# Yule-Walker Equations in matrix form

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# Objectives

Rewrite Yule – Walker equations in matrix form for AR(p) processes AR(p) process

$$X_{t} = \phi_{0} + \phi_{1}X_{t-1} + \phi_{2}X_{t-2} + \cdots + \phi_{p}X_{t-p} + Z_{t}$$

where

$$Z_t \sim Normal(0, \sigma_Z^2)$$

Note that, if we take expectation from both sides of the model

$$X_{t} = \phi_{0} + \phi_{1}X_{t-1} + \phi_{2}X_{t-2} + \cdots + \phi_{p}X_{t-p} + Z_{t}$$

We get

$$\mu = \phi_0 + \phi_1 \mu + \phi_2 \mu + \cdots + \phi_p \mu$$

Subtract side by side

$$X_t - \mu = \phi_1(X_{t-1} - \mu) + \phi_2(X_{t-2} - \mu) + \cdots + \phi_p(X_{t-p} - \mu) + Z_t$$

If 
$$\tilde{X}_t = X_t - \mu$$
, then  $E[\tilde{X}_t] = 0$ , and

$$\tilde{X}_t = \phi_1 \tilde{X}_{t-1} + \phi_2 \tilde{X}_{t-2} + \cdots + \phi_p \tilde{X}_{t-p} + Z_t$$

AR(p) process with  $\mu = 0$ 

$$X_{t} = \phi_{1}X_{t-1} + \phi_{2}X_{t-2} + \cdots + \phi_{p}X_{t-p} + Z_{t}$$

where

$$Z_t \sim Normal(0, \sigma_Z^2)$$

### Yule –Walker equations

Autocorrelation function obeys

$$\rho(k) = \phi_1 \rho(k-1) + \phi_2 \rho(k-2) + \dots + \phi_p \rho(k-p)$$

for  $k \ge 1$ ,  $\rho(0) = 1$  and  $\rho(k) = \rho(-k)$  for k < 0.

Lets write them for k = 1, 2, ..., p.

#### Yule Walker equations

$$\rho(k) = \phi_1 \rho(k - 1) + \phi_2 \rho(k - 2) + \dots + \phi_p \rho(k - p)$$

For k = 1, 2, ..., p,

$$\rho(1) = \phi_1 \rho(0) + \phi_2 \rho(-1) + \phi_3 \rho(-2) + \dots + \phi_p \rho(1-p)$$

$$\rho(2) = \phi_1 \rho(1) + \phi_2 \rho(0) + \phi_3 \rho(-1) + \dots + \phi_p \rho(2-p)$$

$$\rho(3) = \phi_1 \rho(2) + \phi_2 \rho(1) + \phi_3 \rho(0) + \dots + \phi_p \rho(3-p)$$

$$\rho(p-1) = \phi_1 \rho(p-2) + \phi_2 \rho(p-3) + \phi_3 \rho(p-4) + \dots + \phi_p \rho(1)$$

$$\rho(p) = \phi_1 \rho(p-1) + \phi_2 \rho(p-2) + \phi_3 \rho(p-3) + \dots + \phi_p \rho(0)$$

Recall 
$$\rho(k) = \rho(-k)$$
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i.e.,  $\rho(-1) = \rho(1), \ \rho(-2) = \rho(2), \ \dots, \rho(2-p) = \rho(p-2), \rho(1-p) = \rho(p-1)$ 

$$\rho(-k) = \rho(k)$$

$$\rho(1) = \phi_1 \rho(0) + \phi_2 \rho(1) + \phi_3 \rho(2) + \dots + \phi_p \rho(p-1)$$

$$\rho(2) = \phi_1 \rho(1) + \phi_2 \rho(0) + \phi_3 \rho(1) + \dots + \phi_p \rho(p-2)$$

$$\rho(3) = \phi_1 \rho(2) + \phi_2 \rho(1) + \phi_3 \rho(0) + \dots + \phi_p \rho(p-3)$$

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$$\rho(p-1) = \phi_1 \rho(p-2) + \phi_2 \rho(p-3) + \phi_3 \rho(p-4) + \dots + \phi_p \rho(1)$$

$$\rho(p) = \phi_1 \rho(p-1) + \phi_2 \rho(p-2) + \phi_3 \rho(p-3) + \dots + \phi_p \rho(0)$$

$$\rho(0) = 1$$

$$\rho(1) = \phi_1 + \phi_2 \rho(1) + \phi_3 \rho(2) + \dots + \phi_p \rho(p-1)$$

$$\rho(2) = \phi_1 \rho(1) + \phi_2 + \phi_3 \rho(1) + \dots + \phi_p \rho(p-2)$$

$$\rho(3) = \phi_1 \rho(2) + \phi_2 \rho(1) + \phi_3 + \dots + \phi_p \rho(p-3)$$

$$\rho(p-1) = \phi_1 \rho(p-2) + \phi_2 \rho(p-3) + \phi_3 \rho(p-4) + \dots + \phi_p \rho(1)$$

$$\rho(p) = \phi_1 \rho(p-1) + \phi_2 \rho(p-2) + \phi_3 \rho(p-3) + \dots + \phi_p$$

### Matrix form: Yule-Walker equations

$$\begin{bmatrix} \rho(1) \\ \rho(2) \\ \rho(3) \\ \vdots \\ \rho(p-1) \\ \rho(p) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \rho(1) & \rho(2) & & & \rho(p-1) \\ \rho(1) & 1 & \rho(1) & \cdots & \rho(p-2) \\ \rho(2) & \rho(1) & 1 & & \rho(p-3) \\ \vdots & & \ddots & \vdots \\ \rho(p-2) & \rho(p-3) & \rho(p-4) & \cdots & \rho(1) \\ \rho(p-1) & \rho(p-2) & \rho(p-3) & \cdots & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \phi_1 \\ \phi_2 \\ \phi_3 \\ \vdots \\ \phi_{p-1} \\ \phi_p \end{bmatrix}$$

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$$b = R\phi$$

$$R^{-1} b = \phi$$

# Sample ACF $r_k \approx \rho(k)$

$$\begin{bmatrix} r_1 \\ r_2 \\ r_3 \\ \vdots \\ r_{p-1} \\ r_p \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & r_1 & r_2 & & r_{p-1} \\ r_1 & 1 & r_1 & \dots & r_{p-2} \\ r_2 & r_1 & 1 & & r_{p-3} \\ \vdots & & \ddots & \vdots \\ r_{p-2} & r_{p-3} & r_{p-4} & & & r_1 \\ r_{p-1} & r_{p-2} & r_{p-3} & \dots & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \phi_1 \\ \phi_2 \\ \phi_3 \\ \vdots \\ \phi_{p-1} \\ \phi_p \end{bmatrix}$$

 $\hat{b}$ 

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$$\hat{b} = \hat{R}\hat{\phi}$$

$$\widehat{R}^{-1} \ \widehat{b} = \widehat{\phi}$$

#### Matrices R and $\hat{R}$

- ► These matrices are symmetric matrices
- ► They are positive semidefinite matrices
- ► All eigenvalues are nonnegative
- Inverses of these matrices exist

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & r_1 & r_2 & & r_{p-1} \\ r_1 & 1 & r_1 & \cdots & r_{p-2} \\ r_2 & r_1 & 1 & & r_{p-3} \\ & \vdots & & \ddots & \vdots \\ r_{p-2} & r_{p-3} & r_{p-4} & \cdots & r_1 \\ r_{p-1} & r_{p-2} & r_{p-3} & \cdots & 1 \end{bmatrix} \text{ and } \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \rho(1) & \rho(2) & & \rho(p-1) \\ \rho(1) & 1 & \rho(1) & \cdots & \rho(p-2) \\ \rho(2) & \rho(1) & 1 & & \rho(p-3) \\ & \vdots & & \ddots & \vdots \\ \rho(p-2) & \rho(p-3) & \rho(p-4) & \cdots & \rho(1) \\ \rho(p-1) & \rho(p-2) & \rho(p-3) & \cdots & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

 $\hat{b} = \hat{R}\hat{\phi}$  has a unique solution

# Example – AR(2)

We (will) estimate coefficients of the model

$$X_t = \phi_1 X_{t-1} + \phi_2 X_{t-2} + Z_t$$

by first finding  $r_1, r_2$  using acf() routine, then solving the system of equations

$$\begin{bmatrix} r_1 \\ r_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & r_1 \\ r_1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \hat{\phi}_1 \\ \hat{\phi}_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

# Example – AR(3)

We (will) estimate coefficients of the model

$$X_t = \phi_1 X_{t-1} + \phi_2 X_{t-2} + \phi_3 X_{t-3} + Z_t$$

by first finding  $r_1, r_2, r_3$ , using acf() routine, then solving the system of equations

$$\begin{bmatrix} r_1 \\ r_2 \\ r_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & r_1 & r_2 \\ r_1 & 1 & r_1 \\ r_2 & r_1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \hat{\phi}_1 \\ \hat{\phi}_2 \\ \hat{\phi}_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

#### What We've Learned

- ► Matrix form of Yule Walker equations
- ► How to estimate the coefficients of an AR process using Yule-Walker equations

# Estimating model parameters – AR(2) Simulation

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# Objectives

- Estimate variance of a white noise in a simulated AR(2) processes
- Estimate coefficients of a simulated AR(2) process using Yule-Walker equations in matrix form

# AR(2) process (with mean zero)

$$X_t = \phi_1 X_{t-1} + \phi_2 X_{t-2} + Z_t$$

where

$$Z_t \sim Normal(0, \sigma_Z^2)$$

We simulate this process for

$$\phi_1 = \frac{1}{3}, \phi_2 = \frac{1}{2}, \sigma_Z = 4$$

## Yule –Walker equaitons

We estimate coefficients of the model

$$X_t = \phi_1 X_{t-1} + \phi_2 X_{t-2} + Z_t$$

by first finding  $r_1, r_2$  using acf() routine, then solving the system of equations

$$\begin{bmatrix} r_1 \\ r_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & r_1 \\ r_1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \hat{\phi}_1 \\ \hat{\phi}_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

#### $\sigma_Z$ Estimation

Since

$$X_t = \phi_1 X_{t-1} + \phi_2 X_{t-2} + Z_t$$

We have

$$Var(X_t) = \phi_1^2 Var(X_{t-1}) + \phi_2^2 Var(X_{t-2}) + 2\phi_1 \phi_2 Cov(X_{t-1}, X_{t-2}) + \sigma_Z^2$$

Thus

$$\sigma_Z^2 = \gamma(0) \left[ 1 - \phi_1^2 - \phi_2^2 - \frac{2\phi_1\phi_2\gamma(1)}{\gamma(0)} \right] = \gamma(0) \left[ 1 - \phi_1^2 - \phi_2^2 - 2\phi_1\phi_2\rho_1 \right]$$

Since

$$\begin{bmatrix} \rho_1 \\ \rho_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \rho_1 \\ \rho_1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \phi_1 \\ \phi_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

we have

$$\rho_1 = \phi_1 + \rho_1 \phi_2$$

$$\rho_2 = \phi_1 \rho_1 + \phi_2$$

$$1 - \phi_1^2 - \phi_2^2 - 2\phi_1\phi_2\rho_1$$

$$= 1 - \phi_1^2 - \phi_1\phi_2\rho_1 - \phi_2^2 - \phi_1\phi_2\rho_1$$

$$= 1 - \phi_1(\phi_1 + \rho_1\phi_2) - \phi_2(\phi_1\rho_1 + \phi_2)$$

$$= 1 - \phi_1\rho_1 - \phi_2\rho_2$$

# $\sigma_Z$ Estimation cont.

Thus,

$$\sigma_Z^2 = \gamma(0)[1 - \phi_1 \rho_1 - \phi_2 \rho_2]$$

Yule –Walker estimator

$$\hat{\sigma}_Z^2 = c_0 \left[ 1 - \hat{\phi}_1 r_1 - \hat{\phi}_2 r_2 \right]$$

#### Simulation

Number of data points, n = 10000

#### Routines that we use:

- arima.sim() # simulating
- plot() # plotting the series
- acf() # autocorrelation function
- matrix(,m,n) # matrix with dimensions m by n
- solve(R,b) # finds the solution to Rx=b

#### Code details

- ▶ sigma=4
- $\rightarrow$  phi[1:2]=c(1/3,1/2)
- ▶ n=10000
- ▶ set.seed(2017)
- $\triangleright$  ar.process=arima.sim(n, model=list(ar=c(1/3,1/2)), sd=4)
- ar.process[1:5]

4.087685, 5.598492, 3.019295, 2.442354, 5.398302

r[1:2]=acf(ar.process, plot=F)\$acf[2:3]

$$r[1] = 0.6814103$$
  
 $r[2] = 0.7255825$ 

R=matrix(1,2,2) # matrix of dimension 2 by 2, with entries all 1's.

$$R = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

- ▶ R[1,2]=r[1] # only diagonal entries are edited
- ▶ R[2,1]=r[1] # only diagonal entries are edited

$$R = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & r_1 \\ r_1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

▶ b=matrix(r,2,1)# b- column vector entires from r

$$b = \begin{bmatrix} r[1] \\ r[2] \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0.6814103 \\ 0.7255825 \end{bmatrix}$$

▶ solve(R,b)

 $\begin{bmatrix} 0.3490720 \\ 0.4877212 \end{bmatrix}$ 

phi.hat=matrix(c(solve(R,b)[1,1], solve(R,b)[2,1]),2,1)

$$\hat{\phi}_1 = 0.3490720$$
 $\hat{\phi}_2 = 0.4877212$ 

- c0= acf(ar.process, type='covariance', plot=F)\$acf[1]
- var.hat= c0\*(1-sum(phi.hat\*r))
- $\triangleright$  par(mfrow=c(3,1))
- plot(ar.process, main='Simulated AR(2)')
- acf(ar.process, main='ACF')
- pacf(ar.process, main='PACF')

#### Results

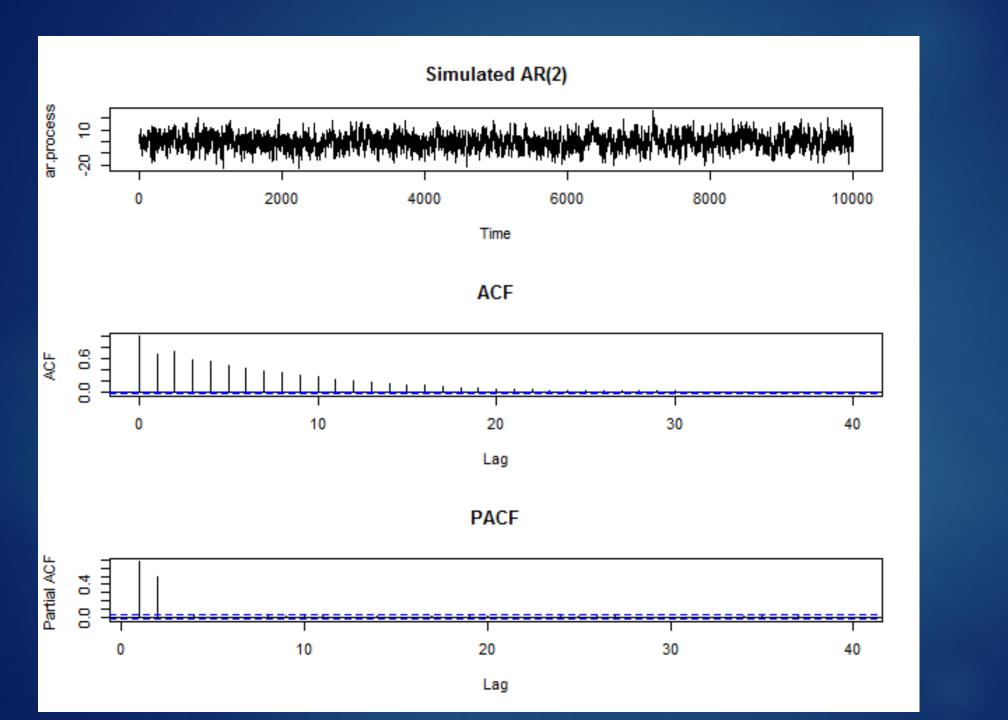
- $\phi_1 \approx \hat{\phi}_1 = 0.3490720$
- $\phi_2 \approx \hat{\phi}_2 = 0.4877212$

Actual Model

$$X_t = 0.\overline{3}X_{t-1} + 0.5X_{t-2} + Z_t, \qquad Z_t \sim N(0.16)$$

Fitted model

$$X_t = 0.3490720 X_{t-1} + 0.4877212 X_{t-2} + Z_t, \qquad Z_t \sim N(0.16.37169)$$



#### What We've Learned

► Estimating model parameters of a simulated AR(2) process using Yule-Walker equations in a matrix form

# Estimating model parameters – AR(3) Simulation

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# Objectives

Estimate model parameters of a simulated AR(3) process using Yule-Walker equations in matrix form

# AR(2) process (with mean zero)

$$X_t = \phi_1 X_{t-1} + \phi_2 X_{t-2} + \phi_3 X_{t-3} + Z_t$$

where

$$Z_t \sim Normal(0, \sigma_Z^2)$$

We simulate this process for

$$\phi_1 = \frac{1}{3}$$
,  $\phi_2 = \frac{1}{2}$ ,  $\phi_3 = \frac{7}{100}$ ,  $\sigma_Z = 4$ 

### Yule –Walker equaitons

We (will) estimate coefficients of the model

$$X_t = \phi_1 X_{t-1} + \phi_2 X_{t-2} + \phi_3 X_{t-3} + Z_t$$

by first finding  $r_1, r_2$  using acf() routine, then solving the system of equations

$$\begin{bmatrix} r_1 \\ r_2 \\ r_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & r_1 & r_2 \\ r_1 & 1 & r_1 \\ r_2 & r_1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \hat{\phi}_1 \\ \hat{\phi}_2 \\ \hat{\phi}_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

### $\sigma_Z$ Estimation

Yule – Walker estimator for  $\sigma_Z^2$ 

$$\hat{\sigma}_Z^2 = c_0 (1 - \sum_{i=1}^p \phi_i r_i)$$

#### Results (set.seed(2017))

- $\rightarrow$  n= 100000
- $\phi_1 \approx 0.3381245$
- $\phi_2 \approx 0.4984999$
- $\phi_3 \approx 0.06849712$

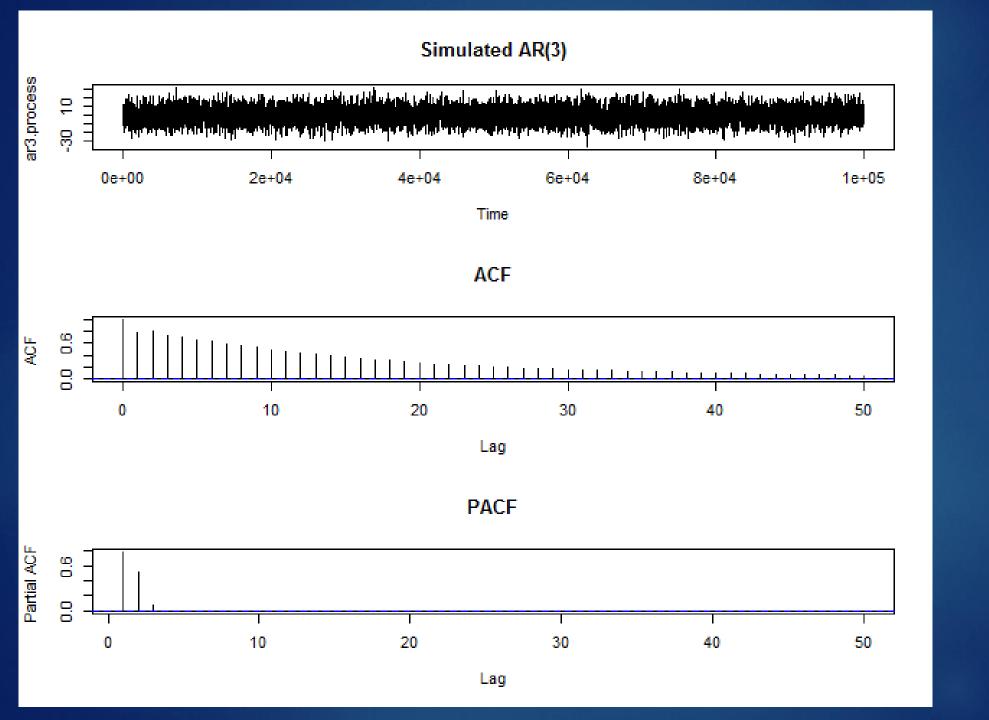
Actual Model

$$X_t = 0.\overline{3}X_{t-1} + 0.5X_{t-2} + 0.07X_{t-3} + Z_t, \qquad Z_t \sim N(0.16)$$

Fitted model

$$X_t = 0.3381245 X_{t-1} + 0.4984999 X_{t-2} + 0.06849712 X_{t-3} + Z_t$$

$$Z_t \sim N(0,15.979)$$



#### What We've Learned

► Estimating model parameters of a simulated AR(3) process using Yule-Walker equations in a matrix form

# Parameter estimation: Recruitment

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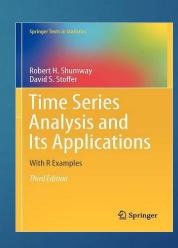
#### Objectives

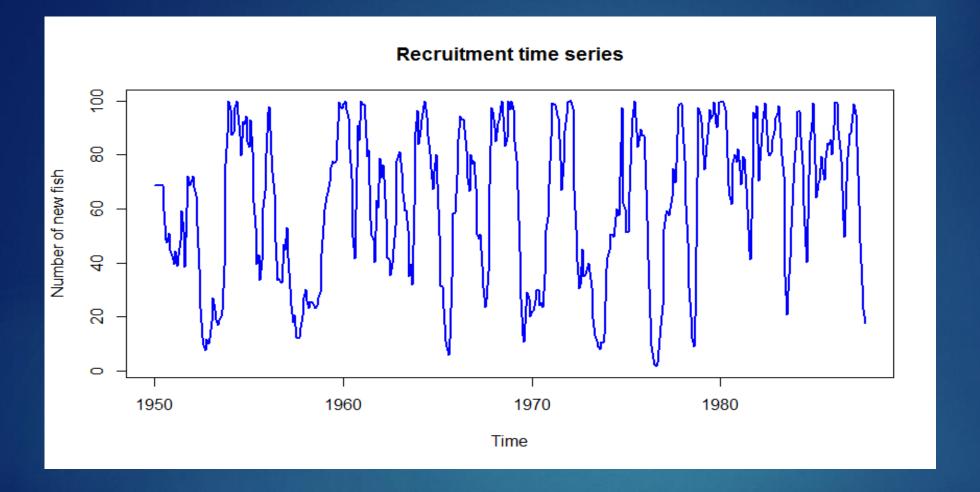
- ▶ To fit an AR(p) model to recruitment (number of new fish) for a period of 453 months ranging over the years 1950-1987.
- Use Yule-Walker equations in matrix form to estimate parameters of the fitted model

#### rec {astsa}

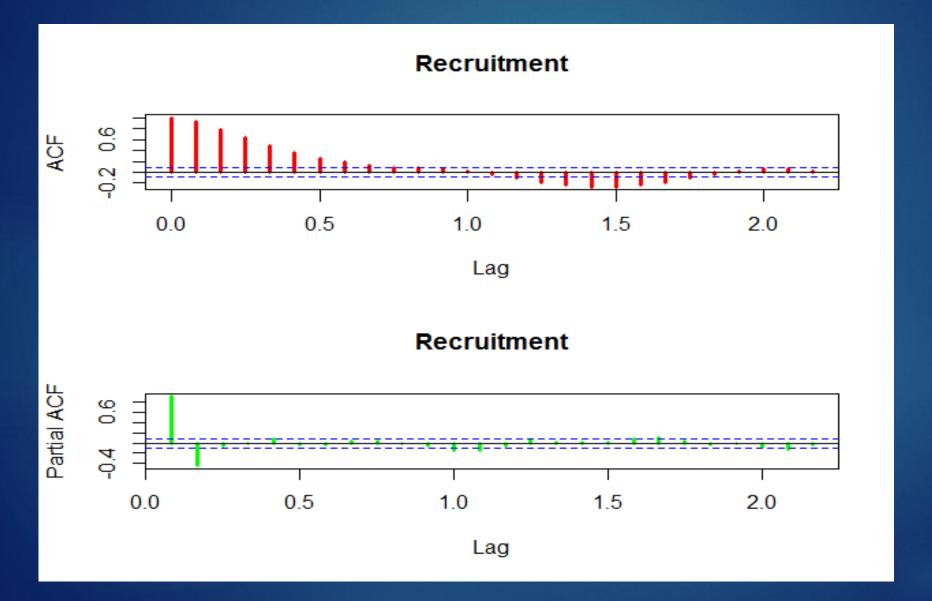
- Recruitment (number of new fish) for a period of 453 months ranging over the years 1950-1987.
- Monthly time series
- Source: "astsa" package

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#### ACF and PACF



#### The parsimony principle

- Choose 'simplest explanation that fits the evidence'
- Simplest of competing theories is to be preferred
- ightharpoonup PACF  $\Rightarrow$  AR(2)
- Yule-Walker equations in matrix form

#### Code

ar.process=rec-mean(rec)

$$X_t - \mu$$

- ▶ p=2
- ▶ Yule-Walker equations:  $\hat{R}\hat{\phi} = \hat{b}$
- ightharpoonup Sample autocorrelation coefficients, vector r

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for(i in 1:p+1){
    r[i-1]<-acf(ar.process, plot=F)$acf[i]
}</pre>
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#### Matrix $\hat{R}$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & r_1 & r_2 & & r_{p-1} \\ r_1 & 1 & r_1 & \dots & r_{p-2} \\ r_2 & r_1 & 1 & & r_{p-3} \\ \vdots & & \ddots & \vdots \\ r_{p-2} & r_{p-3} & r_{p-4} & & r_1 \\ r_{p-1} & r_{p-2} & r_{p-3} & & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Realize

$$\widehat{R}(i,j) = \widehat{R}_{ij} = r_{|i-j|}$$

R=matrix(1,p,p) # matrix of dimension p by p, with entries all 1's.

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for(i in 1:p){
    for(j in 1:p){
        if(i!=j)
        R[i,j]=r[abs(i-j)]
    }
}
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# b-column vector on the right

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b=matrix(,p,1)# b- column vector with no entries
for(i in 1:p){
    b[i,1]=r[i]
  }
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 $\blacktriangleright$  # solve(R,b) solves Rx=b, and gives x=R $^(-1)$ b vector

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phi.hat=NULL
for(i in 1:p){
    phi.hat[i]=solve(R,b)[i,1]
}
```

Model

$$X_t - \bar{x} = \hat{\phi}_1(X_{t-1} - \bar{x}) + \hat{\phi}_2(X_{t-2} - \bar{x}) + \dots + \hat{\phi}_p(X_{t-p} - \bar{x}) + Z_t$$

Thus

$$X_{t} = \hat{\phi}_{0} + \hat{\phi}_{1} X_{t-1} + \hat{\phi}_{2} X_{t-2} + \dots + \hat{\phi}_{p} X_{t-p} + Z_{t}$$

where

$$\hat{\phi}_0 = \bar{x}(1 - \sum_{i=1}^p \hat{\phi}_i)$$

$$p=2$$

Fitted model is

$$X_t = 7.033036 + 1.331587 X_{t-1} - 0.4445447 X_{t-2} + Z_t$$

 $Z_t \sim Normal (0,94.17131)$ 

#### What We've Learned

► Fitting an AR(p=2) model to Recruitment (number of new fish) from 'astsa' package using Yule-Walker equations in matrix form

## Parameter estimation: Johnson&Johnson (AR attempt)

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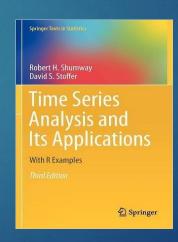
#### Objectives

- ► To fit an AR(p) model to Quarterly earnings (dollars) per Johnson & Johnson share 1960–80.
- Use Yule-Walker equations in matrix form to estimate parameters of the fitted model

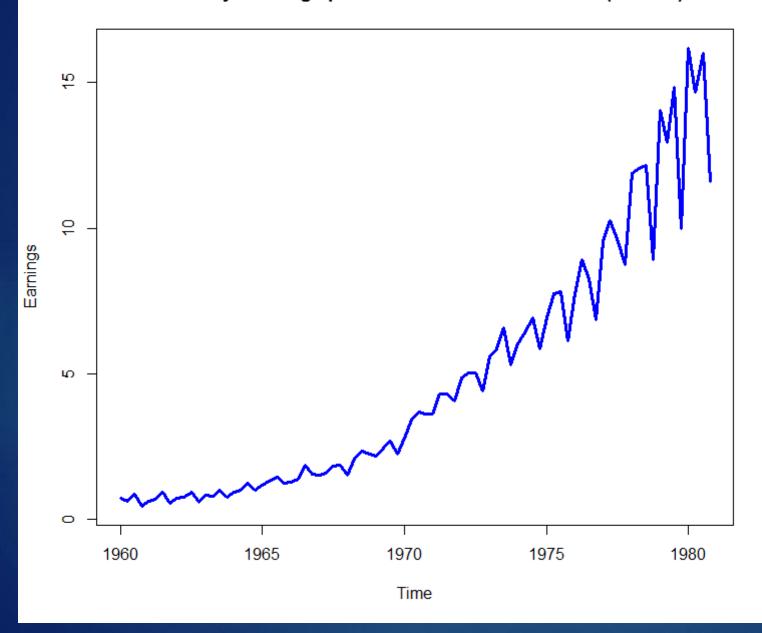
#### JohnsonJohnson {datasets}

- Quarterly earnings (dollars) per Johnson & Johnson share 1960–80.
- Quarterly time series
- Source: "astsa" package

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#### Quarterly Earnings per Johnson&Johnson share (Dollars)



#### Transformation

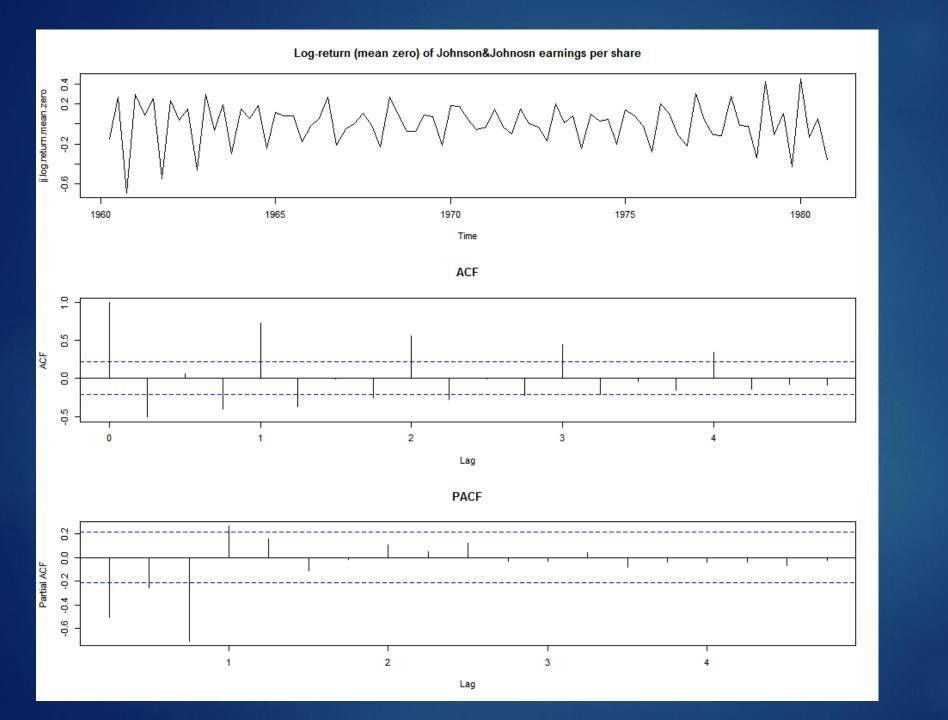
Log-return a time series  $\{X_t\}$ 

is defined as

$$r_t = \log\left(\frac{X_t}{X_{t-1}}\right) = \log(X_t) - \log(X_{t-1})$$

In R,

$$diff(\log( ))$$



#### The parsimony principle

- Choose 'simplest explanation that fits the evidence'
- Simplest of competing theories is to be preferred
- ▶  $PACF \Rightarrow AR(4)$
- Yule-Walker equations in matrix form

$$p=4$$

Fitted model is

$$r_t = 0.079781 - 0.6293492 \, r_{t-1} \, - \, 0.5171526 \, r_{t-2} \, - \, 0.4883374 \, r_{t-3} \, + \, 0.2651266 \, r_{t-4} \, + \, Z_t$$

 $Z_t \sim Normal (0, 0.01419242)$ 

where

$$r_t = \log\left(\frac{X_t}{X_{t-1}}\right)$$

#### What We've Learned

► Fitting an AR(p=4) model to log-return of Johnson & Johnson quarterly earnings from 'astsa' package using Yule-Walker equations in matrix form