

1.

MA(1) process: $y_t = a_t - \theta_1 a_{t-1}$

$$\begin{aligned}\gamma_0 &= E[y_t y_t] = E[(a_t - \theta_1 a_{t-1})(a_t - \theta_1 a_{t-1})] \\ &= E[a_t^2 - 2\theta_1 a_t a_{t-1} + \theta_1^2 a_{t-1}^2] = E[a_t^2] + E[\theta_1^2 a_{t-1}^2] \\ &= \sigma_a^2 + \theta_1^2 \sigma_a^2 = \sigma_a^2(1 + \theta_1^2)\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\gamma_1 &= E[y_t y_{t-1}] = E[(a_t - \theta_1 a_{t-1})(a_{t-1} - \theta_1 a_{t-2})] \\ &= E[a_t a_{t-1} - \theta_1 a_t a_{t-2} - \theta_1 a_{t-1}^2 + \theta_1^2 a_{t-1} a_{t-2}] = -\theta_1 \sigma_a^2\end{aligned}$$

$$\rho_1 = \frac{\gamma_1}{\gamma_0} = \frac{-\theta_1 \sigma_a^2}{\sigma_a^2(1 + \theta_1^2)} = \frac{-\theta_1}{1 + \theta_1^2}$$

The condition for y_t to be stationary is $|\theta_1| < 1$.

When $\theta_1 = 1, \rho_1 = \frac{-1}{1+1} = -0.5$, and when $\theta_1 = -1, \rho_1 = \frac{1}{1+1} = 0.5$.

Therefore, $\max_{-\infty \leq \theta_1 \leq \infty} \rho_1 = 0.5$ and $\min_{-\infty \leq \theta_1 \leq \infty} \rho_1 = -0.5$.

2.

(a)

$$\begin{aligned}\gamma_0 &= E[y_t y_t] = E[y_t(y_{t-1} - 0.5y_{t-2} + a_t)] \\ &= E[y_t y_{t-1} - 0.5y_t y_{t-2} + y_t a_t] = \gamma_1 - 0.5\gamma_2 + \sigma_a^2 \\ \text{Note: } E[y_t a_t] &= E[(y_{t-1} - 0.5y_{t-2} + a_t)a_t] = \sigma_a^2\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\gamma_1 &= E[y_t y_{t-1}] = E[(y_{t-1} - 0.5y_{t-2} + a_t)y_{t-1}] \\ &= E[(y_{t-1} - 0.5y_{t-2} + a_t)y_{t-1}] = E[y_{t-1}y_{t-1} - 0.5y_{t-2}y_{t-1} + a_t y_{t-1}] \\ &= E[y_{t-1}y_{t-1}] - 0.5E[y_{t-2}y_{t-1}] = \gamma_0 - 0.5\gamma_1\end{aligned}$$

$$\rho_1 = \frac{\gamma_1}{\gamma_0} = \frac{\gamma_0 - 0.5\gamma_1}{\gamma_0} = \rho_0 - 0.5\rho_1$$

$$\Rightarrow 1.5\rho_1 = \rho_0 = 1 \Rightarrow \rho_1 = \frac{1}{1.5}$$

(b)

According to 2.(a), we get $\gamma_k = \gamma_{k-1} - 0.5\gamma_{k-2}$

divide γ_0 , we get $\rho_k = \rho_{k-1} - 0.5\rho_{k-2}$

and $\rho_0 = 1$, $\rho_1 = \frac{2}{3}$

we get:

$$\rho_2 \ 0.16666667$$

$$\rho_3 \ -0.16666667$$

$$\rho_4 \ -0.25$$

$$\rho_5 \ -0.16666667$$

$$\rho_6 \ -0.04166667$$

$$\rho_7 \ 0.04166667$$

$$\rho_8 \ 0.0625$$

$$\rho_9 \ 0.04166667$$

$$\rho_{10} \ 0.01041667$$

$$\rho_{11} \ -0.01041667$$

$$\rho_{12} \ -0.015625$$

$$\rho_{13} \ -0.01041667$$

$$\rho_{14} \ -0.002604167$$

$$\rho_{15} \ 0.002604167$$

3.

(1)

$$y_t = a_t - 1.3a_{t-1} + 0.4a_{t-2} = \theta(B)a_t \text{ where } \theta(B) = (1 - 1.3B + 0.4B^2)$$

The condition for y_t to be stationary is that

the roots of $\theta(B) = 0$ lie outside the unit circle.

$$1 - 1.3B + 0.4B^2 = 0 \Rightarrow B = 1.25 \text{ or } 2$$

Therefore y_t is stationary and invertible.

(2)

$$y_t - 0.5y_{t-1} = a_t - 1.3a_{t-1} + 0.4a_{t-2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \phi(B)y_t = \theta(B)a_t \text{ where } \phi(B) = (1 - 0.5B) \text{ and } \theta(B) = (1 - 1.3B + 0.4B^2)$$

The condition for y_t to be stationary is that

the roots of $\phi(B) = 0$ and $\theta(B) = 0$ lie outside the unit circle.

$$1 - 0.5B = 0 \Rightarrow B = 2$$

$$1 - 1.3B + 0.4B^2 = 0 \Rightarrow B = 1.25 \text{ or } 2$$

Therefore y_t is stationary and invertible.

(3)

$$y_t - 1.5y_{t-1} + 0.6y_{t-2} = a_t$$

$$\Rightarrow \phi(B)y_t = a_t \text{ where } \phi(B) = (1 - 1.5B + 0.6B^2)$$

The condition for y_t to be stationary is that

the roots of $\phi(B) = 0$ lie outside the unit circle.

$$1 - 1.5B + 0.6B^2 = 0 \Rightarrow B = 1.25 \pm 0.3227i$$

Therefore y_t is stationary and invertible.

(4)

$$y_t - y_{t-1} = a_t - 0.5a_{t-1} \Rightarrow \phi(B)y_t = \theta(B)a_t$$

$$\text{where } \phi(B) = (1 - B) \text{ and } \theta(B) = (1 - 0.5B)$$

The condition for y_t to be stationary is that the roots of $\phi(B) = 0$ and $\theta(B) = 0$ lie outside the unit circle.

$$\text{But } 1 - B = 0 \Rightarrow B = 1$$

Therefore y_t is not stationary nor invertible.

4.

(a)

$$\psi_j \text{ for (1): } y_t = a_t - 1.3a_{t-1} + 0.4a_{t-2}$$

$$\because \psi(B) = \theta(B)$$

$$\therefore \text{The first three } \psi_j \text{ is } \begin{cases} \psi_1 = -1.3 \\ \psi_2 = 0.4 \\ \psi_3 = 0 \end{cases}$$

$$\psi_j \text{ for (2): } y_t - 0.5y_{t-1} = a_t - 1.3a_{t-1} + 0.4a_{t-2}$$

$$\because \psi(B) = \phi^{-1}(B)\theta(B) \Rightarrow \psi(B)\phi(B) = \theta(B)$$

$$\therefore (1 + \psi_1 B + \psi_2 B^2 + \psi_3 B^3 + \dots)(1 - 0.5B) = 1 - 1.3B + 0.4B^2$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} -0.5 + \psi_1 = -1.3 \\ -0.5\psi_1 + \psi_2 = 0.4 \\ -0.5\psi_2 + \psi_3 = 0 \end{cases} \Rightarrow \text{The first three } \psi_j \text{ is } \begin{cases} \psi_1 = -0.8 \\ \psi_2 = 0 \\ \psi_3 = 0 \end{cases}$$

$$\psi_j \text{ for (3): } y_t - 1.5y_{t-1} + 0.6y_{t-2} = a_t$$

$$\because \psi(B)\phi(B) = 1$$

$$\therefore (1 + \psi_1 B + \psi_2 B^2 + \psi_3 B^3 + \dots)(1 - 1.5B + 0.6B^2) = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} -1.5 + \psi_1 = 0 \\ 0.6 - 1.5\psi_1 + \psi_2 = 0 \\ 0.6\psi_1 - 1.5\psi_2 + \psi_3 = 0 \end{cases} \Rightarrow \text{The first three } \psi_j \text{ is } \begin{cases} \psi_1 = 1.5 \\ \psi_2 = 1.65 \\ \psi_3 = 1.575 \end{cases}$$

$$\psi_j \text{ for (4): } y_t - y_{t-1} = a_t - 0.5a_{t-1}$$

$$\because \psi(B) = \phi^{-1}(B)\theta(B) \Rightarrow \psi(B)\phi(B) = \theta(B)$$

$$\therefore (1 + \psi_1 B + \psi_2 B^2 + \psi_3 B^3 + \dots)(1 - B) = 1 - 0.5B$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} -1 + \psi_1 = -0.5 \\ -\psi_1 + \psi_2 = 0 \\ -\psi_2 + \psi_3 = 0 \end{cases} \Rightarrow \text{The first three } \psi_j \text{ is } \begin{cases} \psi_1 = 0.5 \\ \psi_2 = 0.5 \\ \psi_3 = 0.5 \end{cases}$$

(b)

$$\pi_j \text{ for (1): } y_t = a_t - 1.3a_{t-1} + 0.4a_{t-2}$$

$$\because \theta(B)\pi(B) = 1$$

$$\therefore (1 - 1.3B + 0.4B^2)(1 + \pi_1B + \pi_2B^2 + \pi_3B^3 + \dots) = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} \pi_1 - 1.3 = 0 \\ \pi_2 - 1.3\pi_1 + 0.4 = 0 \\ \pi_3 - 1.3\pi_2 + 0.4\pi_1 = 0 \end{cases} \Rightarrow \text{The first three } \pi_j \text{ is } \begin{cases} \pi_1 = 1.3 \\ \pi_2 = 1.29 \\ \pi_3 = 1.157 \end{cases}$$

$$\pi_j \text{ for (2): } y_t - 0.5y_{t-1} = a_t - 1.3a_{t-1} + 0.4a_{t-2}$$

$$\because \pi(B) = \theta^{-1}(B)\phi(B) \Rightarrow \pi(B)\theta(B) = \phi(B)$$

$$\therefore (1 + \pi_1B + \pi_2B^2 + \pi_3B^3 + \dots)(1 - 1.3B + 0.4B^2) = 1 - 0.5B$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} -1.3 + \pi_1 = 0.5 \\ 0.4 - 1.3\pi_1 + \pi_2 = 0 \\ 0.4\pi_1 - 1.3\pi_2 + \pi_3 = 0 \end{cases} \Rightarrow \text{The first three } \pi_j \text{ is } \begin{cases} \pi_1 = 1.8 \\ \pi_2 = 1.94 \\ \pi_3 = 1.802 \end{cases}$$

$$\pi_j \text{ for (3): } y_t - 1.5y_{t-1} + 0.6y_{t-2} = a_t$$

$$\because \pi(B) = \phi(B)$$

$$\therefore \text{The first three } \pi_j \text{ is } \begin{cases} \pi_1 = -1.5 \\ \pi_2 = 0.6 \\ \pi_3 = 0 \end{cases}$$

$$\pi_j \text{ for (4): } y_t - y_{t-1} = a_t - 0.5a_{t-1}$$

$$\because \pi(B) = \theta^{-1}(B)\phi(B) \Rightarrow \pi(B)\theta(B) = \phi(B)$$

$$\therefore (1 + \pi_1B + \pi_2B^2 + \pi_3B^3 + \dots)(1 - 0.5B) = 1 - B$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} -0.5 + \pi_1 = -1 \\ -0.5\pi_1 + \pi_2 = 0 \\ -0.5\pi_2 + \pi_3 = 0 \end{cases} \Rightarrow \text{The first three } \pi_j \text{ is } \begin{cases} \pi_1 = -0.5 \\ \pi_2 = -0.25 \\ \pi_3 = -0.125 \end{cases}$$

(c)

$$V[y_t] \text{ for (1) } y_t = a_t - 1.3a_{t-1} + 0.4a_{t-2}$$

$$\Rightarrow V[y_t] = E[(a_t - 1.3a_{t-1} + 0.4a_{t-2})(a_t - 1.3a_{t-1} + 0.4a_{t-2})]$$

$$= E[a_t^2 + 1.69a_{t-1}^2 + 0.16a_{t-2}^2] = 1 + 1.69 + 0.16 = 2.85$$

$$\Rightarrow V[y_t] = 2.85$$

$$V[y_t] \text{ for (2) } y_t - 0.5y_{t-1} = a_t - 1.3a_{t-1} + 0.4a_{t-2}$$

$$\begin{aligned} V[y_t] &= E[(0.5y_{t-1} + a_t - 1.3a_{t-1} + 0.4a_{t-2})(0.5y_{t-1} + a_t - 1.3a_{t-1} + 0.4a_{t-2})] \\ &= E[0.25y_{t-1}y_{t-1} - 0.65y_{t-1}a_{t-1} + 0.2y_{t-1}a_{t-2} + a_t^2 - 0.65y_{t-1}a_{t-1} + 1.69a_{t-1}^2 \\ &\quad + 0.2y_{t-1}a_{t-2} + 0.16a_{t-2}^2] \\ &= 0.25\gamma_0 - 1.3\gamma_{ay}(0) + 0.4\gamma_{ay}(-1) + 2.85\sigma_a^2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Note } \gamma_{ay}(0) = E[y_t a_t] = E[(0.5y_{t-1} + a_t - 1.3a_{t-1} + 0.4a_{t-2})a_t] = \sigma_a^2$$

$$\begin{aligned} \gamma_{ay}(-1) &= E[y_t a_{t-1}] = E[(0.5y_{t-1} + a_t - 1.3a_{t-1} + 0.4a_{t-2})a_{t-1}] \\ &= \gamma_{ay}(0) - 1.3\sigma_a^2 = \sigma_a^2 - 1.3\sigma_a^2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Hence, } V[y_t] = 0.25\gamma_0 - 1.3\gamma_{ay}(0) + 0.4\gamma_{ay}(-1) + 2.85\sigma_a^2$$

$$\Rightarrow 0.75 V[y_t] = -1.3\gamma_{ay}(0) + 0.4\gamma_{ay}(-1) + 2.85\sigma_a^2$$

$$= -1.3\sigma_a^2 + 0.4(\sigma_a^2 - 1.3\sigma_a^2) + 2.85\sigma_a^2 = -1.3 + 0.4 * (-0.3) + 2.85 = 1.43$$

$$\Rightarrow V[y_t] = 1.9067$$

$$V[y_t] \text{ for (3) } y_t - 1.5y_{t-1} + 0.6y_{t-2} = a_t$$

$$\begin{aligned} V[y_t] &= E[y_t(1.5y_{t-1} - 0.6y_{t-2} + a_t)] \\ &= E[1.5y_t y_{t-1} - 0.6y_t y_{t-2} + y_t a_t] = 1.5\gamma_1 - 0.6\gamma_2 + \sigma_a^2 \\ &\Rightarrow V[y_t] = \gamma_0 = 1.5\gamma_1 - 0.6\gamma_2 + 1 \end{aligned}$$

$$\gamma_1 = E[(1.5y_{t-1} - 0.6y_{t-2} + a_t)y_{t-1}] = 1.5\gamma_0 - 0.6\gamma_1$$

$$\Rightarrow 1.6\gamma_1 = 1.5\gamma_0 \Rightarrow \gamma_1 = \frac{1.5\gamma_0}{1.6}$$

$$\gamma_2 = E[(1.5y_{t-1} - 0.6y_{t-2} + a_t)y_{t-2}] = 1.5\gamma_1 - 0.6\gamma_0$$

$$\Rightarrow \gamma_2 = 1.5\gamma_1 - 0.6\gamma_0$$

$$\begin{cases} \gamma_0 = 1.5\gamma_1 - 0.6\gamma_2 + 1 \\ \gamma_1 = \frac{1.5\gamma_0}{1.6} \\ \gamma_2 = 1.5\gamma_1 - 0.6\gamma_0 \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} \gamma_0 = \frac{400}{31} \\ \gamma_1 = \frac{375}{31} \\ \gamma_2 = \frac{645}{62} \end{cases}$$

$$\text{Hence, } V[y_t] = \frac{400}{31}.$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& V[y_t] \text{ for (4) } y_t - y_{t-1} = a_t - 0.5a_{t-1} \\
& V[y_t] = E[(y_{t-1} + a_t - 0.5a_{t-1})(y_{t-1} + a_t - 0.5a_{t-1})] \\
& = E[y_{t-1}y_{t-1} - 0.5y_{t-1}a_{t-1} + a_t^2 - 0.5y_{t-1}a_{t-1} + 0.25a_{t-1}^2] \\
& = \gamma_0 - \gamma_{ay}(0) + 1.25\sigma_a^2 = \gamma_0 - 1 + 1.25 \\
& \Rightarrow V[y_t] = \gamma_0 = \gamma_0 - 1 + 1.25 \\
& \Rightarrow V[y_t] \text{ does not exist.}
\end{aligned}$$

5.

$$\begin{aligned}
V[(1-B)y_t] &= V[y_t - y_{t-1}] = V[y_t] - V[y_{t-1}] + 2COV[y_t, y_{t-1}] = 2V[y_t] - 2\gamma_1 \\
\rho_1 &< \frac{1}{2} \Rightarrow \gamma_1 < \frac{1}{2}V[y_t] \Rightarrow 2\gamma_1 < V[y_t] \\
\text{Hence, } 2V[y_t] - 2\gamma_1 &> V[y_t] \Rightarrow V[(1-B)y_t] > V[y_t]
\end{aligned}$$

6.

(a)

$$\begin{aligned}
y_t &= \phi y_{t-1} + e_t = \phi[\phi y_{t-2} + e_{t-1}] + e_t = \phi[\phi(\phi y_{t-3} + e_{t-2}) + e_{t-1}] + e_t \\
&= \dots = e_t + \phi e_{t-1} + \phi^2 e_{t-2} + \dots + \phi^{t-1} e_1 + \phi^t y_0 \text{ for all } t > 0
\end{aligned}$$

(b)

$\because e_t$ is white noise

$$\therefore E[y_t] = E[e_t + \phi e_{t-1} + \phi^2 e_{t-2} + \dots + \phi^{t-1} e_1 + \phi^t y_0] = \phi^t E[y_0] = \phi^t \mu_0$$

(c)

$\because e_t$ is white noise and independent of past y_{t-1}, y_{t-2}, \dots

$$\begin{aligned}
V[y_t] &= V[e_t + \phi e_{t-1} + \phi^2 e_{t-2} + \dots + \phi^{t-1} e_1 + \phi^t y_0] \\
&= V[e_t] + \phi^2 V[e_{t-1}] + \phi^4 V[e_{t-2}] + \dots + \phi^{2t-2} V[e_1] + \phi^{2t} V[y_0] \\
&= (1 + \phi^2 + \phi^4 + \dots + \phi^{2t-2})\sigma_e^2 + \phi^{2t}\sigma_0^2 = \frac{1 - \phi^{2t}}{1 - \phi^2}\sigma_e^2 + \phi^{2t}\sigma_0^2
\end{aligned}$$

$$\text{When } \phi = 1, (1 + \phi^2 + \phi^4 + \dots + \phi^{2t-2})\sigma_e^2 + \phi^{2t}\sigma_0^2 = t\sigma_e^2 + \sigma_0^2$$

$$\text{Hence, } V[y_t] = \begin{cases} \frac{1 - \phi^{2t}}{1 - \phi^2}\sigma_e^2 + \phi^{2t}\sigma_0^2, & \text{for } \phi \neq 1 \\ t\sigma_e^2 + \sigma_0^2, & \text{for } \phi = 1 \end{cases}$$

(d)

When $\phi = 1, V[y_t] = t\sigma_e^2 + \sigma_0^2$, then y_t is not stationary
since the variance of y_t is a function of t .

When $\phi \neq 1, E[y_t] = 0$ under the assumption $\mu_0 = 0$.

$$\begin{aligned}
V[y_t] &= \frac{1 - \phi^{2t}}{1 - \phi^2} \sigma_e^2 + \phi^{2t} \sigma_0^2 = \frac{\sigma_e^2}{1 - \phi^2} - \frac{\sigma_e^2 \phi^{2t}}{1 - \phi^2} + \phi^{2t} \sigma_0^2 \\
&= \frac{\sigma_e^2}{1 - \phi^2} + \phi^{2t} \left(\sigma_0^2 - \frac{\sigma_e^2}{1 - \phi^2} \right) = \frac{\sigma_e^2}{1 - \phi^2} + \phi^{2t} (\gamma_0 - \gamma_0) = \frac{\sigma_e^2}{1 - \phi^2} \\
&\quad \left(\because V[y_t] = \gamma_0 = \phi^2 \gamma_0 + \sigma_e^2 \Rightarrow \gamma_0 = \frac{\sigma_e^2}{1 - \phi^2} \right)
\end{aligned}$$

Hence, we must have $\phi \neq 1$ to make y_t stationary.

(e)

From the previous question, we have shown that $V[y_t] = \frac{\sigma_e^2}{1 - \phi^2}$

under the assumption that $\mu_0 = 0$ and y_t is stationary.

Since $0 < V[y_t] < \infty$, $|\phi|$ must be less than 1 s.t. $V[y_t] = \frac{\sigma_e^2}{1 - \phi^2}$

$= (1 + \phi^2 + \phi^4 + \dots) \sigma_e^2$ would be summable.

That is we must have $|\phi| < 1$ so that $V[y_t] = \frac{\sigma_e^2}{1 - \phi^2}$.