

# 19) Integration, Cointegration, and Stationarity

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Lecture 43 Integration, Cointegration, and  
Stationarity

# Stationary Stochastic Process

$\{x_t : t = 1, 2, \dots\}$  is stationary if for every collection of time indices  $1 \leq t_1 < t_2 < \dots < t_m$ , the joint distribution of  $(x_{t_1}, x_{t_2}, \dots, x_{t_m})$  is the same as the joint distribution of  $(x_{t_1+h}, x_{t_2+h}, \dots, x_{t_m+h})$  for all integers  $h \geq 1$

- No restrictions on how  $x_t$  and  $x_{t-1}$  are related to one another
- Any correlation between adjacent terms is the same across all time periods

# Covariance Stationary Process

A stochastic process  $\{x_t : t = 1, 2, \dots\}$  with a finite second moment  $[E(x_t^2) < \infty]$  is covariance stationary if

- (i)  $E(x_t)$  is constant;
- (ii)  $Var(x_t)$  is constant; and
- (iii) for any  $t, h \geq 1$ ,  $Cov(x_t, x_{t+h})$  depends only on  $h$  and not on  $t$

# Weakly Dependent Time Series

A stationary time series process  $\{x_t : t = 1, 2, \dots\}$  is **weakly dependent** if  $x_t$  and  $x_{t+h}$  are “almost independent” as  $h$  increases without bound

$$\text{Corr}(x_t, x_{t+h}) \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } h \rightarrow \infty$$

LLN and CLT require stationarity and some form of weak dependence

# Autoregressive Process of Order One [AR(1)]

$$y_t = \rho_1 y_{t-1} + e_t, \quad t = 1, 2, \dots$$

$e_t$  is an independent and identically distributed (iid) sequence with zero mean and variance  $\sigma_e^2$

**AR(1) is weakly dependent** if  $|\rho_1| < 1$

$$\text{Var}(y_t) = \rho_1^2 \text{Var}(y_{t-1}) + \text{Var}(e_t)$$

$$\sigma_y^2 = \rho_1^2 \sigma_y^2 + \sigma_e^2$$

$$\sigma_y^2 = \frac{\sigma_e^2}{1 - \rho_1^2}$$

# AR(1) is weakly dependent if $|\rho_1| < 1$

$$\begin{aligned}y_{t+h} &= \rho_1 y_{t+h-1} + e_{t+h} = \rho_1(\rho_1 y_{t+h-2} + e_{t+h-1}) + e_{t+h} \\&\quad \rho_1^2 y_{t+h-2} + \rho_1 e_{t+h-1} + e_{t+h} \\&\quad \rho_1^2 y_t + \rho_1^{h-1} e_{t+1} + \dots + \rho_1 e_{t+h-1} + e_{t+h}\end{aligned}$$

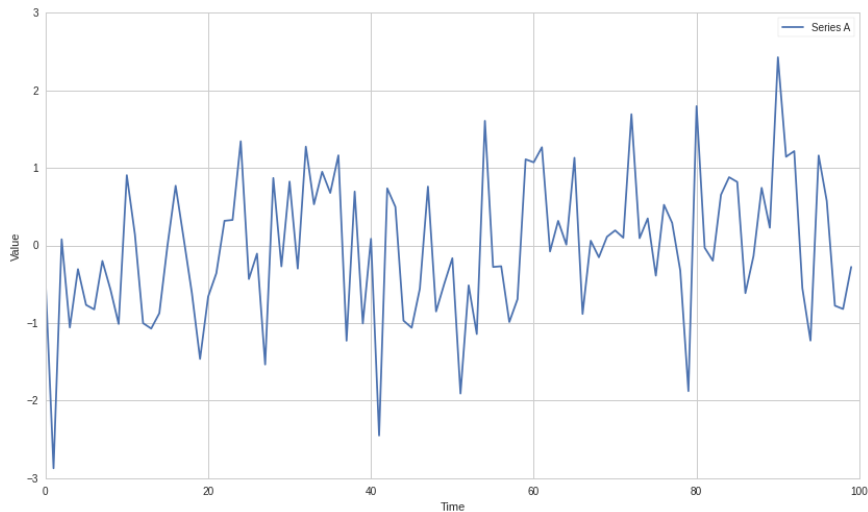
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$$\begin{aligned}\text{Cov}(y_t, y_{t+h}) &= E(y_t, y_{t+h}) \\&\quad \rho_1^h E(y_t^2) + \rho_1^{h-1} E(y_t e_{t+1}) + \dots + E(y_t e_{t+h}) \\&\quad \rho_1^h E(y_t^2) = \rho_1^h \sigma_y^2\end{aligned}$$

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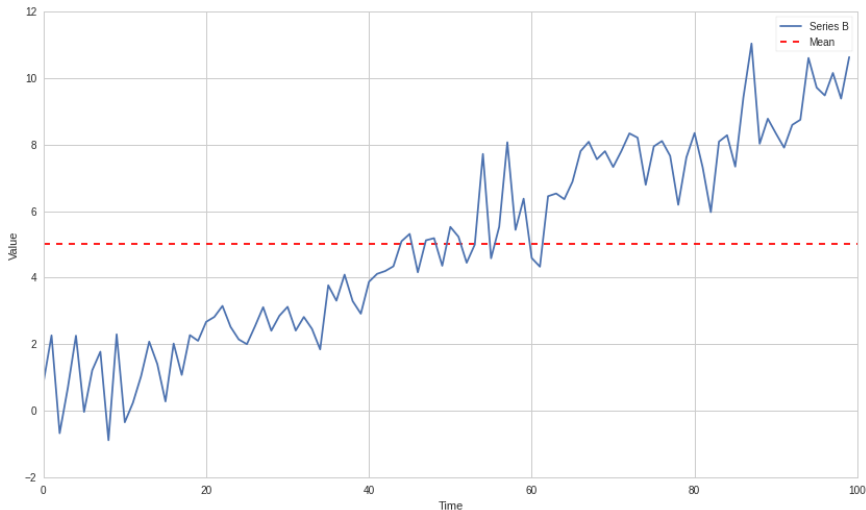
$$\text{Corr}(y_t, y_{t+h}) = \frac{\text{Cov}(y_t, y_{t+h})}{\sigma_y \sigma_y} = \rho_1^h$$

# Stationary Series A $\sim N(0, 1)$





# Non-Stationary Series B $\sim N(0.1t, 1)$



# Dickey and Fuller Test (1979)

$$y_t = \alpha + \rho y_{t-1} + e_t$$

$$H_0 : \rho = 1 \text{ vs } H_a : \rho < 1$$

## Augmented Dickey-Fuller Test

Add:  $y_{t-2}, y_{t-3} \dots$

Or/and add Time Trend

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from statsmodels.tsa.stattools import adfuller
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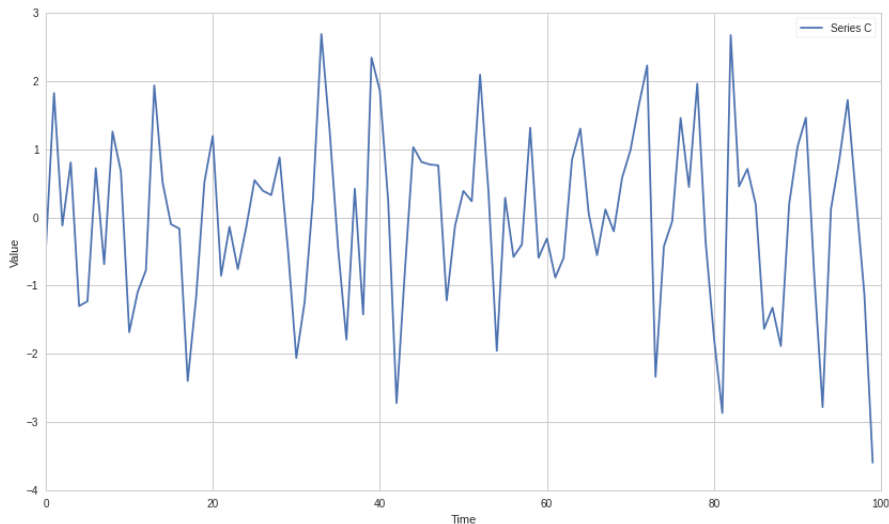
# Testing for Stationarity

```
def check_for_stationarity(X, cutoff=0.01):  
    #  $H_0$  in adfuller is unit root exists (non-stationary)  
    # We must observe significant p-value to convince ourselves that the series  
    is stationary  
    pvalue = adfuller(X)[1]  
    if pvalue < cutoff:  
        print 'p-value = ' + str(pvalue) + ' The series ' + X.name + ' is likely  
stationary.'  
        return True  
    else:  
        print 'p-value = ' + str(pvalue) + ' The series ' + X.name + ' is likely  
non-stationary.'  
        return False
```

```
check_for_stationarity(A);  
check_for_stationarity(B);
```

p-value = 0.000498500723545 The series A is likely stationary.  
p-value = 0.948244716942 The series B is likely non-stationary.

Series C  $\sim N(\sin(t), 1)$



p-value = 0.21959

## Order of Integration: $I(i)$

$$Y_t = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} b_j \epsilon_{t-j} + \eta_t$$

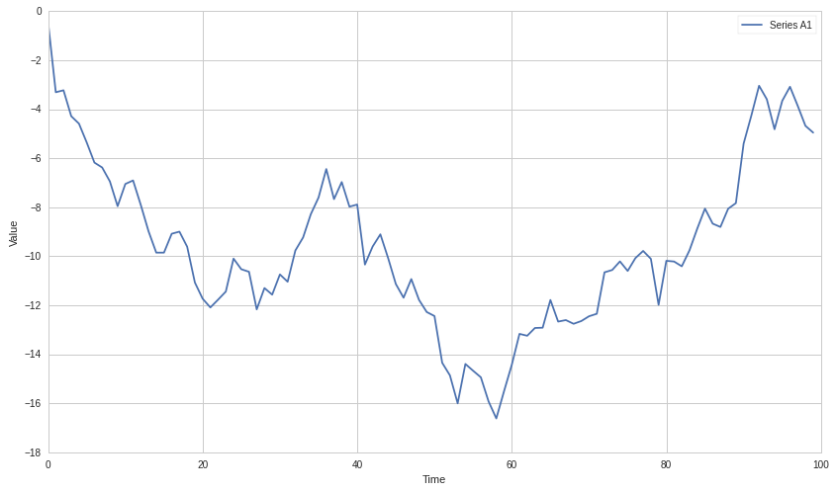
$$I(0) \text{ means } \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} |b_k|^2 < \infty$$

Autocorrelation decays quickly

Stationarity  $\rightarrow I(0)$

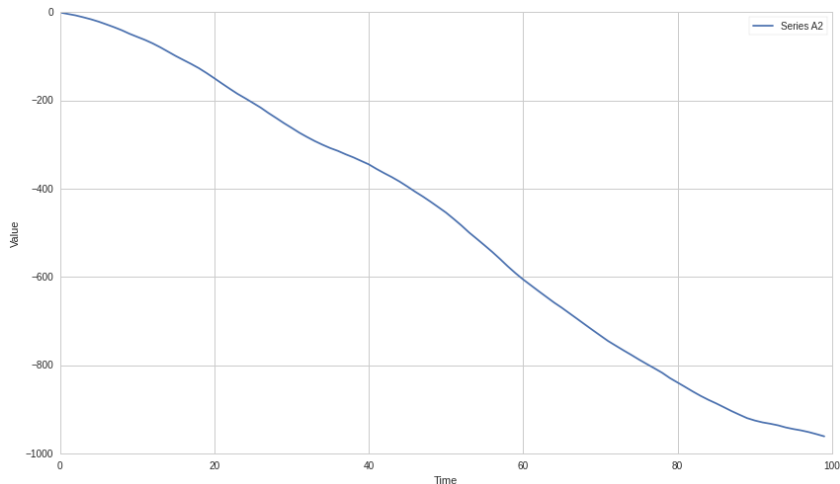
Series A1 is  $I(1)$

$A1 = \text{np.cumsum}(A)$



Series A2 is  $I(2)$

$A2 = \text{np.cumsum}(A1)$



$$LX_t = X_{t-1}$$

$$(1 - L)X_t = X_t - X_{t-1} = \Delta X$$

If  $X_t$  is  $I(1)$  then

$X_t - X_{t-1}$  is  $I(0)$



```
symbol_list = ['MSFT']
```

```
prices = get_pricing(symbol_list, fields=['price']  
                      , start_date='2014-01-01'  
                      , end_date='2015-01-01')['price']  
prices.columns = map(lambda x: x.symbol, prices.columns)  
X = prices['MSFT']  
check_for_stationarity(X);
```

p-value = 0.666326790934

The series MSFT is likely non-stationary.

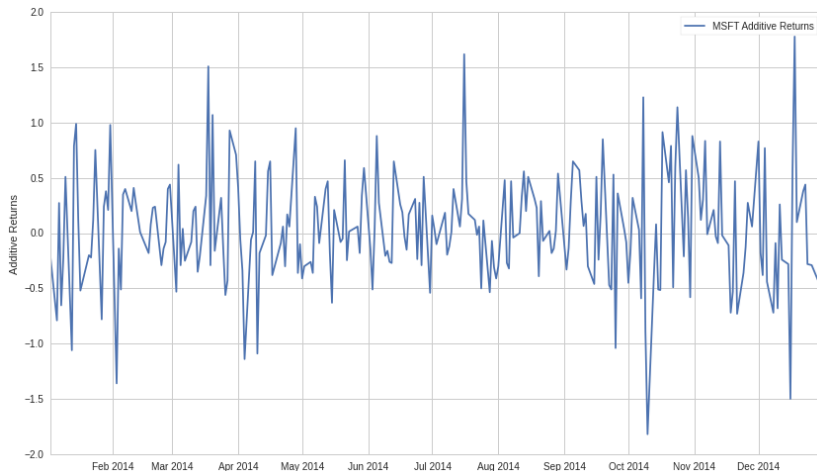
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plt.plot(X.index, X.values)
```

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plt.ylabel('Price')
```

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plt.legend([X.name]);
```

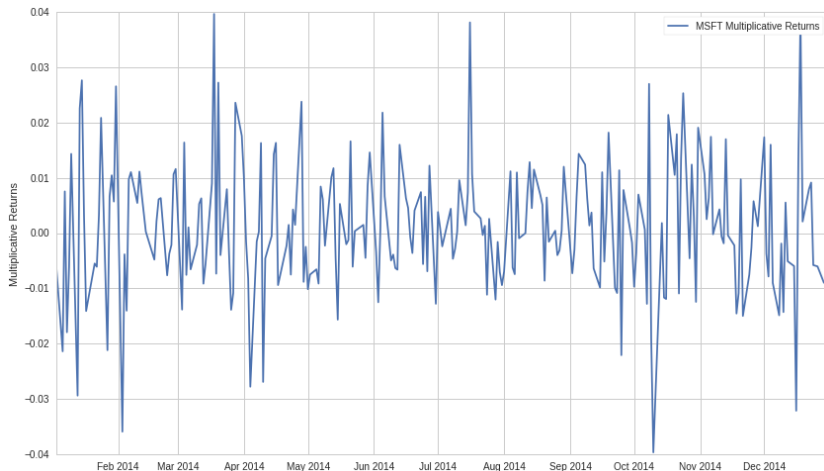


```
X1 = X.diff()[1:]
```



p-value = 1.48184901469e-28

$X1 = X.pct\_change()[1:]$



p-value =  $8.05657888734e-29$

# Cointegration

$(X_1, X_2, \dots, X_K)$  **are**  $I(1)$

A set of time series is Cointegrated, if some linear combination of them is  $I(0)$

If  $2X_1 + X_2$  is  $I(0)$ , then  
they are Cointegrated

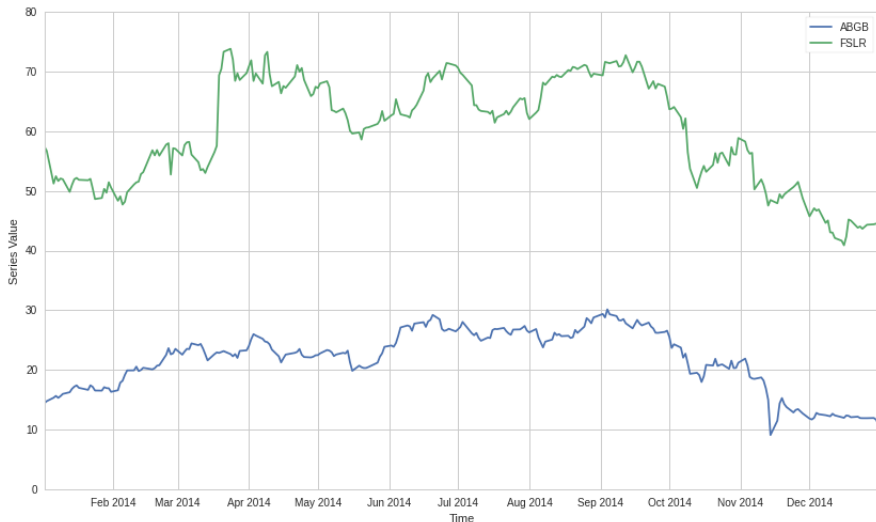
$$X_2 = \alpha + \beta X_1 + \epsilon$$

The combination:

$$X_2 - \beta X_1 = \alpha + \epsilon$$

should be stationary

```
symbol_list = ['ABGB', 'FSLR']
```



## OLS to compute $\beta$

```
X1 = sm.add_constant(X1)
```

```
results = sm.OLS(X2, X1).fit()
```

```
X1 = X1[symbol_list[0]]
```

```
results.params
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const	26.609769
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ABGB	1.536686
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```
b = results.params[symbol_list[0]]
```

```
Z = X2 - b * X1
```



# check\_for\_stationarity(Z)



p-value = 0.00097294855