

Solutions to Assignment 2 for StatØk2, Block 1, 2021/2022 by Jorge Yslas

(1) a) (Z_t) is iid white noise, hence strictly stationary, ergodic and mixing.
Consider the function

$$g(x_0, \dots, x_q) = x_0 + \theta_1 x_1 + \dots + \theta_q x_q.$$

Then

$$X_t = g(Z_t, \dots, Z_{t-q}) = Z_t + \theta_1 Z_{t-1} + \dots + \theta_q Z_{t-q}.$$

It follows from Proposition 2.16 that (X_t) is strictly stationary, from Theorem 2.30 that (X_t) is ergodic, and from Theorem 2.38 that (X_t) is mixing.

Now note that the random vectors (\dots, X_{-1}, X_0) and (X_n, X_{n+1}, \dots) are independent for $n > q$. This implies that the strong mixing coefficients $\alpha_n = 0$ for $n > q$, and consequently (X_t) is strongly mixing.

b) We observe that

$$X_n + \dots + X_1 = (Z_n - Z_{n-1}) + (Z_{n-1} - Z_{n-2}) + \dots + (Z_1 - Z_0) = Z_n - Z_0.$$

Hence

$$\sqrt{n} \bar{X}_n = n^{-1/2} (Z_n - Z_0) \stackrel{d}{=} n^{-1/2} (Z_1 - Z_0) \xrightarrow{\mathbb{P}} 0.$$

In particular, $\text{var}(\sqrt{n} \bar{X}_n) = 2n^{-1} \text{var}(Z) \rightarrow 0$. Thus all conditions of Ibragimov's CLT are satisfied but the condition on the positivity of $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \text{var}(\sqrt{n} \bar{X}_n)$ and therefore the CLT fails. Following the same arguments as in part a), $(X_t) = ((Z_t - Z_{t-1})^2)$ is strictly stationary, ergodic, mixing and also strongly mixing with rate function $\alpha_n^X = 0$ for $n > 2$. Then Ibragimov's CLT is applicable if we have $E[(Z_t - Z_{t-1})^{2(2+\delta/2)}] < \infty$ (but we assume this condition!) and if we can show that the variance of $n^{-1/2} \sum_{t=1}^n (Z_t - Z_{t-1})^2$ has a positive limit. We know from Corollary 2.41 and 1-dependence of (X_t) that

$$\text{var}(\sqrt{n} \bar{X}_n) \rightarrow \sigma^2 = \gamma_X(0) + 2 \sum_{h=1}^{\infty} \gamma_X(h) = \gamma_X(0) + 2\gamma_X(1).$$

We have

$$X_t = (Z_t - Z_{t-1})^2 = Z_t^2 - 2Z_t Z_{t-1} + Z_{t-1}^2.$$

Calculation yields

$$\begin{aligned} \gamma_X(0) &= \text{cov}(Z_t^2, Z_t^2) - 2\text{cov}(Z_t^2, Z_t Z_{t-1}) + \text{cov}(Z_t^2, Z_{t-1}^2) \\ &\quad - 2\text{cov}(Z_t Z_{t-1}, Z_t^2) + 4\text{cov}(Z_t Z_{t-1}, Z_t Z_{t-1}) - 2\text{cov}(Z_t Z_{t-1}, Z_{t-1}^2) \\ &\quad + \text{cov}(Z_{t-1}^2, Z_t^2) - 2\text{cov}(Z_{t-1}^2, Z_t Z_{t-1}) + \text{cov}(Z_{t-1}^2, Z_{t-1}^2) \\ &= \text{cov}(Z_t^2, Z_t^2) + 4\text{cov}(Z_t Z_{t-1}, Z_t Z_{t-1}) + \text{cov}(Z_{t-1}^2, Z_{t-1}^2) \\ &= 2(\mathbb{E}[Z_0^4] - (\mathbb{E}[Z_0^2])^2) + 4(\mathbb{E}[Z_t^2 Z_{t-1}^2] - (\mathbb{E}[Z_t Z_{t-1}])^2) \\ &= 2\mathbb{E}[Z_0^4] + 2\sigma_Z^4 \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \gamma_X(1) &= \text{cov}(Z_t^2, Z_{t+1}^2) - 2\text{cov}(Z_t^2, Z_{t+1} Z_t) + \text{cov}(Z_t^2, Z_t^2) \\ &\quad - 2\text{cov}(Z_t Z_{t-1}, Z_{t+1}^2) + 4\text{cov}(Z_t Z_{t-1}, Z_{t+1} Z_t) - 2\text{cov}(Z_t Z_{t-1}, Z_t^2) \\ &\quad + \text{cov}(Z_{t-1}^2, Z_{t+1}^2) - 2\text{cov}(Z_{t-1}^2, Z_{t+1} Z_t) + \text{cov}(Z_{t-1}^2, Z_t^2) \\ &= \text{cov}(Z_t^2, Z_t^2) \\ &= \mathbb{E}[Z_0^4] - \sigma_Z^4. \end{aligned}$$

Then

$$\gamma_X(0) + 2\gamma_X(1) = 2\mathbb{E}[Z_0^4] + 2\sigma_Z^4 + 2(\mathbb{E}[Z_0^4] - \sigma_Z^4) = 4\mathbb{E}[Z_0^4] .$$

$\mathbb{E}[Z_0^4] > 0$? Yes, by Jensen's inequality

$$\mathbb{E}[Z_0^4] = \mathbb{E}[(Z_0^2)^2] \geq (\mathbb{E}[Z_0^2])^2 = \sigma_Z^4 > 0 .$$

(2) Since (X_t) is strictly stationary and ergodic, we have that

$$\bar{X}_n = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{t=1}^n X_t \rightarrow \mathbb{E}[X_0]$$

and

$$\frac{1}{n} \sum_{t=1}^n X_t X_{t+h} \rightarrow \mathbb{E}[X_0 X_h] .$$

Note also that

$$\frac{1}{n} \sum_{t=1}^n X_{t+h} \rightarrow \mathbb{E}[X_0] .$$

Now

$$\begin{aligned} \gamma_{n,X}(h) &= \frac{1}{n} \sum_{t=1}^{n-h} (X_t - \bar{X}_n)(X_{t+h} - \bar{X}_n) \\ &= \frac{1}{n} \sum_{t=1}^{n-h} (X_t X_{t+h} - \bar{X}_n X_{t+h} - \bar{X}_n X_t + \bar{X}_n^2) \\ &= \frac{1}{n} \sum_{t=1}^{n-h} X_t X_{t+h} - \bar{X}_n \left(\frac{1}{n} \sum_{t=1}^{n-h} X_{t+h} \right) - \bar{X}_n \left(\frac{1}{n} \sum_{t=1}^{n-h} X_t \right) + \frac{n-h}{n} \bar{X}_n^2 . \end{aligned}$$

We look at each of the terms

$$\frac{1}{n} \sum_{t=1}^{n-h} X_t X_{t+h} = \left(\frac{n-h}{n} \right) \left(\frac{1}{n-h} \sum_{t=1}^{n-h} X_t X_{t+h} \right) \rightarrow (1) (\mathbb{E}[X_0 X_h]) = \mathbb{E}[X_0 X_h]$$

$$\bar{X}_n \left(\frac{1}{n} \sum_{t=1}^{n-h} X_{t+h} \right) = \bar{X}_n \left(\frac{n-h}{n} \right) \left(\frac{1}{n-h} \sum_{t=1}^{n-h} X_{t+h} \right) \rightarrow (\mathbb{E}[X_0]) (1) (\mathbb{E}[X_0]) = (\mathbb{E}[X_0])^2$$

$$\bar{X}_n \left(\frac{1}{n} \sum_{t=1}^{n-h} X_t \right) = \bar{X}_n \left(\frac{n-h}{n} \right) \left(\frac{1}{n-h} \sum_{t=1}^{n-h} X_t \right) \rightarrow (\mathbb{E}[X_0]) (1) (\mathbb{E}[X_0]) = (\mathbb{E}[X_0])^2$$

$$\frac{n-h}{n} \bar{X}_n^2 \rightarrow (\mathbb{E}[X_0])^2$$

Hence

$$\gamma_{n,X}(h) \rightarrow \mathbb{E}[X_0 X_h] - (\mathbb{E}[X_0])^2 = \gamma_X(h) .$$

In particular

$$\gamma_{n,X}(0) \rightarrow \mathbb{E}[X_0^2] - (\mathbb{E}[X_0])^2 = \gamma_X(0) .$$

Then

$$\rho_{n,X}(h) = \frac{\gamma_{n,X}(h)}{\gamma_{n,X}(0)} \rightarrow \frac{\gamma_X(h)}{\gamma_X(0)} = \rho_X(h) .$$

(3) A Taylor expansion of $f(x)$ around a is given by

$$f(x) = \sum_{k=0}^n \frac{f^{(k)}(a)}{k!} (x-a)^k + R_n(x) ,$$

where

$$R_n(x) = \frac{f^{(n+1)}(c)}{(n+1)!} (x-a)^{n+1}$$

with c between a and x . Now consider $f(x) = \log(1+x)$, then

$$\begin{aligned} f^{(1)}(x) &= \frac{1}{1+x} \\ f^{(2)}(x) &= -\frac{1}{(1+x)^2} . \end{aligned}$$

Thus

$$\begin{aligned} \log(1+x) &= f(0) + \frac{f^{(1)}(0)}{1!}x + \frac{f^{(2)}(c)}{2!}x^2 \\ &= \log(1+0) + \frac{1}{1+0}x - \frac{1}{2(1+c)^2}x^2 \\ &= x - \frac{x^2}{2(1+c)^2} , \end{aligned}$$

with c between 0 and x . Then

$$|x - \log(1+x)| = \left| x - \left(x - \frac{x^2}{2(1+c)^2} \right) \right| = \frac{x^2}{2(1+c)^2} .$$

Thus, if we assume that $|x| \leq \epsilon$, then

$$|x - \log(1+x)| \leq \frac{\epsilon^2}{2(1-\epsilon)^2} = \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{\epsilon}{1-\epsilon} \right)^2 .$$

In particular, with -20% we get that $|\Delta_t| \leq 0.02314355$.

(4) a) We first show by induction that $\Delta^k(t^k) = k!$.

$k = 1$

$$\Delta(t) = t - (t - 1) = 1.$$

Assume that

$$\Delta^k(t^k) = k!.$$

Note that, under this assumption, for any $m < k$ we have that

$$\Delta^k(t^m) = \Delta^{k-m}(\Delta^m(t^m)) = \Delta^{k-m}(m!) = 0.$$

Now consider $k + 1$, then

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta^{k+1}(t^{k+1}) &= \Delta^k(\Delta(t^{k+1})) = \Delta^k(t^{k+1} - (t - 1)^{k+1}) \\ &= \Delta^k\left(t^{k+1} - \sum_{j=0}^{k+1} \binom{k+1}{j} t^{k+1-j} (-1)^j\right) \\ &= \Delta^k\left((k+1)t^k - \binom{k+1}{2} t^{k-1} + \dots + (-1)^{k+1}\right) \\ &= (k+1)\Delta^k(t^k) \\ &= (k+1)k! \\ &= (k+1)!. \end{aligned}$$

Now we prove the main result by induction.

$k = 1$. We have that

$$X_t = m_t + Y_t = a_0 + a_1 t + Y_t.$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta(X_t) &= (1 - B)X_t = X_t - X_{t-1} \\ &= (a_0 + a_1 t + Y_t) - (a_0 + a_1(t-1) + Y_{t-1}) \\ &= a_1 + Y_t - Y_{t-1} \\ &= a_1 + \Delta(Y_t). \end{aligned}$$

Assume that the result holds for k , i.e., with

$$X_t = m_t + Y_t = \sum_{j=0}^k a_j t^j + Y_t$$

we have

$$\Delta^k(X_t) = k!a_k + \Delta^k(Y_t).$$

Now consider $k + 1$. Then

$$X_t = m_t + Y_t = \sum_{j=0}^{k+1} a_j t^j + Y_t$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
\Delta^{k+1}(X_t) &= \Delta(\Delta^k(X_t)) = \Delta(\Delta^k((X_t - a_{k+1}t^{k+1}) + a_{k+1}t^{k+1})) \\
&= \Delta(\Delta^k(X_t - a_{k+1}t^{k+1}) + \Delta^k(a_{k+1}t^{k+1})) \\
&= \Delta(\Delta^k(X_t - a_{k+1}t^{k+1}) + \Delta^k(a_{k+1}t^{k+1})) \\
&= \Delta((k!a_k + \Delta^k(Y_t)) + a_{k+1}\Delta^k(t^{k+1})) \\
&= \Delta(k!a_k + \Delta^k(Y_t)) + a_{k+1}\Delta^{k+1}(t^{k+1}) \\
&= (k+1)!a_{k+1} + \Delta^{k+1}(Y_t)
\end{aligned}$$

and the result follows.

b) Note that it is enough to show these properties for $\Delta(Y_t)$ and then use induction for $\Delta^k(Y_t) = \Delta(\Delta^{k-1}(Y_t))$. By definition, we have that

$$\Delta(Y_t) = Y_t - Y_{t-1}.$$

First, we prove that if (Y_t) is stationary then also $(\Delta(Y_t))$ does. Thus, we need to show the 3 properties of a stationary processes.

i)

$$\mathbb{E}[\Delta(Y_t)] = \mathbb{E}[Y_t - Y_{t-1}] = 0.$$

ii)

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathbb{E}[(\Delta(Y_t))^2] &= \mathbb{E}[Y_t^2 - 2Y_tY_{t-1} + Y_{t-1}^2] \\
&= \mathbb{E}[Y_t^2] - 2(\mathbb{E}[Y_tY_{t-1}] - m_Y^2 + m_Y^2) + \mathbb{E}[Y_{t-1}^2] \\
&= \mathbb{E}[Y_t^2] - 2(\gamma_Y(1) + m_Y^2) + \mathbb{E}[Y_{t-1}^2] < \infty.
\end{aligned}$$

iii)

$$\begin{aligned}
\gamma_{\Delta(Y)}(t, t+h) &= \text{cov}(Y_t - Y_{t-1}, Y_{t+h} - Y_{t+h-1}) \\
&= \text{cov}(Y_t, Y_{t+h}) - \text{cov}(Y_t, Y_{t+h-1}) - \text{cov}(Y_{t-1}, Y_{t+h}) + \text{cov}(Y_{t-1}, Y_{t+h-1}) \\
&= 2\gamma_Y(h) - \gamma_Y(h-1) - \gamma_Y(h+1)
\end{aligned}$$

Therefore $(\Delta(Y_t))$ is stationary.

In order to show the other properties, consider the function

$$g(x_0, x_1) = x_0 - x_1.$$

Then

$$\Delta(Y_t) = g(Y_t, Y_{t-1}) = Y_t - Y_{t-1}.$$

Note that the right-hand side is finite a.s., since it is the finite sum of real-valued r.v.'s. Then it follows from Proposition 2.16 that $(\Delta(Y_t))$ is strictly stationary, from Theorem 2.30 that $(\Delta(Y_t))$ is ergodic and from Theorem 2.38 that $(\Delta(Y_t))$ is mixing.

(5) First note that

$$\bar{X}_n = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{t=1}^n X_t = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{t=1}^n c \cos(t\omega) = \frac{c}{n} \sum_{t=1}^n \cos(t\omega) = \frac{c}{n} \left(\frac{\cos(\omega(n+1)/2) \sin(\omega n/2)}{\sin(\omega/2)} \right)$$

and consequently $\overline{X}_n \rightarrow 0$.

Now

$$\begin{aligned}\gamma_{n,X}(h) &= \frac{1}{n} \sum_{t=1}^{n-h} (X_t - \overline{X}_n) (X_{t+h} - \overline{X}_n) \\ &= \frac{1}{n} \sum_{t=1}^{n-h} (X_t X_{t+h} - \overline{X}_n X_t - \overline{X}_n X_{t+h} + \overline{X}_n^2) \\ &= \frac{1}{n} \sum_{t=1}^{n-h} X_t X_{t+h} - \overline{X}_n \left(\frac{1}{n} \sum_{t=1}^{n-h} X_t \right) - \overline{X}_n \left(\frac{1}{n} \sum_{t=1}^{n-h} X_{t+h} \right) + \left(\frac{n-h}{n} \right) \overline{X}_n^2.\end{aligned}$$

Let's look at each of the terms

$$\left(\frac{n-h}{n} \right) \overline{X}_n^2 \rightarrow (1)(0)^2 = 0$$

$$\overline{X}_n \left(\frac{1}{n} \sum_{t=1}^{n-h} X_t \right) = \overline{X}_n \left(\frac{n-h}{n} \right) \left(\frac{1}{n-h} \sum_{t=1}^{n-h} X_t \right) \rightarrow (0)(1)(0) = 0$$

For $\overline{X}_n \left(\frac{1}{n} \sum_{t=1}^{n-h} X_{t+h} \right)$ we will use a different argument. Note that $|X_{t+h}| = |c \cos((t+h)\omega)| \leq |c|$, then

$$\left| \frac{1}{n} \sum_{t=1}^{n-h} X_{t+h} \right| \leq \frac{1}{n} \sum_{t=1}^{n-h} |X_{t+h}| \leq \frac{1}{n} \sum_{t=1}^{n-h} |c| = |c| \frac{n-h}{n} \leq |c|.$$

Meaning that $\left(\frac{1}{n} \sum_{t=1}^{n-h} X_{t+h} \right)$ is bounded, and since $\overline{X}_n \rightarrow 0$ it follows that

$$\overline{X}_n \left(\frac{1}{n} \sum_{t=1}^{n-h} X_{t+h} \right) \rightarrow 0.$$

For the remaining term we will use the following trigonometric identities:

- $\cos(x+y) = \cos(x)\cos(y) - \sin(x)\sin(y)$.
- $\sin(2x) = 2\sin(x)\cos(x)$.
- $\cos^2(x) = (1 + \cos(2x))/2$.

Thus

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{1}{n} \sum_{t=1}^{n-h} X_t X_{t+h} &= \frac{1}{n} \sum_{t=1}^{n-h} c \cos(t\omega) c \cos((t+h)\omega) \\
&= \frac{c^2}{n} \sum_{t=1}^{n-h} \cos(t\omega) \cos(t\omega + h\omega) \\
&= \frac{c^2}{n} \sum_{t=1}^{n-h} \cos(t\omega) (\cos(t\omega) \cos(h\omega) - \sin(t\omega) \sin(h\omega)) \\
&= \frac{c^2}{n} \left(\cos(h\omega) \sum_{t=1}^{n-h} \cos^2(t\omega) - \sin(h\omega) \sum_{t=1}^{n-h} \cos(t\omega) \sin(t\omega) \right) \\
&= \frac{c^2}{n} \left(\cos(h\omega) \sum_{t=1}^{n-h} \frac{1 + \cos(2\omega t)}{2} - \sin(h\omega) \sum_{t=1}^{n-h} \frac{\sin(2\omega t)}{2} \right) \\
&= \frac{c^2}{n} \left(\frac{\cos(h\omega)}{2} \left((n-h) + \sum_{t=1}^{n-h} \cos(2\omega t) \right) - \frac{\sin(h\omega)}{2} \sum_{t=1}^{n-h} \sin(2\omega t) \right) \\
&= \frac{c^2}{n} \left(\frac{\cos(h\omega)}{2} \left((n-h) + \frac{\cos(\omega(n-h+1)) \sin(\omega(n-h))}{\sin(\omega)} \right) \right. \\
&\quad \left. - \frac{\sin(h\omega)}{2} \frac{\sin(\omega(n-h+1)) \sin(\omega(n-h))}{\sin(\omega)} \right) \\
&= \frac{c^2 \cos(h\omega)}{2} \left(\frac{n-h}{n} \right) + \frac{c^2 \cos(h\omega)}{2} \left(\frac{1}{n} \right) \left(\frac{\cos(\omega(n-h+1)) \sin(\omega(n-h))}{\sin(\omega)} \right) \\
&\quad - \frac{c^2 \sin(h\omega)}{2} \left(\frac{1}{n} \right) \left(\frac{\sin(\omega(n-h+1)) \sin(\omega(n-h))}{\sin(\omega)} \right) \\
&\rightarrow \frac{c^2 \cos(h\omega)}{2}.
\end{aligned}$$

Putting all together, we conclude that

$$\gamma_{n,X}(h) \rightarrow \frac{c^2 \cos(h\omega)}{2}.$$

Particularly

$$\gamma_{n,X}(0) \rightarrow \frac{c^2 \cos(0\omega)}{2} = \frac{c^2}{2}.$$

Implying

$$\rho_{n,X}(h) = \frac{\gamma_{n,X}(h)}{\gamma_{n,X}(0)} \rightarrow \frac{c^2 \cos(h\omega)/2}{c^2/2} = \cos(h\omega).$$

(6) a) Let $X_t = A \cos(\theta t) + B \sin(\theta t)$, where A and B are random variables such that $\mathbb{E}[A] = \mathbb{E}[B] = \mathbb{E}[AB] = 0$ and $\mathbb{E}[A^2] = \mathbb{E}[B^2] = 1$ (see Example 2.11). Then $\mathbb{E}[X_t] = 0$, $\text{var}(X_t) = 1$, and

$$\begin{aligned}
\gamma_X(t, t+h) &= \text{cov}(X_t, X_{t+h}) \\
&= \mathbb{E}[(A \cos(\theta t) + B \sin(\theta t))(A \cos(\theta(t+h)) + B \sin(\theta(t+h)))] \\
&= \cos(\theta t) \cos(\theta(t+h)) + \sin(\theta t) \sin(\theta(t+h)) \\
&= \cos(\theta h)
\end{aligned}$$

Note. $\cos(x - y) = \cos(x)\cos(y) + \sin(x)\sin(y)$

b) Recall that $\gamma : \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is non-negative definite if

$$\sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n a_i a_j \gamma(t_i - t_j) \geq 0,$$

for all n , and all $a_1, \dots, a_n \in \mathbb{R}$, $t_1, \dots, t_n \in \mathbb{Z}$. Now, let $n \in \mathbb{N}$ and $a_1, \dots, a_n \in \mathbb{R}$, $t_1, \dots, t_n \in \mathbb{Z}$, then

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n a_i a_j \gamma(t_i - t_j) &= \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n a_i a_j \cos(\theta(t_i - t_j)) \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n a_i a_j \cos(\theta t_i - \theta t_j) \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n a_i a_j (\cos(\theta t_i) \cos(\theta t_j) + \sin(\theta t_i) \sin(\theta t_j)) \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n a_i a_j \cos(\theta t_i) \cos(\theta t_j) + \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n a_i a_j \sin(\theta t_i) \sin(\theta t_j) \\ &= \left(\sum_{i=1}^n a_i \cos(\theta t_i) \right)^2 + \left(\sum_{i=1}^n a_i \sin(\theta t_i) \right)^2 \\ &\geq 0. \end{aligned}$$

Note also that $\gamma(h) = \cos(\theta h) = \cos(-\theta h) = \gamma(-h)$. Thus, it follows by Theorem 3.2 that $\gamma(h) = \cos(\theta h)$ is an autocovariance function.

c) $\gamma(h) = \sin(\theta h)$ autocovariance function? No, since $\gamma(h) = \sin(\theta h)$ is not even, actually $\gamma(-h) = \sin(-\theta h) = -\sin(\theta h) = -\gamma(h)$.

$\gamma(h) = \sum_{k=1}^m b_k \cos(\theta_k h)$ with b_1, \dots, b_m positive is autocovariance function? Yes. Let $n \in \mathbb{N}$ and $a_1, \dots, a_n \in \mathbb{R}$, $t_1, \dots, t_n \in \mathbb{Z}$, then

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n a_i a_j \gamma(t_i - t_j) &= \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n a_i a_j \left(\sum_{k=1}^m b_k \cos(\theta_k(t_i - t_j)) \right) \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n \sum_{k=1}^m a_i a_j b_k \cos(\theta_k(t_i - t_j)) \\ &= \sum_{k=1}^m b_k \left(\sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n a_i a_j \cos(\theta_k(t_i - t_j)) \right) \\ &\geq 0. \end{aligned}$$

Since $\cos(\theta_k h) = \cos(-\theta_k h)$ for all $k = 1, \dots, m$ it follows that $\gamma(h) = \gamma(-h)$ and therefore $\gamma(h) = \sum_{k=1}^m b_k \cos(\theta_k h)$ is an autocovariance function.