_{j=1}^{\infty} |\gamma(j)| < \infty$ , then

$$\sqrt{n}(\hat{\mu}_n - \mu) \xrightarrow{D} \mathcal{N}(0, \sum_{h=-n}^n (1 - \frac{|h|}{n}) \gamma(h)),$$

where  $\gamma(h)$  is assumed to be known. <sup>2</sup>

### 4.2 ACVF $\gamma(h)$ & ACF $\rho(h)$

$$\hat{\rho}_k := (\hat{\rho}(1), \hat{\rho}(2), \dots, \hat{\rho}(k))^T.$$

**Thm 4.2** If  $\{X_t\}$  is stationary &  $\sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \gamma(j) < \infty$ , then  $\hat{\rho}_k \xrightarrow{d} \mathcal{N}(\rho_k, \frac{1}{n} \mathbf{W}_k)$ , where  $\mathbf{W}_k$  is a  $k \times k$  matrix, s.t.,

$$w_{ij} = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} [\rho(k+i) + \rho(k-i) - 2\rho(i)\rho(k)] \cdot [\rho(k+j) + \rho(k-j) - 2\rho(j)\rho(k)],$$

$$\text{thus, } CI_{95\%} = \hat{\rho}(h) \pm \frac{1.96}{\sqrt{n}} \sqrt{w_{hh}}.$$

## 5 Hypothesis tests of TS

### 5.1 i.i.d ?

Target:

- *before*: If true, the history is useless for forecasting.
- *after*: If false,  $\hat{\epsilon}$  is not good enough.

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<sup>2</sup>If  $\gamma(h)$  is unknown, then

$$CI_{95\%} = \hat{\mu}_n \pm \frac{1.96}{\sqrt{n}} \sqrt{\hat{V}}, \quad \text{w.l.} \quad \hat{V} = \sum_{h=-\sqrt{n}}^{\sqrt{n}} (1 - \frac{|h|}{n}) \hat{\gamma}(h).$$

### 1. Non-rigorous test

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\* *dis-adv*: Multiple testing problem <sup>1</sup>.

### 2. Ljung Box test<sup>2</sup>

$H_0 : (i.i.d \Rightarrow \rho = 0 \Rightarrow \rho^2 = 0).$

$$\hat{Q}_{LB} = n \sum_{j=1}^h \hat{\rho}^2(j) \sim \chi_h^2.$$

$$modified - \hat{Q}_{LB} = n(n+2) \sum_{j=1}^h \frac{\hat{\rho}^2(j)}{n-j} \sim \chi_h^2.$$

\* *dis-adv*:

When  $h$  is large, the # of  $Q$  is too small;

When  $h$  is small, the lag  $h$  is not large enough.

**Rule of thumb:**  $h = 2 \lfloor \ln n \rfloor$ .

### 3. McLeod & Li test<sup>3</sup>

$H_0 : (i.i.d \Rightarrow \rho = 0 \Rightarrow \rho^2 = 0).$

$$\hat{Q}_{ML} = n(n+2) \sum_{j=1}^h \frac{\hat{\rho}_{x^2}^2(j)}{n-j} \sim \chi_h^2.$$

## 5.2 Normal ?

Target:

XXX

### 1. Rough test: Q-Q plot.<sup>4</sup>

## 6 Remove the trend

### 6.1 Remove the trend only

1. \* Linear regression  $X_t = \beta_0 + \beta_1 t + \epsilon_t$ .

$$\Rightarrow \hat{\epsilon}_t = X_t - \hat{X}_t \perp\!\!\!\perp i.$$

2. \* Homonic regression  $X_t = \sum_{j=1}^k [a_j(\cos \lambda_j t) + b_j(\sin \lambda_j t)] + \epsilon_t$ .

- $\lambda_j$  are chosen manually as the potential frequency  $\frac{2\pi}{T}$  (usually).
- $K$  is large enough.

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<sup>1</sup>t-test v.s F-test.

<sup>2</sup>modified  $Q_{LB}$  is better when  $n \leq 100$ , same when  $n$  is large.

<sup>3</sup>The ACF of  $x_t$  is not large enough, thus making it to be  $x^2$ .

<sup>4</sup>for STA457, this is enough.

$$\Rightarrow \hat{\epsilon}_t = X_t - \hat{X}_t \perp i.$$

3. \* Exponential Smoothing  $X_t = \mu_t + \epsilon_t$ .

$$\hat{\mu}_t^1 = \sum_{j=0}^{t-2} [\alpha(1-\alpha)^j X_{t-j}] + (1-\alpha)^{t-1} X_1.$$

$$\Rightarrow \hat{\epsilon}_t = X_t - \hat{\mu}_t.$$

4. Moving average  $X_t = \mu_t + \epsilon_t$ .

$$\hat{\mu}_t = \frac{1}{2q+1} \sum_{j=t-q}^{t+q} X_j^2,$$

where  $q$  is manually<sup>3</sup> picked, usually  $\lfloor n^{\frac{1}{3}} \rfloor$ .  $\Rightarrow \hat{\epsilon}_t = X_t - \hat{\mu}_t$ .

5. Differencing<sup>4</sup>  $X_t = \mu_t + s_t + \epsilon_t$ .

**Def.** 6.1 Backward shift operator  $B$  is a operator s.t.,  $B: X_T \rightarrow X_T$ , w.l.  $x_t \rightarrow x_t$ .

$$\Rightarrow \Delta X_t^5 = (I - B)X_t.$$

## 6.2 Remove trend & Seasonality

1. Estimation & Removal  $X_t = \mu_t + s_t$  (Seasonality)  $+ \epsilon_t$ .

$$\widehat{trend} \begin{cases} \hat{\mu}_t = \frac{1}{2q+1} \sum_{j=t-q}^{t+q} x_j, & d = 2q+1 (\text{odd}) \\ \hat{\mu}_t = \frac{1}{2q} [0.5x_{t-q} + \sum_{j=t-q}^{t+q} x_j + 0.5x_{t+q}], & d = 2q (\text{even}) \end{cases}$$

$$\Rightarrow \widehat{X}_t = X_t - \hat{\mu}_t \rightarrow \text{Only seasonal component left.}$$

$\widehat{seasonal} : \forall k \in \mathbb{N}, 0 \leq k \leq d, A_k := \{\hat{X}_{k+d \cdot j} | j \in \mathbb{N}, k+d \cdot j \leq n\} = \{\hat{x}_k, \hat{x}_{k+d}, \hat{x}_{k+2d} \dots\}$ .  $\hat{s}_t :=$  average of obs. in  $A_k$ .

Thus,  $\forall i < d, \hat{s}_t = \hat{s}_{i-md}$ , for some  $m \in \mathbb{N}$ .

$$\Rightarrow \hat{\epsilon}_t = \widehat{X}_t - \hat{s}_t.$$

2. Differencing  $X_t = \mu_t + s_t + \epsilon_t$ .

$$\begin{aligned} Y_t &= (I - B_X^d)X_t = X_t - X_{t-d} = (\mu - \mu_{t-d} + \underbrace{(s_t - s_{t-d})}_{\rightarrow 0}) + (\epsilon_t + \epsilon_{t-d}) \\ &= \tilde{\mu}_t + \tilde{\epsilon}_t. \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow \Delta Y_t = (I - B_Y)Y_t.$$

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<sup>1</sup>Estimation of the trend. Weighted average of  $\{X_t, X_{t-1}, \dots, X_1\}$ , where  $\omega$  decaying exponentially & decaying speed  $\uparrow$  as  $\alpha \uparrow$ .

<sup>2</sup>if  $t-q < 0$  or  $t+q > n+1$ , then let  $x_j = x_1, x_j = x_n$  respectively.

<sup>3</sup>Non-trivial.

<sup>4</sup>dis: i) # data  $\downarrow$ ; ii) loss the trend information.

<sup>5</sup>Assume that  $\Delta X_t$  has no trend. Sometimes it still has, then do it again.



## 7 MSE & Linear forecast

Let  $\{X_t\}$  be stationary.

**Def. 7.1** MSE of forecast is defined as  $E[X_{t+h} - f(X_h)]^2$ , where  $f(X_h)$  is the forecast of  $X_{t+h}$ .

**Thm 7.1**  $E(X_{t+h}|X_t)$  minimize MSE.

*pf:*

Let  $f^*(X_t) = E(X_{t+h}|X_t)$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} E(X_{t+h} - f)^2 &= E(X_{t+h} - f^* + f^* - f)^2 \\ &= E(X_{t+h} - f)^2 + 2E(X_{t+h} - f^*)(f^* - f) + E(f^* - f)^2. \end{aligned}$$

Recall that  $E(Y) = E[E(Y|X)]$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} 2E(X_{t+h} - f^*)(f^* - f) &= 2EE[(X_{t+h} - f^*)(f^* - f)|X_t] \\ &= E[(f^* - f)(E(X_{t+h}|X_t) - f^*)] = 0 \end{aligned}$$

■

### 7.1 Forecast the Future Given TS $\{X_t\}_{t=1}^n$ .

Criterion:

Let  $\mathbf{x} = (X_1, \dots, X_n)^T$ ,  $E(Y) = \mu$  and  $E(X_t) = \mu_t$  for notation convenience. Then

$$\min\{\text{MSE of forecast}\} = \min_{(a_0, \mathbf{a})} E(Y - a_0 - a_1X_1 - \dots - a_nX_n)^2 = \min_{(a_0, \mathbf{a})} E(Y - a_0 - \mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{x})^2.$$

and view  $X_0 = 1$ , we have

$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial a_t} = -2E(Y - a_0 - \mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{x})X_t = 0, \forall t \Rightarrow E(YX_t) = E(a_0 + \mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{x})X_t, \forall t.$$

Notice that when  $t = 0$ , define  $\boldsymbol{\mu} = (\mu_1, \dots, \mu_n)$ , we obtain

$$\boldsymbol{\mu} = a_0 + \mathbf{a} \cdot \boldsymbol{\mu} \Leftrightarrow a_0 = \boldsymbol{\mu} - \sum_{j=1}^n a_j \mu_j$$

Thus,

$$E(YX_t) = (\boldsymbol{\mu} - \mathbf{a} \cdot \boldsymbol{\mu})\mu_t + E(\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{x})X_t \Rightarrow E(YX_t) - \boldsymbol{\mu}\mu_t = E(\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{x})X_t - (\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{x})\mu_t.$$

That is,  $\text{Cov}(Y, X_t) = \text{Cov}(\mathbf{x}, X_t), \forall t$ , or,

$$\text{Cov}(Y, \mathbf{x}) = \text{Cov}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x})\mathbf{a} \Leftrightarrow \boldsymbol{\gamma} = \boldsymbol{\Gamma}\mathbf{a}.$$

If  $\boldsymbol{\Gamma}$  is not singular, i.e.,  $\det(\boldsymbol{\Gamma}) \neq 0$ , then  $\mathbf{a} = \boldsymbol{\Gamma}^{-1}\boldsymbol{\gamma}$  is not only solvable, but also unique.

**Thm 7.2** The best linear forecast of  $Y$  based on  $\{X_t\}_{t=1}^n$  is

$$P(Y|\mathbf{x}) = a_0 + \mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{x},$$

where  $a_0 = \boldsymbol{\mu} - \mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{x}$  and  $\boldsymbol{\gamma} = \boldsymbol{\Gamma}\mathbf{a}$ .

**Thm 7.3** The MSE of forecast when predicting  $U$  from  $\{X_t\}_{t=1}^n$  is  $\text{Var}(Y^*) - \mathbf{a} \cdot \boldsymbol{\gamma}$ , where  $Y^* = Y - \mu$ .

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Let  $Y^* = Y - \mu$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} \text{MSE of forecast} &= E(Y - \mu + \mathbf{a} - \mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{x})^2 \\ &= E(Y - \mu)^2 - 2\mathbf{a} \cdot E(\mathbf{x})Y + E(\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{x})^2 \\ &= \text{Var}(Y^*) - 2\mathbf{a} \cdot \boldsymbol{\gamma} + \mathbf{a} \cdot \boldsymbol{\Gamma} \mathbf{a} = \text{Var}(Y^*) - \mathbf{a} \cdot \boldsymbol{\gamma}. \end{aligned}$$

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**prop.**

1.  $E(Y - P(Y|\mathbf{x})) = 0$ , i.e., expected forecast error is 0.
2.  $E(Y - P(Y|\mathbf{x}))\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$ , i.e., forecast error is uncorrelated w.l predictors.
3. (Even if  $\boldsymbol{\Gamma}$  is singular)  $P(Y|\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{a}^T \mathbf{x}$  is still unique.

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Assume that we have 2 best linear forecasters  $Q_1$  and  $Q_2$ , s.t.,

$$\begin{aligned} Q_1 &= a_0^1 + \mathbf{a}_n^1 \cdot \mathbf{x} \\ Q_2 &= a_0^2 + \mathbf{a}_n^2 \cdot \mathbf{x} \end{aligned}$$

Then, by **prop. 2**, we have

$$\begin{cases} E(Y - Q_1)\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0} \\ E(Y - Q_2)\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0} \end{cases} \Rightarrow E(Q_1 - Q_2)\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}.$$

Therefore,

$$E(Q_1 - Q_2)^2 = (a_0^1 - a_0^2) \underbrace{E(Q_1 - Q_2)}_{\rightarrow 0} + \mathbf{a} \cdot \underbrace{E(Q_1 - Q_2)\mathbf{x}}_{\rightarrow 0} = 0.$$

That is,  $Q_1 - Q_2 = 0$ , w.l  $Pr = 1$ .

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4.  $P(\cdot|\mathbf{x}) : \Omega \rightarrow \Omega$  is a linear operator<sup>1</sup> over field  $\mathbb{R}$ , s.t.,

$$\text{Cov}(Y, \mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{0} \Rightarrow P(Y|\mathbf{x}) = \mu \quad \& \quad P(X_t|\mathbf{x}) = \mu_t, \forall t.$$

5. (Tower Law of Predictor)  $P(Y|\mathbf{u}_n) = P(P(Y|\mathbf{u}_n, \mathbf{v}_n)|\mathbf{u}_n)$ , where  $\mathbf{v}$  is r.v. s.t.,  $\text{Cov}(\mathbf{u}_n, \mathbf{v}_n) < \infty$ .

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<sup>1</sup>Cov is a linear operator.

## 7.2 Forecast ARMA process

Given  $\Phi(B)X_t = \Theta(B)Z_t$ ,  $Z_t \sim WN(0, \sigma^2)$ , where  $\{\phi_1, \dots, \phi_p\}$ ,  $\{\theta_1, \dots, \theta_q\}$  and  $\sigma^2$  are known.

Define

$$W_t = \begin{cases} \sigma^{-1}X_t, & \text{if } t \leq m \\ \sigma^{-1}\Phi(B)X_t, & \text{if } t > m \end{cases},$$

where  $m = \max\{p, q\}$ . Then  $W_t$  is a MA(q) process when  $t > m$ . Then we have

$$\gamma_W(i, j) = \begin{cases} \sigma^{-2}\gamma_X(|i-j|), & \text{if } \max\{i, j\} \leq m \\ \sigma^{-2} \sum_{r=1}^q \theta_r \theta_{r+|i-j|}, & \text{if } i > m \text{ \& } j > m \\ \sigma^{-2}[\gamma_X(|i-j|) - \sum_{r=1}^q \gamma_X(r+|i-j|)], & \text{if } \min\{i, j\} < m < \max\{i, j\} \leq 2m \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}.$$

Thus, we can use  $\gamma_W(i, j)$  to forecast  $W_{n+1}$  via  $\{W_t\}_{t=1}^n$  using the innovation process. Then

$$P_n(W_{n+1}) = \begin{cases} \sum_{j=1}^n \theta_{nj}(W_{n+1-j} - P_n(W_{n+1+j})), & \text{if } 1 \leq n < m \\ \sum_{j=1}^q \theta_{nj}(W_{n+1-j} - P_n(W_{n+1+j})), & \text{if } n \geq m \end{cases}$$

XXX(?) Notice that when  $n \geq m$ , there is a significant reduction of computation time since we only sum to  $q$ .

Thus, given

$$P_n(W_{n+1}) = \begin{cases} \sigma^{-1}P_n(X_{n+1}), & \text{if } t \leq m \\ \sigma^{-1}P_n[\Phi(B)X_t], & \text{if } t > m \end{cases}$$

we have

$$W_{n+1} - P_n(W_{n+1}) = \sigma^{-1}[X_{n+1} - P_n(W_{n+1})], \quad \forall t$$

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## 8 Recursive Forecasting Algorithms

**Thm 8.1 (Durbin-Levinson Algorithm)** Let  $P_n(x_{n+1}) = \mathbf{a}_n^T \mathbf{x}_n$  w.l.  $\Gamma \mathbf{a}_n = \gamma_n$ , where  $\Gamma_{n \times n}$  is non-singular<sup>1</sup> and  $v_n = MSE_n = \gamma(0) - \mathbf{a}_n^T \gamma_n$ .

If  $\{X_t\}_{t=1}^n$  is stationary, then for any  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $P_n(x_{n+1})$  can be computed by

$$a_{n,n} = v_{n-1}^{-1}[\gamma(n) - \sum_{j=1}^{n-1} a_{n-1,j} \gamma(n-j)]$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} a_{n,1} \\ \vdots \\ a_{n,n-1} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a_{n-1,1} \\ \vdots \\ a_{n-1,n-1} \end{bmatrix} - a_{n,n} \begin{bmatrix} a_{n-1,n-1} \\ \vdots \\ a_{n-1,1} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$v_n = v_{n-1}(1 - a_{n,n}^2)$$

where  $a_{1,1} = \frac{\gamma(1)}{\gamma(0)}$  and  $v_0 = \gamma(0)$ .

<sup>1</sup>In practical, we barely have the case where  $\Gamma_{n \times n}$  is singular, thus it is a mild assumption.

**Thm 8.2 (The Innovation Algorithm)** Let  $u_n = x_n - P_{n-1}(x_n)$  be defined as the forecast error, which is usually referred as "innovation". Let  $v_n = MSE_n = \gamma(0) - \mathbf{a}_n^T \boldsymbol{\gamma}_n$ .

If  $\{x\}_{t=1}^n$ , not necessarily stationary, has  $EX_t = 0$ , then  $P_n(x_{n+1}) = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } n = 1 \\ \sum_{j=1}^n \theta_{n,j} u_{n-j}, & \text{if } n \geq 1 \end{cases}$ , s.t.,

$$\theta_{n,n-k} = v_k^{-1} [\gamma_{n+1,k+1} - \sum_{j=0}^{k-1} \theta_{k,k-j} \theta_{n,n-j} v_j], \quad 0 \leq k < n$$

$$v_n = \gamma_{n+1,n+1} - \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} \theta_{n,n-j}^2 v_j$$

where  $v_0 = \gamma_{1,1}$ .

**Lemma 8.2.1** If  $\{x_t\}$  is  $AR(p)$  process, then  $a_{n,j} = 0, \forall j \geq p+1$ . That is,, only  $a_{n1}, \dots, a_{np} \neq 0$ .

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Note that the rigorous proof is not even required for Grads. Thus, we will only prove why

$$P_n(x_{n+1}) = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } n = 1 \\ \sum_{j=1}^n \theta_{n,j} u_{n-j}, & \text{if } n \geq 1 \end{cases}. \text{ Given}$$

$$\mathbf{u}_n = \mathbf{A} \mathbf{x}_n \quad \text{w.l.} \quad \mathbf{A}_{n \times n} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & & & \\ a_{11} & 1 & & \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \\ a_{n1} & a_{n2} & \cdots & 1 \end{bmatrix},$$

we know that  $\det(\mathbf{A}) = 1$ , s.t.,

$$\mathbf{A}_{n \times n}^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & & & \\ \theta_{11} & 1 & & \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \\ \theta_{n1} & \theta_{n2} & \cdots & 1 \end{bmatrix},$$

Thus,

$$\mathbf{P}_n = \mathbf{x}_n - \mathbf{u}_n = (\mathbf{A}^{-1} - \mathbf{I}) \mathbf{u}_n = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & & & \\ \theta_{11} & 0 & & \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \\ \theta_{n1} & \theta_{n2} & \cdots & 0 \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{u}_n.$$

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**Lemma 8.2.2** If  $\{x_t\}$  is  $MA(q)$  process, then  $\theta_{n,j} = 0, \forall j \geq q+1$ . That is,, only  $\theta_{n1}, \dots, \theta_{nq} \neq 0$ .

## 8.1 The World Decomposition

**Def. 8.1**  $\{X_t\}$  is deterministic iff  $X_t$  can be written as a L.C. of  $\{X_{t-1}, X_{t-2}, \dots\}, \forall t$ .

**E.X. 8.1**  $X_t = A \cos \omega t + \sin \omega t = (2 \cos \omega) X_{t-1} - X_{t-2}, \forall t$ . Notice that  $X_t$  is even not a r.v..

**Thm 8.3 (World Decomposition)** <sup>1</sup> If  $\{X_t\}$  is non-deterministic & stationary, then

$$X_t = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \phi_j Z_{t-j} + V_t,$$

where

1.  $\phi_0 = 1, \sum \phi_j^2 < \infty$ ;
2.  $Z_t \sim WN(0, \sigma^2)$  and  $Cov(Z_t, V_s) = 0, \forall t, s$ ;
3.  $\{V_t\}$  is a deterministic TS.

Note that for most process in practice,  $V_t = 0, \forall t$ . I.e.,  $\{x_t\}$  is purely non-deterministic process, s.t.,

$$X_t = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \phi_j Z_{t-j}.$$

## 9 Model-parameter estimation

### 9.1 Preliminary estimation

Set up:  $\phi(B)X_t = \Theta(B)Z_t$ , w.l  $Z_t \sim WN(0, \sigma^2)$ .

Task: estimate  $\{\phi_1, \dots, \phi_p\}$ ,  $\{\theta_1, \dots, \theta_q\}$  and  $\sigma^2$ .

Method: XXX(Image)

### 9.2 AR(p) process

Given a casual AR(p) process  $X_t - \Phi(B)X_t = Z_t$ , where  $Z \sim WN(0, \sigma^2)$ , we have

$$X_{t-i}X_t - \sum_{j=1}^p \phi_j X_{t-i}X_{t-j} = Z_t X_{t-i}, \quad \forall i \in \{1, 2, \dots, p\}.$$

for any  $t$ . Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} E[X_{t-i}X_t] - \sum_{j=1}^p \phi_j E[X_{t-i}X_{t-j}] &= E[Z_t X_{t-i}], \quad \forall i \in \{1, 2, \dots, p\} \\ \Rightarrow \gamma(i) - \sum_{j=1}^p \phi_j \gamma(i-j) &= 0, \quad \forall i \in \{1, 2, \dots, p\} \\ \Rightarrow \Gamma_p \phi_p &= \gamma_p. \end{aligned}$$

If  $\Gamma_p$  is non-singular, then  $\phi_p = \Gamma_p^{-1} \gamma_p$ , which is called Yule-Walker Equation (Method of Moment).

**Thm 9.1 (Sample Yule-Walker Equation)** If  $\{X_t\}$  is a AR(p) process for some unknown  $\{\phi_1, \dots, \phi_p\}$  and  $\sigma^2$ , then the Yule-Walker equation will estimate them as

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{\phi}_p &= \hat{R}_p^{-1} \hat{\rho}_p \\ \hat{\sigma}_p^2 &= \hat{\gamma}(0)[1 - \hat{\rho}_p^T \hat{R}_p^{-1} \hat{\rho}_p] \end{aligned}$$

where  $\hat{R}_p = \hat{\gamma}(0)^{-1} \hat{\Gamma}_p$  represents the sample ACF matrix.

<sup>1</sup>Operate theory needed to prove this theorem. Thus not required for STA 457.

**Thm 9.2** If  $\{X_t\}$  is an  $AR(p)$  process, and  $\hat{\phi}_p$  is estimated by Yule-Walker equation, then

$$\hat{\phi}_p \xrightarrow{d} \mathcal{N}(\phi, \frac{1}{n}\sigma^2\Gamma_p^{-1})$$

*pf:*

Since  $\bar{X} \rightarrow EX = 0$ , we have  $\hat{\gamma}(i) \approx \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^{n-|j|} X_i X_{i+|j|}$ ,  $\forall j$ . Therefore, since  $X_{i-j} \perp\!\!\!\perp Z_i$ ,

$$\hat{\gamma}_p \approx \gamma_p + \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n Z_i \begin{bmatrix} X_{i-1} \\ \vdots \\ X_{i-p} \end{bmatrix}, \quad Z_i \begin{bmatrix} X_{i-1} \\ \vdots \\ X_{i-p} \end{bmatrix} \sim \mathbf{WN}(\mathbf{0}, \sigma^2 \Gamma_p).$$

Note that  $\hat{\phi}_p = \hat{\Gamma}_p^{-1} \hat{\gamma}_p \approx \Gamma_p^{-1} \hat{\gamma}_p$ . Therefore,

$$\hat{\phi}_p \approx \phi_p + \frac{1}{n} \Gamma_p^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^n Z_i \begin{bmatrix} X_{i-1} \\ \vdots \\ X_{i-p} \end{bmatrix}.$$

Therefore, given the symmetric  $\Gamma_p$ , by CLT, we have  $\sqrt{n}(\hat{\phi}_p - \phi_p) \xrightarrow{d} \mathcal{N}(0, \sigma^2 \Gamma_p^{-1} \Gamma_p \Gamma_p^{-1})$ . Thus, we have

$$CI_{95\%} = \{\phi \in \mathbb{R}^p | (\hat{\phi} - \phi)^T \hat{\Gamma}_p (\hat{\phi} - \phi) \leq \frac{1}{n} \sigma^2 \chi_{95\%, p}^2\}$$

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**Lemma 9.2.1** If  $Y \sim \mathcal{N}(0, A)$ , then  $DY \sim \mathcal{N}(0, DAD^T)$ .

## 10 Problem Sets

1. Let  $\{Z_t\}$  be a sequence of independent normal r.v. with  $E(Z_t) = 0$  and  $Var(Z_t) = \sigma^2$ ,  $\forall t \in T$ . Let  $a, b, c$  be constants. Then is the following processes

$$X_t = Z_t \cos ct + Z_{t-1} \sin ct$$

stationary? Specify the mean and auto-variance function if stationary.

2. Let  $\{x_1, \dots, x_n\}$  be observed values of a TS at times  $1, \dots, n$ , and let  $\hat{\rho}(h)$  be the sample ACF at lag  $h$ . If  $x_t = c \cos(\omega t)$ , where  $c$  and  $\omega$  are constants s.t.,  $c \neq 0$  and  $\omega \in [-\pi, \pi]$ . Then show that

$$\hat{\rho}(h) \xrightarrow{p} \cos(\omega h).$$

3. Consider the AR(1) process  $X_t = 0.4X_{t-1} + Z_t$ , where  $Z_t \sim WN(0, \sigma^2)$ . Define the sub-sequences  $v_k$  recursively as

$$v_1 = 1, \quad v_{k+1} = v_k + (P_k + 1), \quad \text{for } k \in \{1, 2, \dots\},$$

where  $\{P_t\} \stackrel{i.i.d}{\sim} \text{Poisson}(1)$ . Further assume that  $\{P_t\}$  and  $\{X_t\}$  are independent. Define  $Y_k = X_{v_k}$ ,  $k \in \{1, 2, \dots\}$ . Is  $\{Z_k\}$  a weakly stationary TS? Prove your conjecture.

4. Suppose that we have the following non-stationary TS model as

$$Y_t = 2\frac{t}{n} + X_t, \quad \text{for } t \in \{1, 2, \dots, n\},$$

where  $\{X_t\}$  is a AR(1) process s.t.,  $X_t = 0.5X_{t-1} + Z_t$ , where  $\{Z_t\}$  are i.i.d. standard normal r.v..

- (a) Calculate  $Cov(Y_1, Y_2)$  and  $Corr(Y_{n/2}, Y_{n/2+1})$ . Are they equal?
- (b) Calculate the first order sample ACF  $\hat{\rho}(1)$  for  $\{Z_t\}$  by assuming that  $n$  goes to infinity. IS it the same as the first order ACF of  $\{X_t\}$ ?
- (c) If we want to remove the non-stationary trend  $2\frac{t}{n}$  from the TS, we can run the following linear regression

$$Y_t = a + b\frac{t}{n} + e_t.$$

Find the CLT of  $\hat{b}$ . I.e., find  $\sigma^2$  s.t.,

$$\sqrt{n}(\hat{b} - 2) \rightarrow \mathcal{N}(0, \sigma^2).$$

5. Suppose that we have the following non-stationary TS model as

$$Y_t = \omega_1 \frac{t}{n} + (\omega_2 + \frac{t}{n})X_t, \quad \text{for } t \in \{1, 2, \dots, n\},$$

where  $\{X_t\}$  is a AR(1) process s.t.,  $X_t = 0.5X_{t-1} + Z_t$ , where  $\{Z_t\}$  are i.i.d. standard normal r.v..

- (a) Let  $Z_t = Y_t - Y_{t-1}$ . Show that  $\{Z_t\}$  is not weakly stationary.
- (b) Given unknown  $\omega_1, \omega_2$ , find a way to transform  $Y_t$  into a stationary TS.

6. Suppose that

7. (a) Consider the following ARMA(1,1) process

$$X_t - 0.5X_{t-1} = Z_t + 3Z_{t-1}, \quad \text{where } Z_t \sim WN(0, \sigma^2).$$

Is the process  $X_t$  causal and/or invertible? <sup>1</sup>

- (b) Find the MA( $\infty$ ) representation of the process  $\{X_t\}$  in (a).
- (c) Find the first two ACF's  $\rho(1)$  and  $\rho(2)$  for  $X_t$  defined in (a).

8. Suppose that  $\mathbf{W}$  is a random vector and  $Y$  is a random variable. Suppose that  $\text{Var}(Y) < \infty$  and matrix  $\mathbf{\Gamma} = \text{Cov}(\mathbf{W}, \mathbf{W})$  is finite. Let  $P(Y|\mathbf{W})$  be the best linear forecast of  $Y$  based on  $\mathbf{W}$ . Denote  $\gamma = \text{Cov}(Y, \mathbf{W})$ . Prove that

$$E[Y - P(Y|\mathbf{W})]^2 \leq \text{Var}(Y),$$

and show that  $E[Y - P(Y|\mathbf{W})]^2 = \text{Var}(Y)$  if and only if  $\gamma = 0$ .

9. Suppose the historical data support that the monthly return of a security (in percentage) follows a stationary AR(1) model

$$X_t = 1 + 0.5X_{t-1} + Z_t.$$

Suppose that  $X_1 = 2$  and  $X_4 = 3$  and the values of  $X_2$  and  $X_3$  are missing. Based on the values of  $X_1$  and  $X_4$ , find the best linear guess of  $(X_2 + X_3)/2$  and find the mean squared error of the guess.

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<sup>1</sup>You may refer to Lemma 3.1.1 and 3.2.2.