

# Stationarity

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# Stationarity

$\{X_t\}$ .

$k$  - variables.  
 $t_1, \dots, t_k$ .

## Strict Stationarity

$\{X_t\}$  is **strictly stationary** if

lag  $h$ .

$$\underline{P(X_{t_1} \leq x_1, \dots, X_{t_k} \leq x_k)} = P(\underline{X_{t_1+h} \leq x_1, \dots, X_{t_k+h} \leq x_k})$$

for all  $k, t_1, \dots, t_k, x_1, \dots, x_k$ , and  $h$ .

- This implies that shifting the time axis does not affect the joint distribution.
- This is too strong a condition for almost applications.
- We will use a milder version that only focuses on second order properties.

# Recap - Mean and Covariance of Random Variables

- For a random variable  $X$ , the mean is given by

*second  
- order  
characteristics.*

$$\mu_1' = \mu_x = \underline{E(X)} = \begin{cases} \sum_x x \cdot f(x) & \text{if } X \text{ is discrete} \\ \int_x x \cdot f(x) dx & \text{if } X \text{ is continuous} \end{cases}$$

- For two random variables  $X$  and  $Y$ , the covariance is given by

$$\mu_{1,1} = \underline{\text{Cov}(X, Y)} = \underline{E[(X - \mu_x)(Y - \mu_y)]}$$

► Note:  $\text{Cov}(X, X) = \underline{\text{Var}(X)} = E[(X - \mu_x)^2] = \mu_2 - \sigma^2$

# Mean and Autocovariance

Let  $\{X_t\}$  be a time series with  $E(X_t^2) < \infty$ .

for all values of "t."

- The mean function of  $\{X_t\}$  is

$$\mu_t = \mu_{xt} = \underline{\underline{E[X_t]}}$$

- The autocovariance function of  $\{X_t\}$  is

$$\rightarrow \gamma_x(s, t) = \underline{\underline{\text{Cov}(X_s, X_t)}} = E[(X_s - \mu_s)(X_t - \mu_t)]$$

for all integers  $s$  and  $t$ .

When no possible confusion exists about which time series we are referring to, we will drop the 'x' subscript.

# Autocovariance

$\gamma_x(s, t)$  : linear dependence  
 $x_s, x_t$

- Measures the linear dependence between two points on the same series observed at different times.
  - A smooth series may have a larger autocovariance (even for distant points,  $s$  and  $t$ ) as compared to a choppy one.

- $\gamma_x(s, t) = \gamma_x(t, s)$  ←

$\text{cov}(x, y) = \text{cov}(y, x).$

- $\gamma_x(s, t) = 0$  does not imply independence (just no linear dependence).
- For  $s = t$ ,

$$\gamma_x(t, t) = \text{Cov}(\underbrace{X_t}, \underbrace{X_t}) = E[(X_t - \mu_{xt})^2] = \text{Var}(X_t)$$

↗  $\text{Var}(X) = \text{cov}(X, X).$

# Stationarity

$$\{X_t\}, \mu_{Xt} \text{ or } \mu_t = \mu$$

## Weak Stationarity

$\{X_t\}$  is **weakly stationary** if

- 1 the mean function,  $\mu_t$ , is constant and independent of  $t$ , and
- 2 For each  $h$ ,  $\gamma_X(t+h, t)$  is independent of  $t$ .

$$\text{cov}(X_s, X_t) \\ |t-s|$$

Note:

$$\text{cov}(X_{t+h}, X_t) = \gamma(h)$$

- Whenever we use the term stationary we shall mean weakly stationary unless indicated otherwise.
- Strict stationarity along with  $E(X_t^2) < \infty$  (for all  $t$ ) implies weak stationarity.

# Weak Stationarity - Condition 2

Condition 2: For each  $h$ ,  $\gamma_x(t+h, t)$  is independent of  $t$ .

- Autocovariance  $\gamma_x(t+h, t)$  as formulated is a function of two variables,  $t$  and  $h$ .
- For a stationary series, the dependence reduces to just one variable,  $h$ , which is the **lag** between the time points.
- Therefore, for a stationary series, the autocovariance can be rewritten as:

$$\rightarrow \gamma_x(h) = \gamma(h, 0) = \gamma(t+h, t)$$

$\gamma_x(h)$  is the value of the autocovariance function at lag  $h$ .

general notation  
 $t=0$



# Autocorrelation Function (ACF)

Let  $\{X_t\}$  be a time series with  $E(X_t^2) < \infty$ . The **autocorrelation function** is defined as:

$$\underline{\rho_x(s, t)} = \frac{\gamma_x(s, t)}{\sqrt{\gamma_x(s, s)\gamma_x(t, t)}} \quad \leftarrow \text{autocovariance.}$$

for all integers  $s$  and  $t$ .

Note: If  $\{X_t\}$  is a stationary time series, then the autocorrelation function can be written by substituting  $\underline{s = t + h}$  in the above formula

$$\rho_x(t + h, t) = \rho_x(h) = \frac{\gamma_x(h)}{\gamma_x(0)} \quad \leftarrow$$

$$f_x(s, t) = \frac{\gamma_x(s, t)}{\sqrt{\gamma_x(s, s) \gamma_x(t, t)}}$$

$$s = t + h.$$

$$N^x: \gamma_x(t+h, t) = \gamma_x(h).$$

$$D^x: \begin{bmatrix} \gamma_x(t+h, t+h) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \gamma_x(t, t) \end{bmatrix} \\ \gamma_x(0) \cdot \gamma_x(0)$$

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# More about Autocorrelation

$$\rho_x(t+h, t) \quad h > 0 \quad X_t \text{ informs } X_{t+h}$$

- The ACF measures the linear predictability of the series at time  $t$ , say  $x_t$ , using only the value  $x_s$ .
- $-1 \leq \rho(s, t) \leq 1$ .
- Autocorrelation often results in a pattern/structure which is useful for model fitting.
  - ▶ We can visualize these patterns by plotting the ACF against the lag.
  - ▶ These plots can be drawn by hand or using a software.



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- Mean Function:  $\mu_{X_t} = \mu_t = E[X_t] = 0$  for all  $t$ .  
(constant).
- Autocovariance Function (ACvF):

$$\begin{aligned}\gamma_X(t+h, t) &= E[(X_{t+h} - \mu_{t+h})(X_t - \mu_t)] = E[X_{t+h} X_t] \\ &= \begin{cases} E(X_t^2) = \sigma^2 & h=0 \\ 0 & h \neq 0 \end{cases}\end{aligned}$$

$$\text{cov}(X, Y) = E(XY) - E(X)E(Y)$$

$$\text{If } \text{cov}(X, Y) = 0$$

$$E(XY) = E(X)E(Y) .$$

$$\begin{aligned} E(X_{t+h} X_t) &= E(X_{t+h}) E(X_t) . \\ &= 0 \cdot 0 = 0 . \end{aligned}$$

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Autocovariance only depends on lag  $h \implies X_t$  is stationary.



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$$\rho_x(t+h, t) = \frac{\gamma_x(t+h, t)}{\sqrt{\gamma_x(t+h, t+h)\gamma_x(t, t)}}$$

$\uparrow$

$$h \neq 0, \quad \frac{\gamma_x(t+h, t)}{\sqrt{\gamma_x(t+h, t+h)\gamma_x(t, t)}} = 0$$

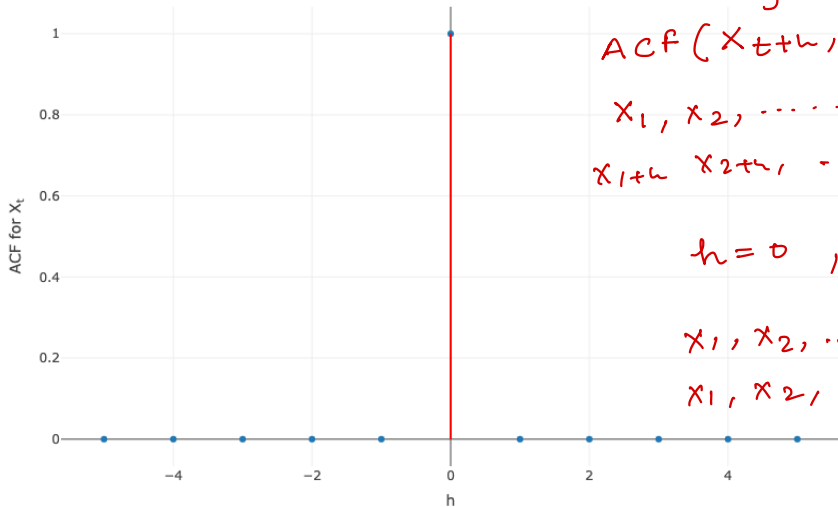
$$\begin{aligned} h=0 \quad & \frac{\gamma_x(t, t)}{\sqrt{\gamma_x(t, t)\gamma_x(t, t)}} \\ &= \frac{\gamma_x(t, t)}{\gamma_x(t, t)} \\ &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

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# Example 1 - iid noise



1  
0

$h=0$

$h \neq 0$

y

x

$ACF(X_{t+h}, X_t)$

$X_1, X_2, \dots$

$X_{1+h}, X_{2+h}, \dots$

$h=0, ACF=1$

$X_1, X_2, \dots$

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(1) List of  $h$  values.

$\text{seq}(-5, 5, \text{by} = 1)$

(2) ACF values.

else -

(a)  $\text{if}_h$  statement

(b) Define a function.

$\text{function}(h) \{ I(h == 0) \}$

(3) Plot.

• scatter plot.

• segments.

$\text{segment}(x_0, y_0, x_1, y_1)$

add - segment.

geom - line.

## Example 2 - Moving Average

Let  $\{V_t\}$  be a 3 point moving average process of a white noise series (with finite variance  $\sigma^2$ ). Find the mean, autocovariance, and autocorrelation function for this series. Also, check if this series is stationary.

$$w_t \sim wn(0, \sigma^2)$$

$$V_t = \frac{1}{3} (W_{t-1} + W_t + W_{t+1})$$

linearity property for expectation

### • Mean Function:

$$\begin{aligned} E(V_t) &= E\left[\frac{1}{3} (W_{t-1} + W_t + W_{t+1})\right] = \frac{1}{3} \left[ E(W_{t-1}) + E(W_t) + E(W_{t+1}) \right] \\ &= \mu_{wt} = \frac{1}{3} [0] = 0 \end{aligned}$$

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$\Rightarrow$  Mean of the series is constant/independent of  $t$



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- Autocovariance Function (ACvF):

$$\begin{aligned}\gamma_v(\underline{t+h}, \underline{t}) &= \text{Cov}(V_{t+h}, V_t) \\ &= \text{Cov}\left[\frac{1}{3}(W_{t+h-1} + W_{t+h} + W_{t+h-1}), \frac{1}{3}(W_{t-1} + W_t + W_{t+1})\right]\end{aligned}$$

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$$V_t = \sum a_i w_{t-i}$$

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For  $h = 0$

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$$= \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)\left(\frac{1}{3}\right) \text{Cov}(w_{t-1}, w_{t-1}) + \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)\left(\frac{1}{3}\right) \text{Cov}(w_t, w_t) + \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)\left(\frac{1}{3}\right) \text{Cov}(w_{t+1}, w_{t+1})$$

$$= \left(\frac{3}{9}\right) \sigma^2$$

$$V_t = \sum a_i w_i$$

$$V_{t+h} = \sum b_j w_j$$

$$\text{cov}(V_t, V_{t+h})$$

$$= \sum_i a_i b_i \text{var}(w_i) + \left[ \sum_{i \neq j} (a_i b_j + a_j b_i) \text{cov}(w_i, w_j) \right]$$

$$= \sum_i a_i b_i \text{var}(w_i)$$

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## Example 2 - Moving Average

For  $h = 1$ :

$$\gamma_V(t+1, t) = \text{Cov}(V_{t+1}, V_t) = \text{Cov} \left[ \frac{1}{3}(\underbrace{W_t + W_{t+1} + W_{t+2}}_{V_{t+1}}), \frac{1}{3}(\underbrace{W_{t-1} + W_t + W_{t+1}}_{V_t}) \right]$$

$$= \frac{2}{9} \sigma^2 = \left( \frac{1}{3} \right) \left( \frac{1}{3} \right) \text{Cov}(W_t, W_t) + \left( \frac{1}{3} \right) \left( \frac{1}{3} \right) \text{Cov}(W_{t+1}, W_{t+1})$$

Similarly,

- For  $h = -1$ ,  $\gamma_V(t-1, t) = \frac{2}{9} \sigma^2$
- For  $h = \pm 2$ ,  $\gamma_V(t+h, t) =$
- For  $|h| > 2$ ,  $\gamma_V(t+h, t) =$

$$+ \left[ \left( \frac{1}{3} \right) \left( \frac{1}{3} \right) + \left( \frac{1}{3} \right) \left( \frac{1}{3} \right) \right] \text{Cov}(W_t, W_{t-1}) + \dots$$

$$h = 2$$

$$\text{cov}(V_{t+2}, V_t)$$

$$= \text{cov} \left[ \frac{1}{3} (w_{t+1} + w_{t+2} + w_{t+3}), \frac{1}{3} (w_{t-1} + w_t + w_{t+1}) \right]$$

$$= \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)\left(\frac{1}{3}\right) \text{cov}(w_{t+1}, w_{t+1}) = \frac{\sigma^2}{9}$$

$$h = 3,$$

$$\text{cov} \left[ \frac{1}{3} (w_{t+2} + w_{t+3} + w_{t+4}), \frac{1}{3} (w_{t-1} + w_t + w_{t+1}) \right] = 0.$$

$$\gamma_x(t+h, t) = \begin{cases} \frac{3\sigma^2}{9} \\ \frac{2\sigma^2}{9} \\ \frac{\sigma^2}{9} \\ 0 \end{cases}$$

$$h = 0$$

$$h = \pm 1$$

$$h = \pm 2$$

o.w.

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- For  $|h| > 2$ ,  $\gamma_v(t+h, t) = 0$

Autocovariance function is independent of  $t$  and only depends on  $h$ .  
The mean is constant  $\implies$  stationarity.

## Example 2 - Moving Average

- Autocorrelation Function (ACF):

$$\rho_x(t+h, t) = \frac{\gamma_x(t+h, t)}{\sqrt{\gamma_x(t+h, t+h) \gamma_x(t, t)}} =$$

$$h=1, \quad \frac{\gamma_x(t+1, t)}{\sqrt{\gamma_x(t+1, t+1) \gamma_x(t, t)}} = \frac{2/9 \sigma^2}{\sqrt{(3/9 \sigma^2) (3/9 \sigma^2)}}$$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{ll} \frac{\gamma_x(t, t)}{\sqrt{\gamma_x(t, t) \gamma_x(t, t)}} = 1 & h=0 \\ 2/3 & |h|=1 \\ 1/3 & |h|=2 \\ 0 & |h| > 2 \end{array} \right.$$

$$h = 2$$

$$\rho(t+2, t) = \frac{\gamma_x(t+2, t)}{\sqrt{\gamma_x(t+2, t+2) \gamma_x(t, t)}}$$

$$= \frac{1/q \sigma^2}{\sqrt{(3/q \sigma^2) (3/q \sigma^2)}}$$

$$= \frac{1}{3}$$

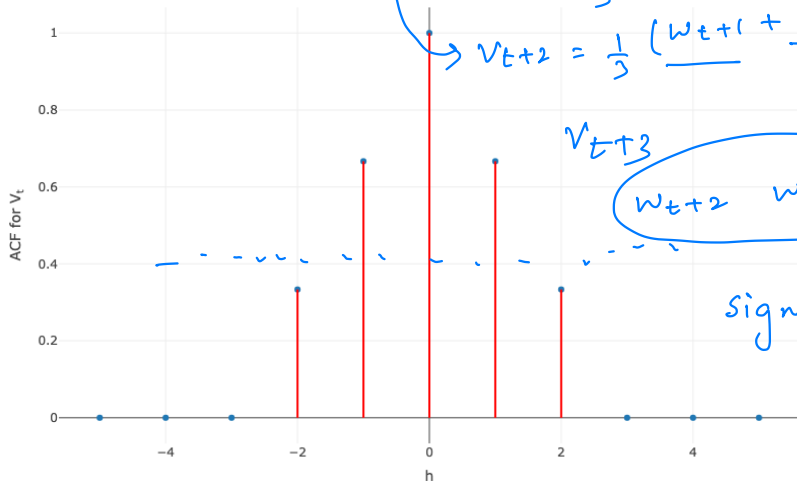
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## Example 2 - Moving Average

- ACF Plot



$$V_t = \frac{1}{3} (\underline{w_{t-1}} + \underline{w_t} + \underline{w_{t+1}})$$

$$V_{t+1} = \frac{1}{3} (\underline{w_t} + \underline{w_{t+1}} + \underline{w_{t+2}})$$

$$V_{t+2} = \frac{1}{3} (\underline{w_{t+1}} + \underline{w_{t+2}} + \underline{w_{t+3}})$$

$$V_{t+3}$$

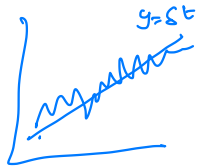
$$\underline{w_{t+2}} \quad \underline{w_{t+3}} \quad \underline{w_{t+4}}$$

significant?

## Example 3 - Random Walk with Drift $X_t = \delta + X_{t-1} + w_t$

Consider a random walk model given as

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For  $\delta \neq 0$ , mean is not constant and depends on  $t \implies$  non-stationarity.



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$\underline{\underline{t+h < t}}$

$$y_1 = \sum_i a_i x_i$$

$$y_2 = \sum_j b_j x_j$$

$$\text{cov}(y_1, y_2)$$

$$= \sum_{\substack{i \\ i=j}} a_i b_i \text{var}(x_i) + \underbrace{\sum_{i \neq j} (a_i b_j + a_j b_i) \text{cov}(x_i, x_j)}_{\text{cov}(x_i, x_j)}$$

$$x_i's \equiv w_i$$

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$\Rightarrow$  Mean of the series is constant/independent of  $t$

## Example 4 - MA(1) Process

- Autocovariance Function:

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$$\begin{aligned}\text{var}(W_t) &= \sigma^2 \\ &= E(W_t^2) - \mu_t^2\end{aligned}$$

$$= \begin{cases} E(W_t + \theta W_{t-1})^2 & h=0 \\ E(W_t^2) + \theta^2 E(W_{t-1}^2) & \\ \quad + 2\theta E(W_t W_{t-1}) & h=1 \\ = \sigma^2 + \theta^2 \sigma^2 + 2\theta E(W_t)E(W_{t-1}) & \\ = \sigma^2(1 + \theta^2) & \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\gamma_x(t+h, t) &= E[(X_{t+h} - \mu_{t+h})(X_t - \mu_t)] \\ &= E[X_{t+h}X_t]\end{aligned}$$

$$h=1$$

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$$h=2$$

$$E(X_{t+2} X_t) = E[(w_{t+2} + \theta w_{t+1})(w_t + \theta w_{t-1})]$$

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$$\underline{\underline{w_t + \theta w_{t-1}}}$$

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MA(2) .

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Autocovariance function is independent of  $t$  and only depends on  $h$ .  
The mean is constant  $\implies$  stationarity.

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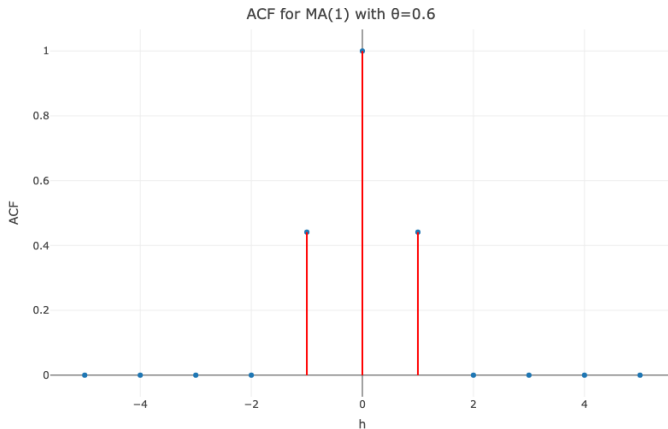
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$$\begin{aligned} |h| = 1, \\ \rho_x(t+1, t) &= \frac{\gamma_x(t+1, t)}{\sqrt{\gamma_x(t+1, t+1) \gamma_x(t, t)}} = \frac{\theta \sigma^2}{\sqrt{[(1+\theta^2)\sigma^2][(1+\theta^2)\sigma^2]}} \\ &= \frac{\theta \sigma^2}{(1+\theta^2)\sigma^2} = \frac{\theta}{1+\theta^2} \end{aligned}$$



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An AR(1) model is an autoregressive setup of order 1

$$\text{cov}(X_s, W_t)_{s < t} = 0$$

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where  $\{W_t\} \sim WN(0, \sigma^2)$  and  $W_t$  is uncorrelated with  $X_s$  for  $s < t$ . Assume that  $\{X_t\}$  is stationary and  $0 < |\phi| < 1$ . Find the mean, autocovariance and autocorrelation functions for  $\{X_t\}$ .

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stationarity:

if mean is

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$$\mu_{xt} = \phi \mu_{x(t-1)}$$

$$\mu_{xt} = \mu_{x(t-1)} = \mu \quad (\text{say})$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mu &= \phi \mu \\ \Rightarrow \mu(\phi - 1) &= 0 \\ \mu &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

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$$\mu_x = \phi \mu_x \implies \mu_x = 0$$

## Example 5 - AR(1) Process

$$\gamma_x(t+h, t) = \gamma_x(h), \quad h > 0 \\ t+h > t$$

### • Autocovariance Function (ACvF):

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$$\begin{aligned} \gamma_x(h) &= \gamma_x(-h) = \text{Cov}(X_{t+h}, X_t) = \text{Cov}(\phi X_{t+h-1} + W_{t+h}, X_t) \\ &= \phi \text{Cov}(X_{t+h-1}, X_t) + \text{Cov}(W_{t+h}, X_t) \\ &= \phi \text{Cov}(X_{t+h-1}, X_t) \\ &= \phi \gamma_x(h-1) \\ &= \phi [\phi \gamma_x(h-2)] = \dots = \phi^h \gamma_x(0) \end{aligned}$$

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$$\gamma_x(0) = \phi^2 \underbrace{\text{cov}(x_{t-1}, x_{t-1})}_{\text{lag } 0} + \text{cov}(\omega_t, \omega_t)$$

$$\gamma_x(0) = \phi^2 \gamma_x(0) + \sigma^2$$

$$[1 - \phi^2] \gamma_x(0) = \sigma^2$$

$$\Rightarrow \gamma_x(0) = \frac{\sigma^2}{1 - \phi^2}$$

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## Example 5 - AR(1) Process

- Autocovariance Function (ACvF):

$$\gamma_x(0) = \text{var}(x_t) > 0$$

$$\frac{\sigma^2}{1 - \phi^2} > 0 \quad |\phi| < 1$$

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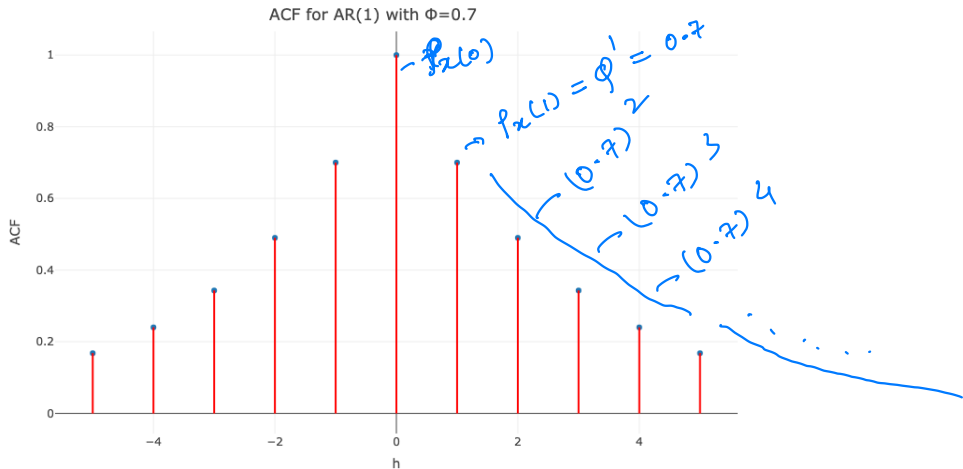
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$$\gamma_x(h) = \phi^{|h|} \gamma_x(0)$$

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# Graphical Inspection

A stationary time series is a time series where there are no changes in the underlying system.

*periodic trends*

- Constant mean (no trend)
- Constant variance (no heteroskedasticity)
- Constant autocorrelation structure
- No periodic component (no seasonality)

$$\gamma_x(t+h, t) = \gamma_x(h)$$

variance:  $h=0$  ,  $\gamma_x(0)$

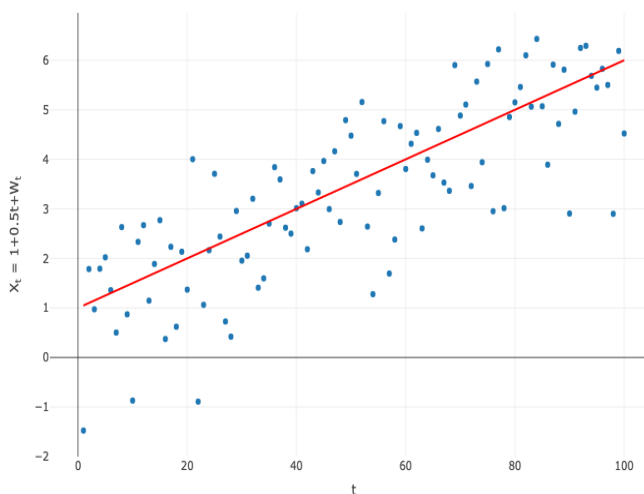
Can these be inferred from the mathematical definition we wrote earlier?

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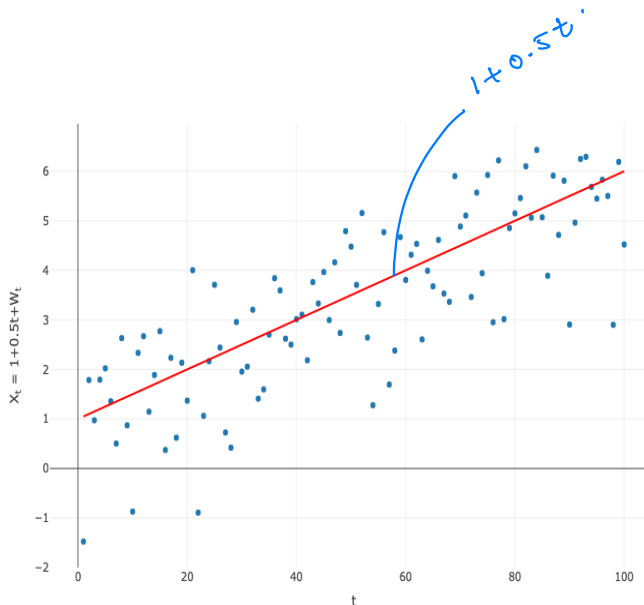
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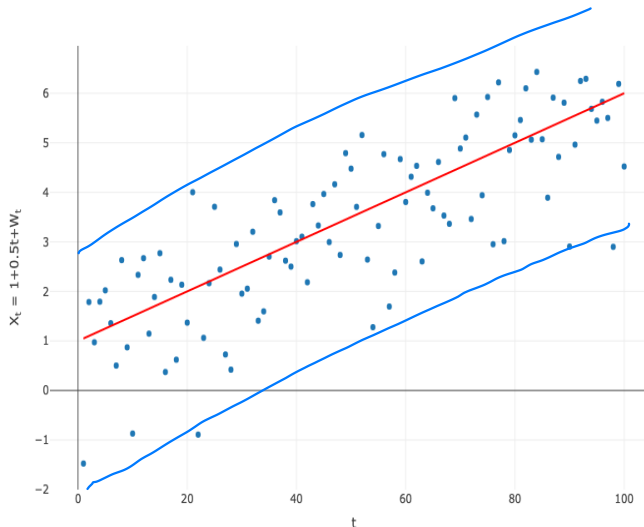
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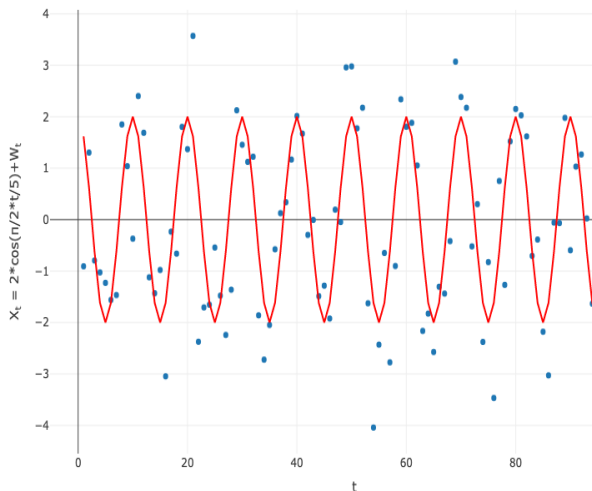


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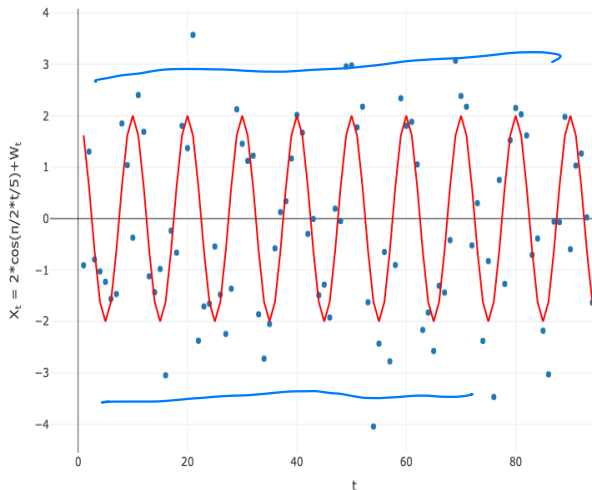
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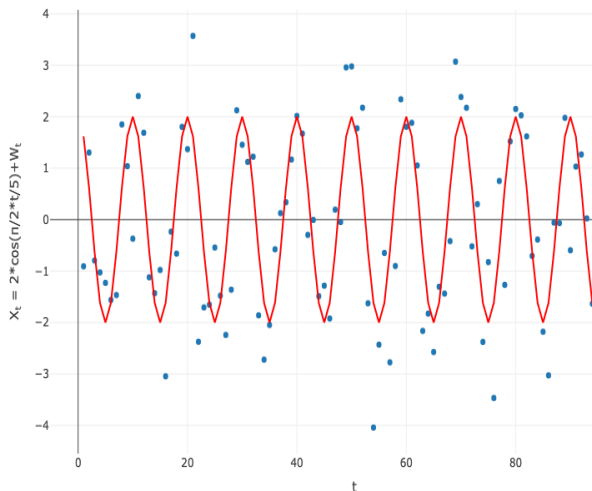
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# Models with Cycles

A model with some cyclical behavior and no trend or seasonality is stationary.

Choose 1 below and explain.

- True ✓
- False



# Graphical Inspection - Stationarity

- In general, a stationary time series will have no predictable patterns in the long-term.
- Time plots will show the series to be roughly horizontal (although some cyclic behaviour is possible), with constant variance.
  - ▶ This can be verified by calculating the mean and variance over time.
- The time invariant autocorrelation structure can be verified using the ACF plots.

# Review

$a, b$  : constants

- If  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$  are random variables and

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where  $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n$  and  $b_1, b_2, \dots, b_n$  are constants, then

$$\text{cov}(Y_1, Y_2) = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i b_i \cdot \text{var}(X_i) + \sum_{i \neq j} \sum_{i < j} (a_i b_j + a_j b_i) \cdot \text{cov}(X_i, X_j)$$

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