



Time Series Analysis and Forecasting

Chapter 3: ARIMA Models

Seminar



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Quiz 1: Integration Order

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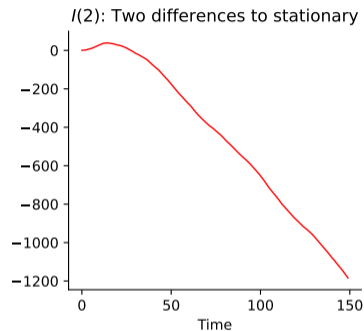
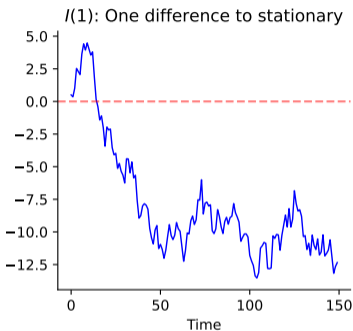
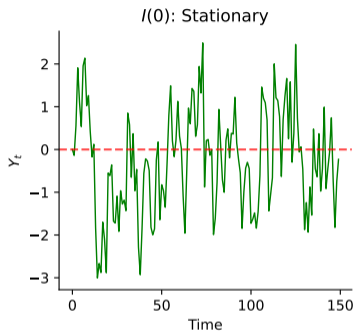
Definition: $Y_t \sim I(d)$ if $\Delta^d Y_t$ is stationary but $\Delta^{d-1} Y_t$ is not.

Example: If Y_t follows $\Delta^2 Y_t = \varepsilon_t$, then:

- $\Delta Y_t = \Delta Y_{t-1} + \varepsilon_t$ (still has unit root)
- $\Delta^2 Y_t = \varepsilon_t$ (white noise, stationary)

Real-world: Price levels may be $I(2)$ when inflation itself is non-stationary.

Visual: Integrated Processes



$I(0)$: stationary. $I(1)$: one difference needed. $I(2)$: two differences needed to become stationary.

Quiz 2: Random Walk Properties

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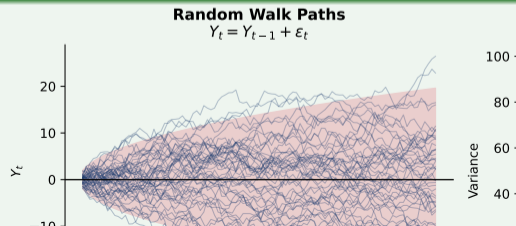
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**Variance Grows Linearly
Non-stationary!**



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ADF regression: $\Delta Y_t = \alpha + \gamma Y_{t-1} + \sum_{j=1}^p \delta_j \Delta Y_{t-j} + \varepsilon_t$

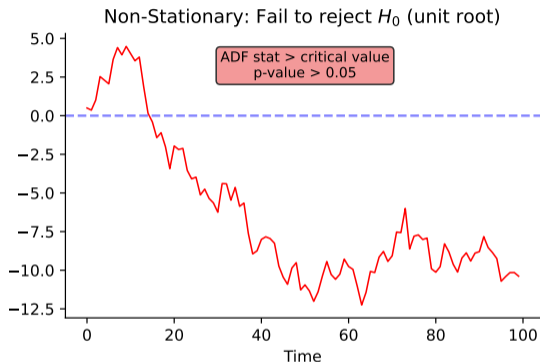
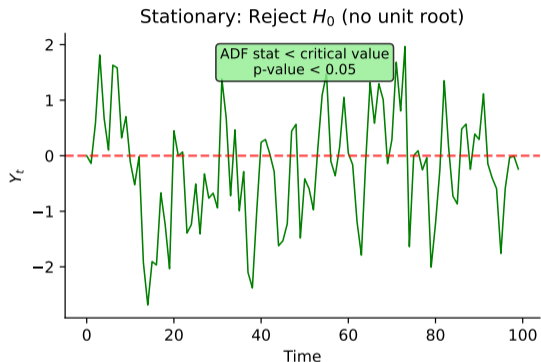
Hypotheses:

- $H_0 : \gamma = 0$ (unit root, non-stationary)
- $H_1 : \gamma < 0$ (stationary)

Decision: Reject H_0 if t -statistic $<$ critical value (e.g., -2.86 at 5%)

Note: Uses special Dickey-Fuller distribution, not standard t .

Visual: ADF Test



Left: stationary – ADF rejects unit root. Right: non-stationary – ADF fails to reject.

Quiz 4: ARIMA Notation

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What does ARIMA(2,1,1) mean?

- ☐ A) AR(2) on differenced data with MA(1) errors
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Answer: A – AR(2) on differenced data with MA(1) errors

ARIMA(p, d, q): $\phi(L)(1-L)^d Y_t = \theta(L)\varepsilon_t$

ARIMA(2,1,1) expands to:

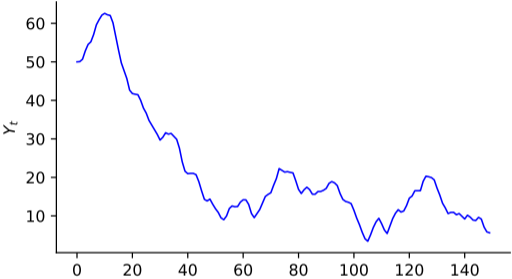
$$(1 - \phi_1 L - \phi_2 L^2)(1 - L)Y_t = (1 + \theta_1 L)\varepsilon_t$$

Or equivalently: $(1 - \phi_1 L - \phi_2 L^2)\Delta Y_t = (1 + \theta_1 L)\varepsilon_t$

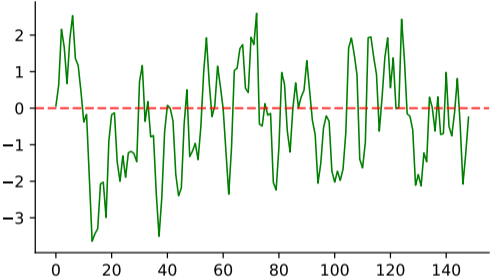
Interpretation: First difference the series, then fit ARMA(2,1) to ΔY_t .

Visual: ARIMA Process

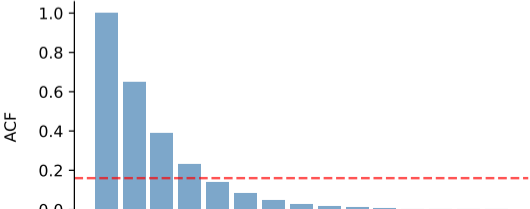
Original: Y_t (ARIMA(1,1,1))



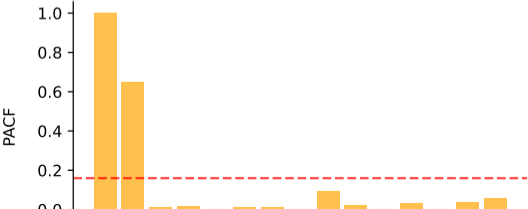
After $d = 1$ difference: ARMA(1,1)



ACF of ΔY_t



PACF of ΔY_t



Quiz 5: Difference Operator

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What is $(1 - L)^2 Y_t$ expanded?

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Answer: B - $Y_t - 2Y_{t-1} + Y_{t-2}$

Expansion using binomial theorem:

$$(1 - L)^2 = 1 - 2L + L^2$$

Apply to Y_t :

$$(1 - L)^2 Y_t = Y_t - 2L \cdot Y_t + L^2 \cdot Y_t = Y_t - 2Y_{t-1} + Y_{t-2}$$

Note: This equals $\Delta(\Delta Y_t) = \Delta Y_t - \Delta Y_{t-1}$, the “change in changes”.

Quiz 6: KPSS vs ADF

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Answer: B – Reversed null hypotheses

ADF Test

H_0 : Unit Root

H_1 : Stationary

Reject if t-stat < critical

KPSS Test

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Reject if LM > critical

Decision Matrix

Quiz 7: Overdifferencing

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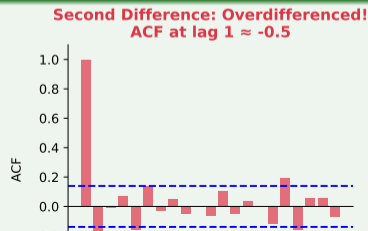
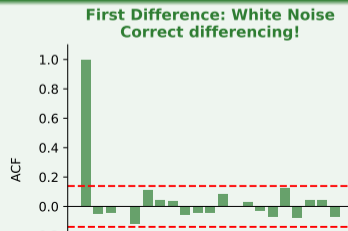
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Random walk forecast: $\hat{Y}_{T+h|T} = Y_T$ (best forecast is current value)

Forecast error: $Y_{T+h} - \hat{Y}_{T+h|T} = \sum_{i=1}^h \varepsilon_{T+i}$

Variance:

$$\text{Var}(Y_{T+h} - \hat{Y}_{T+h|T}) = h\sigma^2$$

95% CI: $Y_T \pm 1.96\sqrt{h}\sigma$ (widens with \sqrt{h})

Quiz 9: Unit Root Test Power

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Answer: B – Root close to but not equal to 1

Example: AR(1) with $\phi = 0.95$ vs random walk ($\phi = 1$)

Problem: Both have similar ACF patterns (slow decay), but one is stationary!

Low power means: High probability of Type II error (failing to reject false H_0)

Solutions:

- Larger sample sizes
- Phillips-Perron test (robust to heteroskedasticity)
- Panel unit root tests (multiple series)

Quiz 10: ARIMA Model Selection

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After differencing once, the ACF shows a spike at lag 1 only, and PACF decays. The appropriate model is:

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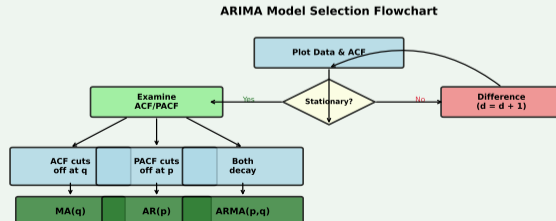
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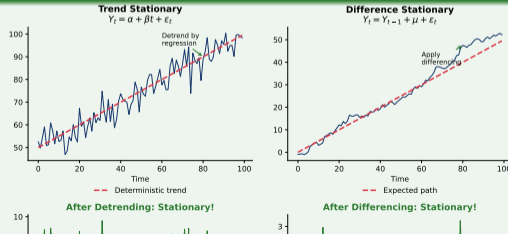
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Quiz 12: ARIMA Invertibility

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ARIMA(0,1,1) with $\theta_1 = 1.2$ is:

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Check stationarity: $d = 1$ means one unit root \Rightarrow **Non-stationary**

Check invertibility: MA polynomial is $\theta(z) = 1 + 1.2z$

- Root: $z = -1/1.2 = -0.833$ (inside unit circle)
- Invertibility requires root outside unit circle
- $|\theta_1| = 1.2 > 1 \Rightarrow$ **Non-invertible**

Fix: Rewrite with $\theta^* = 1/1.2 = 0.833$ and adjust variance.

Quiz 13: Spurious Regression

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Granger & Newbold (1974): Spurious regression phenomenon

Symptoms:

- High R^2 (often > 0.9) between unrelated series
- Significant t -statistics
- Very low Durbin-Watson statistic ($\ll 2$)
- Non-stationary residuals

Quiz 14: Long-Run Forecast

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Model: $(1 - \phi_1 L)(1 - L)Y_t = c + \varepsilon_t$

Long-run forecast: For I(1) models with drift c :

$$\hat{Y}_{T+h} \approx Y_T + h \cdot \frac{c}{1 - \phi_1}$$

Key differences:

- Stationary ARMA: Forecasts \rightarrow unconditional mean

Question

Determine if each statement is True or False:

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Answer on next slide...

Answers

- ① An $I(2)$ process requires two differences to become stationary.
 $I(d)$ means d differences needed. $I(2)$ = two unit roots. TRUE
- ② The ADF test always includes a constant term.
You choose: no constant, constant only, or constant + trend. FALSE
- ③ $ARIMA(0,1,0)$ is another name for a random walk.
 $(1 - L)Y_t = \varepsilon_t \Rightarrow Y_t = Y_{t-1} + \varepsilon_t$. TRUE
- ④ Differencing a stationary series makes it “more stationary.”
Over-differencing creates non-invertible MA; hurts model performance. FALSE
- ⑤ The KPSS test has stationarity as the null hypothesis.
KPSS: H_0 = stationary. Opposite of ADF. TRUE
- ⑥ $ARIMA$ models can only capture linear patterns.
 $ARIMA$ is linear in parameters. Nonlinear patterns need GARCH, neural nets, etc. TRUE

Problem 1: Unit Root Testing

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Solution

- 1 Since $-2.85 > -3.41$, we **fail to reject** H_0 . The data appears to have a unit root (non-stationary).
- 2 Take the first difference ΔY_t and repeat the ADF test on the differenced series to confirm it is now stationary.

Problem 2: Model Identification

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Solution

- ACF cuts off after lag 1 \Rightarrow MA(1) component
- PACF decays \Rightarrow Confirms MA structure
- Since we differenced once: $d = 1$

Suggested model: ARIMA(0,1,1) or IMA(1,1)

Problem 3: ARIMA Equation

Exercise

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Solution

Expanding $(1 - \phi_1 L)(1 - L) = 1 - L - \phi_1 L + \phi_1 L^2 = 1 - (1 + \phi_1)L + \phi_1 L^2$:

$$Y_t - (1 + \phi_1)Y_{t-1} + \phi_1 Y_{t-2} = c + \varepsilon_t + \theta_1 \varepsilon_{t-1}$$

Or equivalently:

$$Y_t = c + (1 + \phi_1)Y_{t-1} - \phi_1 Y_{t-2} + \varepsilon_t + \theta_1 \varepsilon_{t-1}$$

Problem 4: Forecast Calculation

Exercise

Given ARIMA(0,1,1): $\Delta Y_t = \varepsilon_t + 0.3\varepsilon_{t-1}$

At time T : $Y_T = 100$, $\hat{\varepsilon}_T = 2$, $\sigma^2 = 4$

Calculate:

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- ① $\hat{Y}_{T+1|T} = Y_T + 0.3\hat{\varepsilon}_T = 100 + 0.3(2) = \mathbf{100.6}$
- ② $\hat{Y}_{T+2|T} = \hat{Y}_{T+1|T} + 0.3 \cdot 0 = 100.6 + 0 = \mathbf{100.6}$
(Future shocks $\varepsilon_{T+1}, \varepsilon_{T+2}$ are forecast as 0)

Problem 5: Confidence Intervals

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For IMA(1,1), the MA(∞) weights are $\psi_0 = 1$, $\psi_j = 1 + \theta_1$ for $j \geq 1$.

1-step: $\text{Var}(e_{T+1}) = \sigma^2 \psi_0^2 = 4$, so $SE = 2$

$$100.6 \pm 1.96(2) = [96.68, 104.52]$$

2-step: $\text{Var}(e_{T+2}) = \sigma^2(\psi_0^2 + \psi_1^2) = 4(1 + 1.3^2) = 10.76$, $SE = 3.28$

$$100.6 \pm 1.96(3.28) = [94.17, 107.03]$$

Example: Testing for Unit Root in Stock Prices

Scenario

You have daily closing prices for a stock over 500 days. You want to determine if prices follow a random walk.

Step-by-step Approach

- ➊ **Visual inspection:** Plot prices – likely shows trend
- ➋ **ADF test on prices:** Expect to fail to reject H_0 (unit root)
- ➌ **Take log returns:** $r_t = \ln(P_t/P_{t-1}) = \Delta \ln(P_t)$
- ➍ **ADF test on returns:** Should reject H_0 (stationary)
- ➎ **Conclusion:** Log prices are $I(1)$, returns are $I(0)$

Example: Box-Jenkins for Inflation Data

Scenario

Monthly inflation rates for 10 years. Build an ARIMA model.

Workflow

- ❶ **Plot & test:** ADF suggests borderline – try both $d = 0$ and $d = 1$
- ❷ **If $d = 0$:** Fit ARMA models, compare AIC
- ❸ **If $d = 1$:** Examine ACF/PACF of ΔY_t
 - ACF: spike at lag 1, then cuts off
 - PACF: decays
 - \Rightarrow Try ARIMA(0,1,1)
- ❹ **Estimate:** Fit ARIMA(0,1,1), check coefficients
- ❺ **Diagnose:** Ljung-Box on residuals (want $p > 0.05$)
- ❻ **Compare:** AIC of ARIMA(0,1,1) vs ARMA(1,1) on levels

Example: Interpreting Python Output

statsmodels ARIMA Output

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                        ARIMA Model Results
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Dep. Variable:          D.y    No. Observations:    99
Model:                 ARIMA(1,1,1)    AIC          285.32
                                   BIC          295.63
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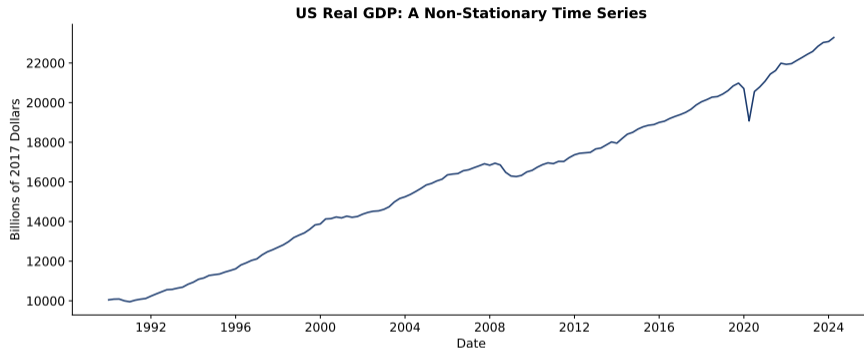
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sigma2	1.2340	0.176	7.011	0.000

Interpretation

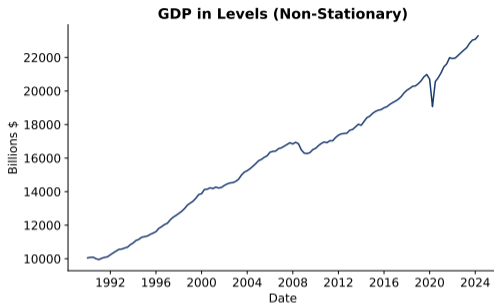
- AR coefficient (0.45) is significant, MA coefficient (-0.29) is significant
- Constant (0.052) not significant – could set $c = 0$
- Check: $|\phi_1| < 1$ (stationary), $|\theta_1| < 1$ (invertible) – OK!

Case Study: US Real GDP (1990–2024)



- US Real GDP in billions of 2017 dollars (quarterly data)
- Clear **upward trend** – typical of macroeconomic series
- Notable drops during recessions (2008-2009, 2020)
- Non-stationary: needs differencing before ARIMA modeling

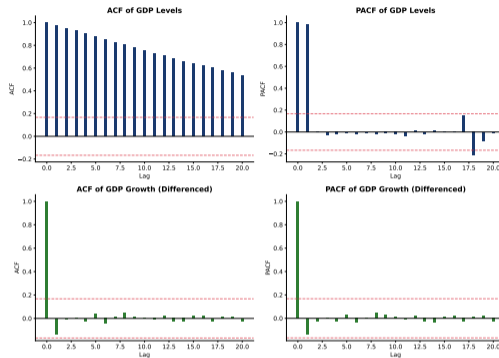
Stationarity Through Differencing



--- Mean = 0.61%

- **Left:** GDP in levels – clear upward trend (non-stationary)
- **Right:** GDP growth rate = $\Delta \log(Y_t) \times 100$ – stationary
- First differencing of log GDP removes the stochastic trend
- Growth rate fluctuates around a constant mean ($\approx 0.6\%$ quarterly)

ACF/PACF: Levels vs Differenced



- **Top row:** ACF/PACF of GDP levels – slow decay indicates non-stationarity
- **Bottom row:** ACF/PACF of GDP growth – mostly within confidence bands
- Pattern suggests low-order ARIMA model is appropriate

ARIMA Estimation Results: US GDP Growth

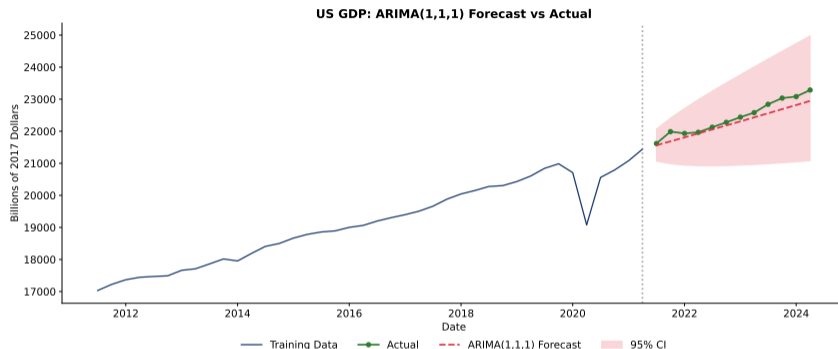
Model: ARIMA(1,1,1) on log(GDP)

Parameter	Estimate	Std. Error	z-stat	p-value
ϕ_1 (AR.L1)	0.312	0.185	1.69	0.091
θ_1 (MA.L1)	-0.087	0.203	-0.43	0.668
σ^2	0.00012	—	—	—

Interpretation

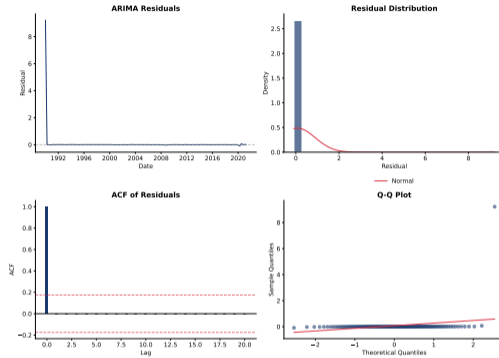
- Low-order ARIMA captures GDP dynamics reasonably well
- AR(1) coefficient positive – GDP growth shows persistence
- Alternative: simpler random walk (ARIMA(0,1,0)) often competitive

Forecast: ARIMA vs Actual



- Blue: historical training data; Green: actual test data
- Red dashed: ARIMA forecasts with 95% confidence interval
- Forecasts capture the general trend direction
- Confidence intervals widen as forecast horizon increases

Model Diagnostics: Residual Analysis



- Residuals show no systematic patterns over time
- Distribution approximately normal (histogram and Q-Q plot)
- ACF of residuals within bounds – no significant autocorrelation remaining
- Model adequately captures the data generating process

Discussion: Deterministic vs Stochastic Trends

Key Question

Why is it important to distinguish between deterministic and stochastic trends?

Discussion Points

- **Wrong treatment consequences:**
 - Detrending a unit root \Rightarrow spurious stationarity
 - Differencing a trend-stationary \Rightarrow over differencing
- **Economic interpretation:**
 - Deterministic trend: shocks are temporary
 - Stochastic trend: shocks have permanent effects
- **Policy implications:**
 - Does a recession permanently lower GDP, or does the economy return to trend?

Key Question

When should you use AIC vs BIC for ARIMA model selection?

Considerations

- **AIC:** Minimizes prediction error, may overfit
 - Better for forecasting
 - Tends to select larger models
- **BIC:** Consistent model selection, more parsimonious
 - Better for identifying “true” model
 - Penalizes complexity more heavily
- **Practical advice:** Report both, prefer BIC if they disagree substantially

Discussion: Limitations of ARIMA

Key Question

What are the main limitations of ARIMA models?

Discussion Points

- **Linearity:** Cannot capture nonlinear dynamics
- **Constant variance:** Assumes homoskedasticity (no GARCH effects)
- **No structural breaks:** Parameters assumed constant
- **Univariate:** Ignores relationships with other variables
- **Symmetric:** Treats positive and negative shocks equally
- **Long-horizon forecasts:** Uncertainty grows rapidly

Extensions

These limitations motivate GARCH (volatility), VAR (multivariate), regime-switching models, etc.

Key Points from Today's Seminar

What We Covered

- 1 **Integration and differencing:** $I(d)$ processes require d differences
- 2 **Unit root testing:** ADF tests H_0 : unit root; KPSS tests H_0 : stationary
- 3 **ARIMA(p,d,q):** Combines ARMA with differencing
- 4 **Model identification:** Use ACF/PACF patterns and information criteria
- 5 **Forecasting:** Point forecasts and growing confidence intervals

Next Seminar

Hands-on Python exercises with real economic data:

- Unit root testing with `statsmodels`
- Auto-ARIMA with `pmdarima`
- Forecasting and model diagnostics