Intro to ARMA models

FISH 507 – Applied Time Series Analysis

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Topics for today

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- · White noise
- · Random walks

Autoregressive (AR) models

Moving average (MA) models

Autoregressive moving average (ARMA) models

Using ACF & PACF for model ID

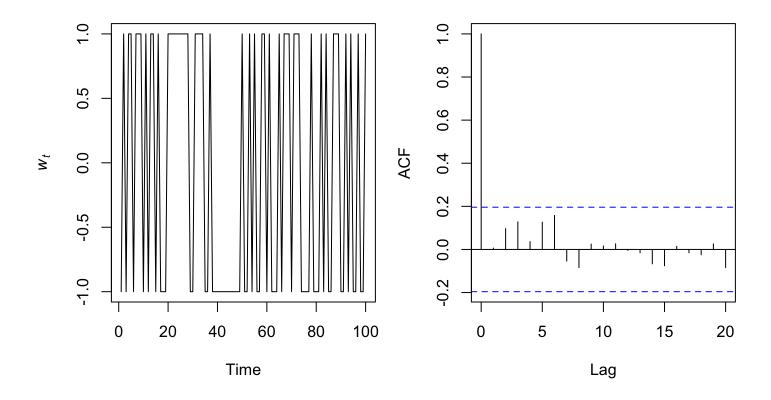
White noise (WN)

A time series $\{w_t\}$ is discrete white noise if its values are

- 1. independent
- 2. identically distributed with a mean of zero

The distributional form for $\{w_t\}$ is flexible

White noise (WN)



$$w_t = 2e_t - 1$$
; $e_t \sim \text{Bernoulli}(0.5)$

Gaussian white noise

We often assume so-called Gaussian white noise, whereby

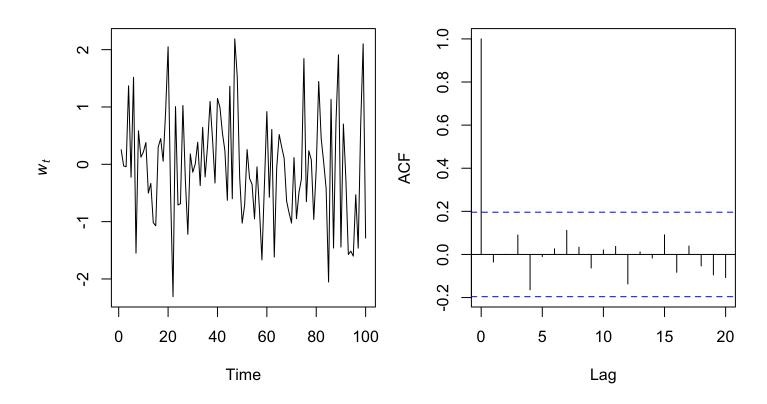
$$w_t \sim N(0, \sigma^2)$$

and the following apply as well

autocovariance:
$$\gamma_k = \begin{cases} \sigma^2 & \text{if } k = 0 \\ 0 & \text{if } k \ge 1 \end{cases}$$

autocorrelation:
$$\rho_k = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } k = 0 \\ 0 & \text{if } k \ge 1 \end{cases}$$

Gaussian white noise



$$w_t \sim N(0, 1)$$

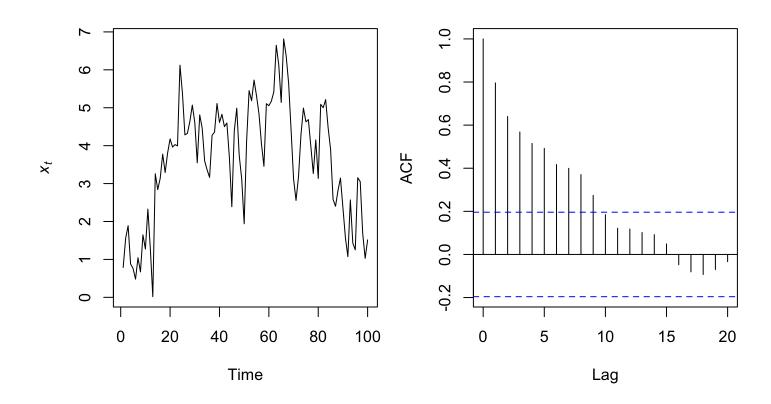
Random walk (RW)

A time series $\{x_t\}$ is a random walk if

1.
$$x_t = x_{t-1} + w_t$$

2. w_t is white noise

Random walk (RW)



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Random walk (RW)

Of note: Random walks are extremely flexible models and can be fit to many kinds of time series

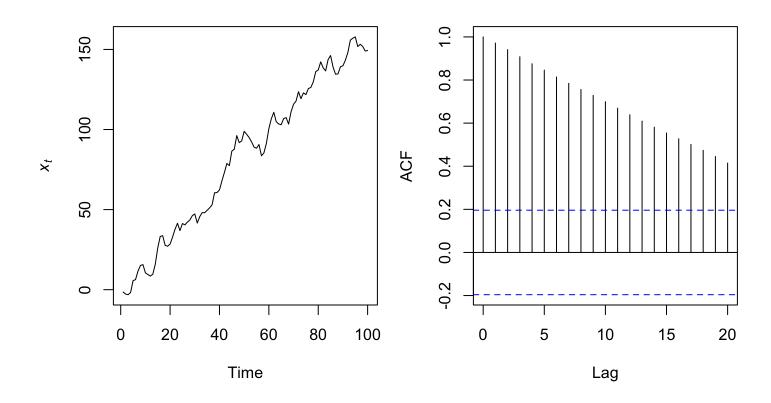
Biased random walk

A biased random walk (or random walk with drift) is written as

$$x_t = x_{t-1} + u + w_t$$

where u is the bias (drift) per time step and w_t is white noise

Biased random walk

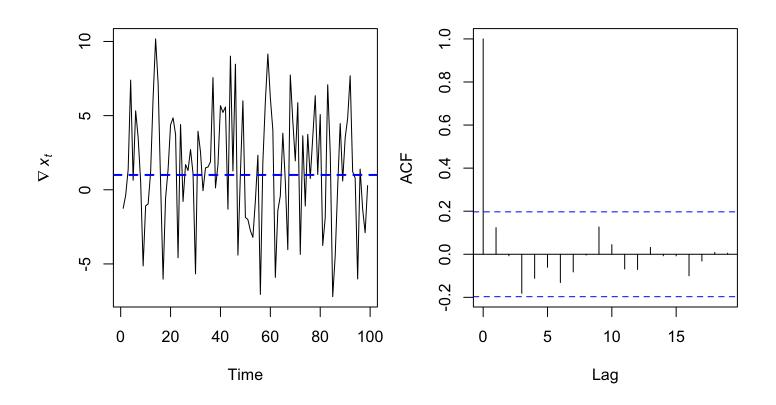


$$x_t = x_{t-1} + 1 + w_t; w_t \sim N(0, 4)$$

Differencing a biased random walk

First-differencing a biased random walk yields a constant mean (level) u plus white noise

Differencing a biased random walk



$$x_t - x_{t-1} = 1 + w_t; w_t \sim N(0, 1)$$

Linear stationary models

Linear stationary models

We saw last week that linear filters are a useful way of modeling time series

Here we extend those ideas to a general class of models call *autoregressive* moving average (ARMA) models

Autoregressive (AR) models

Autoregressive models are widely used in ecology to treat a current state of nature as a function its past state(s)

Autoregressive (AR) models

An *autoregressive* model of order p, or AR(p), is defined as

$$x_t = \phi_1 x_{t-1} + \phi_2 x_{t-2} + \dots + \phi_p x_{t-p} + w_t$$

where we assume

- 1. w_t is white noise
- 2. $\phi_p \neq 0$ for an order-p process

Examples of AR(p) models

AR(1)

$$x_t = 0.5x_{t-1} + w_t$$

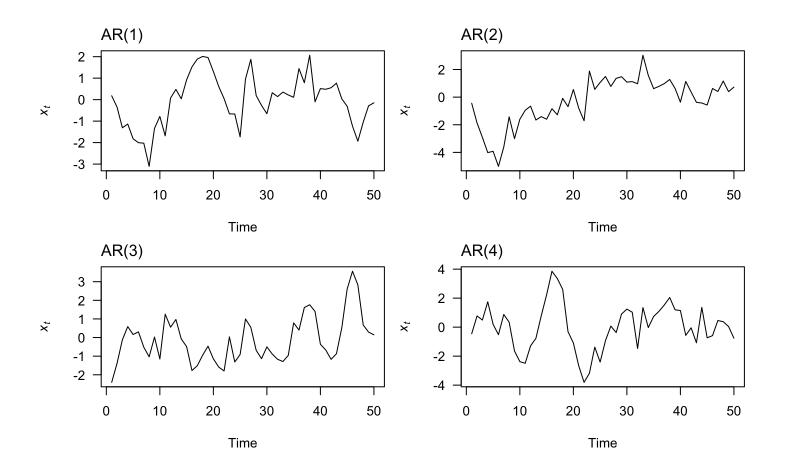
AR(1) with $\phi_1 = 1$ (random walk)

$$x_t = x_{t-1} + w_t$$

AR(2)

$$x_t = -0.2x_{t-1} + 0.4x_{t-2} + w_t$$

Examples of AR(p) models



Recall that *stationary* processes have the following properties

- 1. no systematic change in the mean or variance
- 2. no systematic trend
- 3. no periodic variations or seasonality

We seek a means for identifying whether our AR(p) models are also stationary

We can write out an AR(p) model using the backshift operator

$$x_{t} = \phi_{1}x_{t-1} + \phi_{2}x_{t-2} + \dots + \phi_{p}x_{t-p} + w_{t}$$

$$\downarrow \downarrow$$

$$x_{t} - \phi_{1}x_{t-1} - \phi_{2}x_{t-2} - \dots - \phi_{p}x_{t-p} = w_{t}$$

$$(1 - \phi_{1}\mathbf{B} - \phi_{2}\mathbf{B}^{2} - \dots - \phi_{p}\mathbf{B}^{p})x_{t} = w_{t}$$

$$\phi_{p}(\mathbf{B})x_{t} = w_{t}$$

If we treat ${f B}$ as a number (or numbers), we can out write the *characteristic* equation as

$$\phi_p(\mathbf{B})x_t = w_t$$

$$\psi$$

$$\phi_p(\mathbf{B}) = 0$$

To be stationary, **all roots** of the characteristic equation **must exceed 1 in absolute value**

For example, consider this AR(1) model from earlier

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$$1 - 0.5\mathbf{B} = 0$$

$$-0.5\mathbf{B} = -1$$

$$\mathbf{B} = 2$$

This model is indeed stationary because ${f B}>1$

What about this AR(2) model from earlier?

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$$x_{t} + 0.2\mathbf{B}x_{t} - 0.4\mathbf{B}^{2}x_{t} = w_{t}$$

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$$\downarrow \downarrow$$

$$\mathbf{B}_{1} \approx -1.35 \text{ and } \mathbf{B}_{2} \approx 1.85$$

This model is *not* stationary because only $\mathbf{B}_2 > 1$

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$$1 - 1\mathbf{B} = 0$$

$$-1\mathbf{B} = -1$$

$$\mathbf{B} = 1$$

Random walks are **not** stationary because $\mathbf{B} = 1 \not > 1$

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For $x_t = \phi x_{t-1} + w_t$, we have

$$(1 - \phi \mathbf{B})x_t = w_t$$

$$\downarrow \downarrow$$

$$1 - \phi \mathbf{B} = 0$$

$$-\phi \mathbf{B} = -1$$

$$\mathbf{B} = \frac{1}{\phi}$$

$$\downarrow \downarrow$$

$$\mathbf{B} = \frac{1}{\phi} > 1 \text{ iff } 0 < \phi < 1$$

What if ϕ is negative, such that $x_t = -\phi x_{t-1} + w_t$?

$$x_{t} = -\phi x_{t-1} + w_{t}$$

$$\downarrow \downarrow$$

$$x_{t} + \phi x_{t-1} = w_{t}$$

$$x_{t} + \phi \mathbf{B} x_{t} = w_{t}$$

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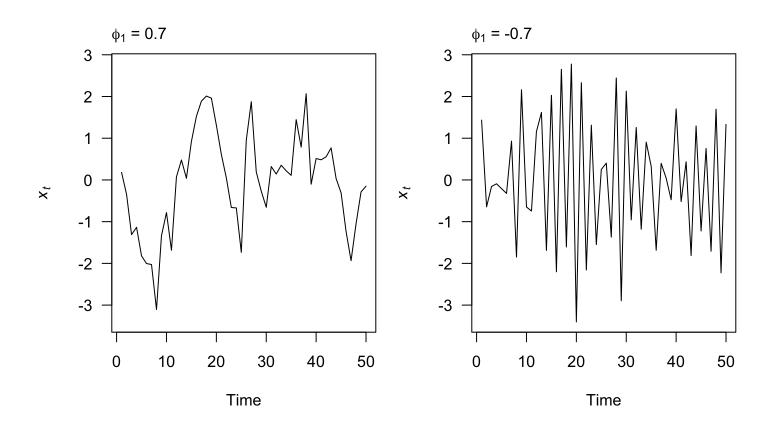
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Stationary AR(1) models

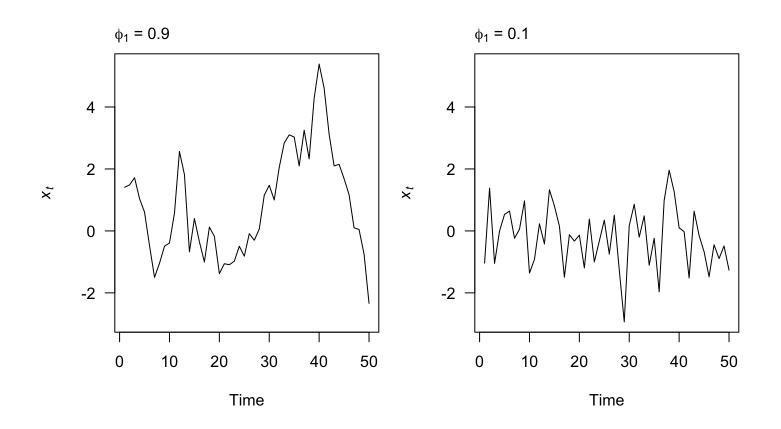
Thus, AR(1) models are stationary if and only if $|\phi| < 1$

Coefficients of AR(1) models



Same value, but different sign

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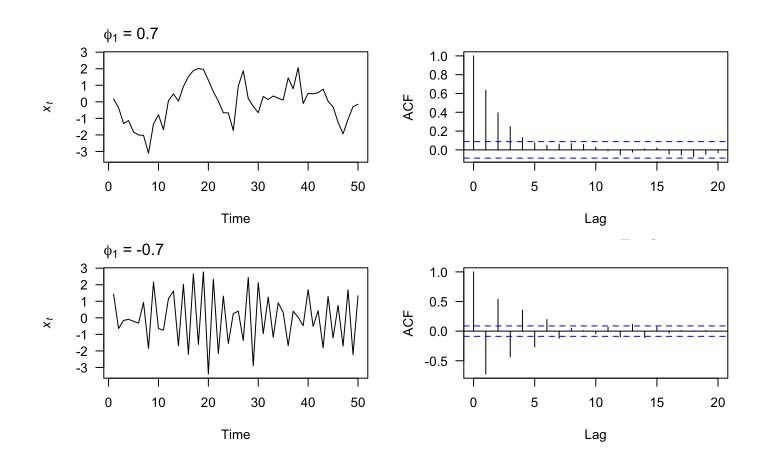


Both positive, but different magnitude

Autocorrelation function (ACF)

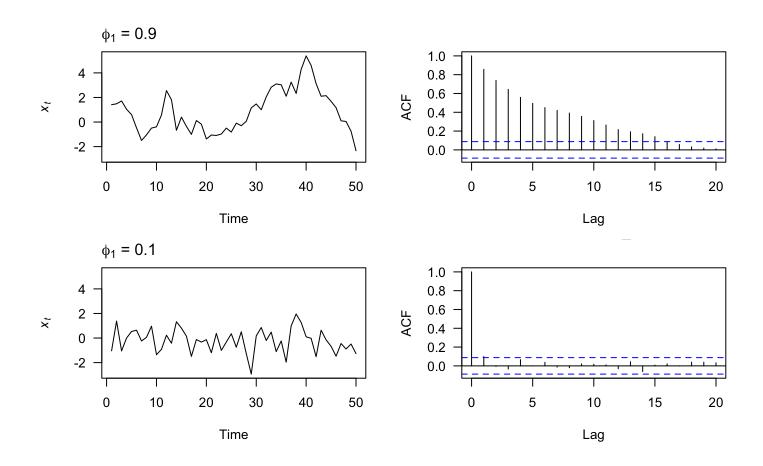
Recall that the *autocorrelation function* (ρ_k) measures the correlation between $\{x_t\}$ and a shifted version of itself $\{x_{t+k}\}$

ACF for AR(1) models



ACF oscillates for model with $-\phi$

ACF for AR(1) models

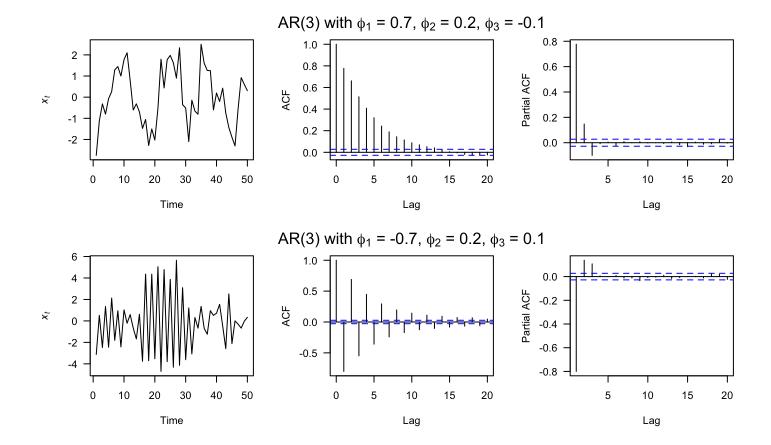


For model with large ϕ , ACF has longer tail

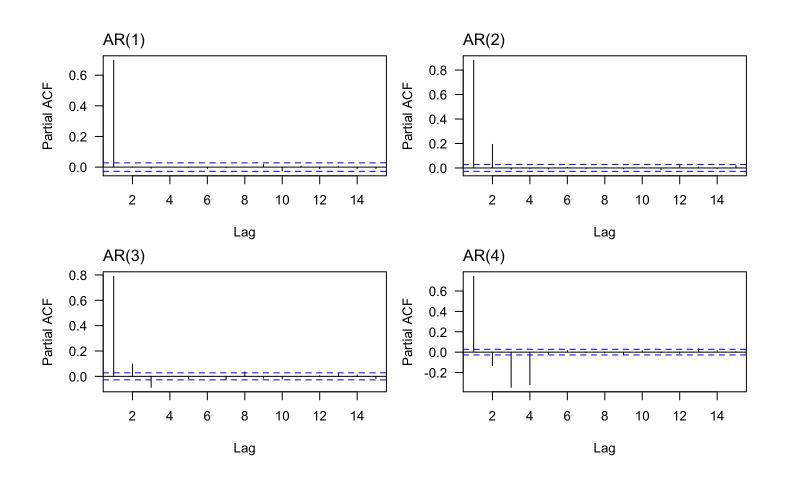
Partial autocorrelation funcion (PACF)

Recall that the *partial autocorrelation function* (ϕ_k) measures the correlation between $\{x_t\}$ and a shifted version of itself $\{x_{t+k}\}$, with the linear dependence of $\{x_{t-1}, x_{t-2}, \dots, x_{t-k-1}\}$ removed

ACF & PACF for AR(p) models



PACF for AR(p) models



Do you see the link between the order *p* and lag *k*?

Using ACF & PACF for model ID

Model	ACF	PACF
AR(p)	Tails off slowly	Cuts off after lag p

Moving average (MA) models

Moving average models are most commonly used for forecasting a future state

Moving average (MA) models

A moving average model of order q, or MA(q), is defined as

$$x_t = w_t + \theta_1 w_{t-1} + \theta_2 w_{t-2} + \dots + \theta_q w_{t-q}$$

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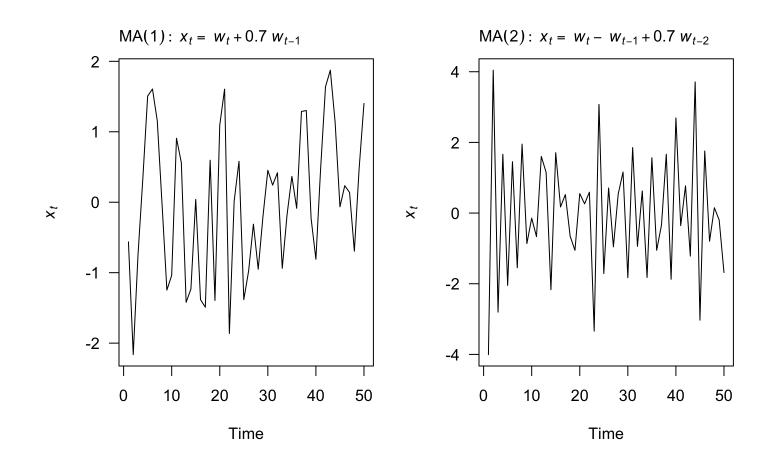
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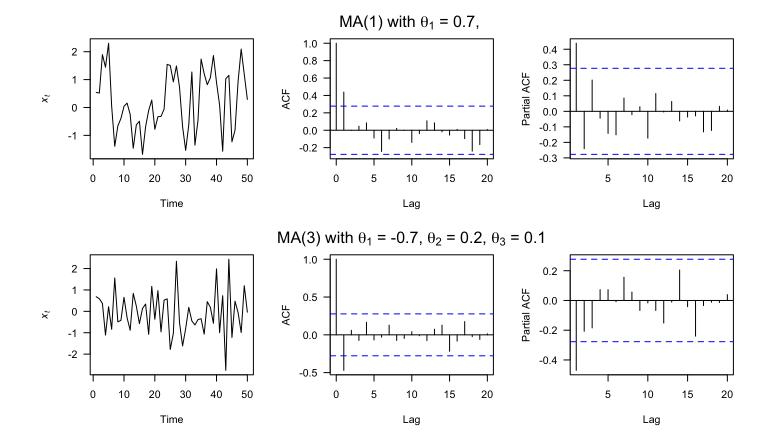
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Thus, *all* MA processes are stationary because they are finite sums of stationary WN processes

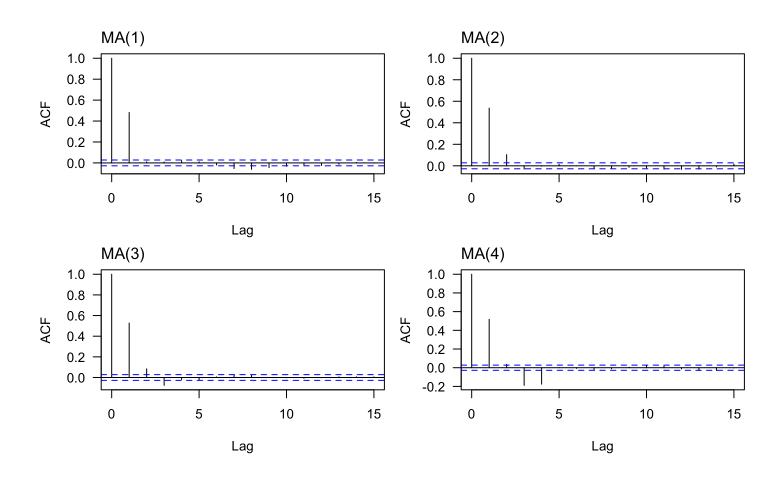
Examples of MA(q) models



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Do you see the link between the order *q* and lag *k*?

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MA(q)	Cuts off after lag q	Tails off slowly

It is possible to write an AR(p) model as an MA(∞) model

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$$\downarrow \downarrow$$

$$x_{t-2} = \phi x_{t-3} + w_{t-2}$$

$$\downarrow \downarrow$$

$$x_{t-3} = \phi x_{t-4} + w_{t-3}$$

Substituting in the expression for x_{t-1} into that for x_t

$$x_{t} = \phi x_{t-1} + w_{t}$$

$$\downarrow \downarrow$$

$$x_{t-1} = \phi x_{t-2} + w_{t-1}$$

$$\downarrow \downarrow$$

$$x_{t} = \phi(\phi x_{t-2} + w_{t-1}) + w_{t}$$

$$x_{t} = \phi^{2} x_{t-2} + \phi w_{t-1} + w_{t}$$

And repeated substitutions yields

$$x_{t} = \phi^{2}x_{t-2} + \phi w_{t-1} + w_{t}$$

$$\downarrow \downarrow$$

$$x_{t} = \phi^{3}x_{t-3} + \phi^{2}w_{t-2} + \phi w_{t-1} + w_{t}$$

$$\downarrow \downarrow$$

$$x_{t} = \phi^{4}x_{t-4} + \phi^{3}w_{t-3} + \phi^{2}w_{t-2} + \phi w_{t-1} + w_{t}$$

$$\downarrow \downarrow$$

$$x_{t} = w_{t} + \phi w_{t-1} + \phi^{2}w_{t-2} + \cdots + \phi^{k}w_{t-k} + \phi^{k+1}x_{t-k-1}$$

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Invertible MA(q) models

An MA(q) process is *invertible* if it can be written as a stationary autoregressive process of infinite order without an error term

$$x_{t} = w_{t} + \theta_{1} w_{t-1} + \theta_{2} w_{t-2} + \dots + \theta_{q} w_{t-q}$$

$$\psi?$$

$$w_{t} = x_{t} + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (-\theta)^{k} x_{t-k}$$

Invertible MA(q) models

Q: Why do we care if an MA(q) model is invertible?

A: It helps us identify the model's parameters

Invertible MA(q) models

For example, these MA(1) models are equivalent

$$x_t = w_t + \frac{1}{5}w_{t-1} \text{ with } w_t \sim N(0, 25)$$

$$\updownarrow$$

$$x_t = w_t + 5w_{t-1} \text{ with } w_t \sim N(0, 1)$$

Variance of an MA(1) model

The variance of x_t is given by

$$x_{t} = w_{t} + \frac{1}{5}w_{t-1} \text{ with } w_{t} \sim N(0, 25)$$

$$\downarrow Var(x_{t}) = Var(w_{t}) + \left(\frac{1}{25}\right) Var(w_{t-1})$$

$$= 25 + \left(\frac{1}{25}\right) 25$$

$$= 25 + 1$$

$$= 26$$

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$$\downarrow Var(x_t) = Var(w_t) + (25)Var(w_{t-1})$$

$$= 1 + (25)1$$

$$= 1 + 25$$

$$= 26$$

Rewriting an MA(1) model

We can rewrite an MA(1) model in terms of x

$$x_{t} = w_{t} + \theta w_{t-1}$$

$$\downarrow \qquad \qquad \qquad \downarrow$$

$$w_{t} = x_{t} - \theta w_{t-1}$$

Rewriting an MA(1) model

And now we can substitute in previous expressions for w_t

Invertible MA(1) model

If we constrain $|\theta| < 1$, then

$$\lim_{k\to\infty} (-\theta)^{k+1} w_{t-k-1} = 0$$

and

$$w_{t} = x_{t} - \theta x_{t-1} - \dots - \theta^{k} x_{t-k} - \theta^{k+1} w_{t-k-1}$$

$$\downarrow \downarrow$$

$$w_{t} = x_{t} - \theta x_{t-1} - \dots - \theta^{k} x_{t-k}$$

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Autoregressive moving average models

An autoregressive moving average, or ARMA(p,q), model is written as

$$x_{t} = \phi_{1} x_{t-1} + \dots + \phi_{p} x_{t-p} + w_{t} + \theta_{1} w_{t-1} + \dots + \theta_{q} w_{t-q}$$

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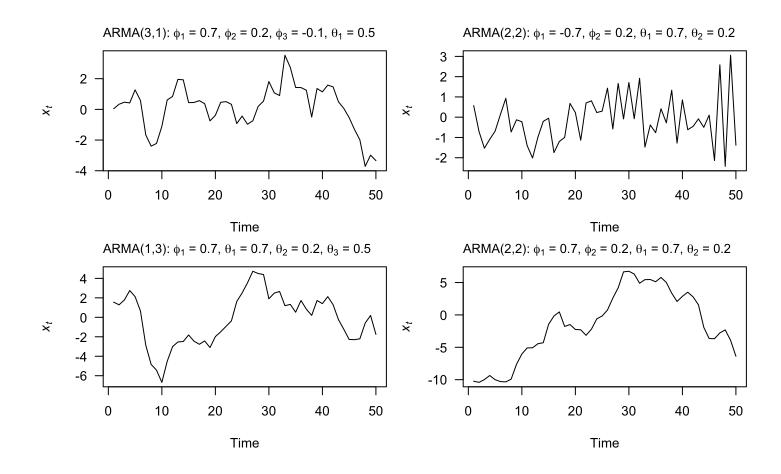
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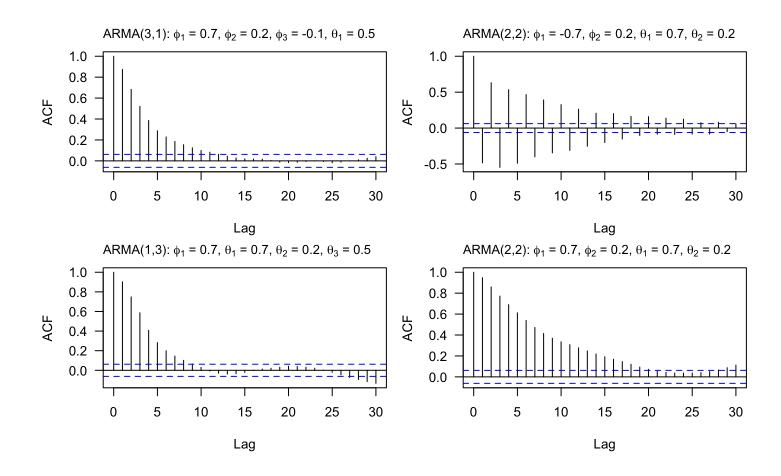
ARMA models are *stationary* if all roots of $\phi_p(\mathbf{B}) > 1$

ARMA models are *invertible* if all roots of $\theta_q(\mathbf{B}) > 1$

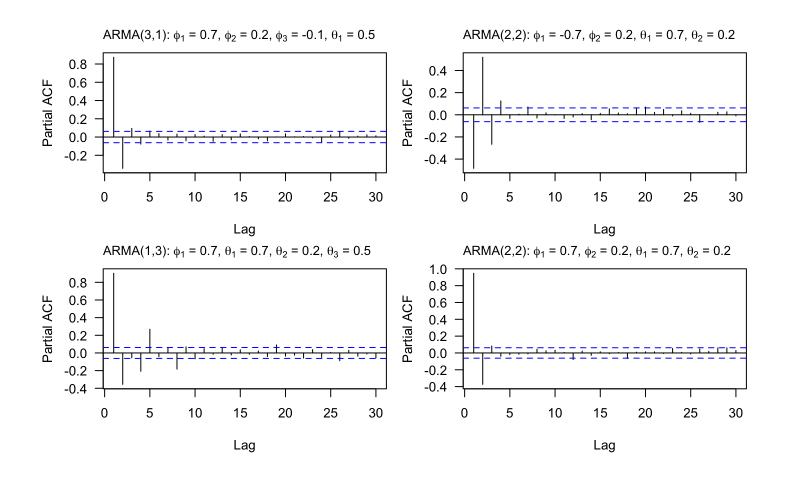
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NONSTATIONARY MODELS

Autoregressive integrated moving average (ARIMA) models

If the data do not appear stationary, differencing can help

This leads to the class of *autoregressive integrated moving average* (ARIMA) models

ARIMA models are indexed with orders (p,d,q) where d indicates the order of differencing

Definition

 $\{x_t\}$ follows an ARIMA(p,d,q) process if $(1 - \mathbf{B})^d x_t$ is an ARMA(p,q) process

An example

Consider an ARMA(1,0) = AR(1) process where

$$x_t = (1 + \phi)x_{t-1} + w_t$$

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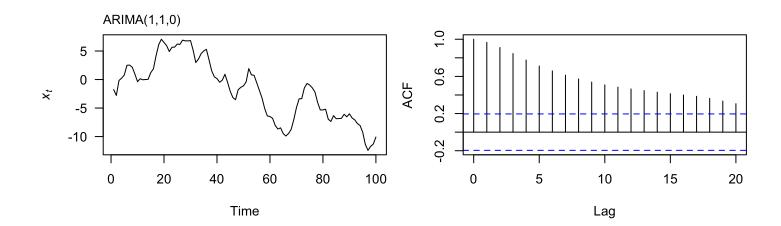
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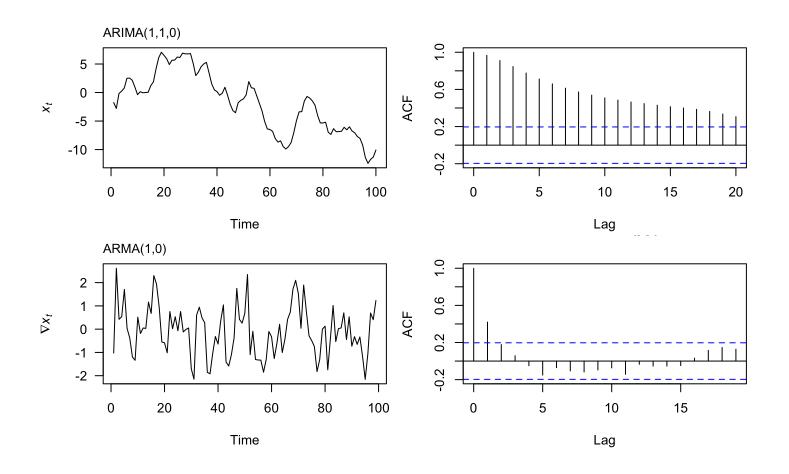
$$x_{t} = x_{t-1} + \phi x_{t-1} + w_{t}$$

$$x_{t} - x_{t-1} = \phi x_{t-1} + w_{t}$$

$$(1 - \mathbf{B})x_{t} = \phi x_{t-1} + w_{t}$$

So x_t is indeed an ARIMA(1,1,0) process





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