

Lab 4 - Learning Via Computer Simulation

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1 AR(1) Process

The following R code simulates and plots an AR(1) time series process of length $n = 1001$ having parameter $\phi = 0.7$ with $\sigma_e^2 = 1$, plots the empirical / estimated ACF (correlogram) and PACF (partial correlogram) and their theoretical counterparts. Write the code into an R script file and execute the code from there.

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[ ]: options(repr.plot.width=15, repr.plot.height=15) # makes plots bigger in the ↵  
↵webpage
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[ ]: alpha = 0.7  
Yt = arima.sim(model = list(ar = alpha), n = 101)
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[ ]: AR1.acf = ARMAacf(ar = alpha, lag.max = 25)  
AR1.pacf = ARMAacf(ar = alpha, lag.max = 25, pacf = TRUE)  
names(AR1.pacf) = names(AR1.acf)[-1]  
  
layout(mat= matrix(c(1,1,2:5), byrow=TRUE, ncol=2))  
  
plot(Yt, main= "Simulated AR(1) Process")  
acf(Yt, lag.max = 25, main= "Estimated ACF")  
pacf(Yt, lag.max = 25, main= "Estimated PACF")  
barplot(AR1.acf, col = "blue", main= "Theoretical ACF")  
barplot(AR1.pacf, col = "red", main= "Theoretical PACF")
```

Execute the code 3 times to make sure the results are consistent.

- Repeat the previous exercise using the value $\phi = -0.7$.
- Investigate $\phi = 0.7$ and then $\phi = -0.7$ when $n = 101$.
- Investigate $\phi = 0.99$ and $n = 1001$.
- Investigate $\phi = -0.99$ and $n = 1001$.

2 AR(2) Process

The following R command simulates the AR(2) process $Y_t = 0.7Y_{t-1} - 0.4Y_{t-2} + e_t$ with $\sigma_e^2 = 1$. Plot the data and investigate the shape of the ACF and PACF. Repeat three times.

```
[ ]: Yt = arima.sim(list(ar = c(0.7, -0.4)), n=1001)
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Repeat the previous exercise using a shorter time series. Try the AR(2) model with $\phi_1 = 0.7$ and $\phi_2 = 0.4$.

What went wrong?

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[ ]:
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3 Stationarity of the AR(2) Process

The AR(2) model $(1 - aB)(1 - bB)Y_t = e_t$ expands to

$$Y_t = \overbrace{(a + b)}^{\phi_1} Y_{t-1} + \overbrace{(-ab)}^{\phi_2} Y_{t-2} + e_t.$$

For this model to be stationary we require that the roots (both real and complex) of the generating polynomial $\phi(B) = (1 - aB)(1 - bB) = 0$ lie outside the unit circle. That is, we require $|a| < 1$ and $|b| < 1$. Also, as there are only two roots, if complex roots arise then $b = \bar{a}$. We can investigate this algebraically elsewhere. Here can use computer simulation to map and colour the admissible regions in the plane (ϕ_1, ϕ_2) .

Specifying admissible real roots is straightforward. Specifying admissible complex roots we need to write $a = x + iy$ and $b = \bar{a} = x - iy$, so that $\phi_1 = 2x$ and $\phi_2 = -(x^2 + y^2)$. The following R code will do this:

```
[ ]: n = 5000
a = runif(n, min= -1, max = 1)
b = runif(n, min= -1, max = 1)
Phi.RootsReal = cbind( a+b , -a*b )
```

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[ ]: x = runif(n, min= -1, max = 1)
y = numeric()
for(i in 1:n){
  y[i] = runif(1, -1*sqrt(1-(x[i])^2), sqrt(1-(x[i])^2))
}

Phi.RootsComplex = cbind( 2*x , -(x^2 + y^2) )
```

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[ ]: plot(Phi.RootsReal, col="blue", xlab= expression(phi[1]),ylab=
  ↪expression(phi[2]))
points(Phi.RootsComplex, col="magenta")

curve(1-x, add = TRUE, lwd = 3)          # condition phi1 + phi2 < 1
curve(1+x, add = TRUE, lwd = 3)          # condition phi2 - phi1 < 1
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```
curve(-x^2/4, add = TRUE, lwd = 3)      # condition (phi1)^2 + 4phi2 < 0
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[ ]: CheckComplexRoots = (Phi.RootsComplex[,1])^2 + 4* Phi.RootsComplex[,2]
all(CheckComplexRoots < 0)
```

4 ARMA(p,q) Process

Investigate the simulated models in the following R code:

```
[ ]: Yt = arima.sim(n = 100, list(ar = c(0.9,-0.5), ma = c(-0.2, 0.25)), sd = sqrt(2))

# mildly long-tailed
Xt = arima.sim(n = 100, list(ar=c(0.9,-0.5), ma=c(-0.2,0.25)),
               sd=sqrt(2), rand.gen=function(n,...){return(sqrt(0.
               2)*rt(n,df=5))})

Zt = arima.sim(list(ar = 0.7, ma = -0.7), n = 500)
```

5 Yule-Walker Equations

Consider again the time series `lh` measuring the Luteinizing hormone level in blood samples at 10 mins intervals from a human female, 48 samples. The R command `ar(lh)` automatically selects and fits an AR(3) model to these data. Try it. The default fitting algorithm of `ar` is based on the Yule-Walker equations. The theoretical Yule-Walker equations for an AR(3) model can be written

$$\begin{bmatrix} \gamma_1 \\ \gamma_2 \\ \gamma_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \gamma_0 & \gamma_1 & \gamma_2 \\ \gamma_1 & \gamma_0 & \gamma_1 \\ \gamma_2 & \gamma_1 & \gamma_0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \phi_1 \\ \phi_2 \\ \phi_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

with

$$\gamma_0 = \sum_{j=1}^3 \phi_j \gamma_j$$

If we replace the theoretical covariances with their sample-statistics counterparts and solve, we should obtain estimate $\hat{\phi}_1$, $\hat{\phi}_2$, and $\hat{\phi}_3$ for the AR(3) model.

The following R code does this manually to show how the magic-box answers from `ar(lh)` are obtained.

```
[ ]: ar(lh)
```

```
[ ]: lh.acf = acf(lh, lag.max=3)
lh.acf
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[ ]: names(lh.acf)
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[ ]: gamma.vec = matrix(data = lh.acf$acf[-1], ncol=1)

Gamma.mtx = diag(3)
diag(Gamma.mtx) = lh.acf$acf[1]
Gamma.mtx[abs(row(Gamma.mtx)-col(Gamma.mtx)) == 1] = lh.acf$acf[2]
Gamma.mtx[abs(row(Gamma.mtx)-col(Gamma.mtx)) == 2] = lh.acf$acf[3]
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[ ]: gamma.vec
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[ ]: Gamma.mtx
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[ ]: solve(Gamma.mtx, gamma.vec)
```

Finally, have a look at the sunspot data...

```
[ ]: (sunspot.ar <- ar(sunspot.year))
sunspot.lead = predict(sunspot.ar, n.ahead = 25)

ts.plot(sunspot.year, sunspot.lead$pred, col=c(5,2))
```

6 ARIMA(p,d,q) Models

The R code below simulates the time series model:

$$\begin{aligned}(1 - 1.7B + 0.7B^2)Y_t &= e_t, \\ (1 - 0.7B)(1 - B)Y_t &= e_t, \\ (1 - B)Y_t &= 0.7(1 - B)Y_{t-1} + e_t, \\ (Y_t - Y_{t-1}) &= 0.7(Y_{t-1} - Y_{t-2}) + e_t, \\ Y_t &= 1.7Y_{t-1} - 0.7Y_{t-2} + e_t\end{aligned}$$

Note that the coefficients of Y on the LHS sum $1.7 - 0.7 = 1$. This is a quick check to spot that $B = 1$ is a root of the AR characteristic polynomial $\phi(B) = 0$.

```
[ ]: ts.sim = arima.sim(list(order = c(1,1,0), ar = 0.7), n = 500)
d = diff(ts.sim)

ts.plot(ts.sim)
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[ ]: ts.plot(d)
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[ ]: par(mfrow=c(2,2))

acf(ts.sim)
pacf(ts.sim)
acf(d)
pacf(d)
```

Note: The easiest way to get the roots of the polynomial $(1-1.7B+0.7B^2)=0$ is the R command

```
[ ]: polyroot(z = c(0.7,-1.7,1) )
```

7 Simulating Time Series in R

Use `arima.sim()` to simulate from the model

$$Y_t = 2.7Y_{t-1} - 2.4Y_{t-2} + 0.7Y_{t-3} + e_t - 0.5e_{t-1}.$$

You should produce time series plots, ACF plots, PACF plots as necessary. It is a good idea to use the command `set.seed()` so that your simulation results can be reproduced. **Use your own student ID number as the seed number.** Compare the ACF (and PACF) plots to their theoretical counterparts.

Upload a “boilerplate” plot of the time series, the ACF and the PACF.