

REVIEW of Some Algebra Facts



- z^* is called a root of a polynomial ϕ if $\phi(z^*) = 0$.
- Polynomial ϕ of order p has p roots, z_1, \dots, z_p , some might be the same number.

Then, ϕ can be rewritten as

$$\phi(z) = 1 - \phi_1 z - \phi_2 z^2 - \dots - \phi_p z^p = (1 - \frac{1}{z_1} z) (1 - \frac{1}{z_2} z) \dots (1 - \frac{1}{z_p} z).$$

Check:

$\phi(z) = 0$ iff $(1 - \frac{1}{z_k} z) = 0$ for some k . This happens iff $z = z_k =$ one of the roots of ϕ .

Example:

$\phi(z) = 1 - 2.5z + 2z^2 - 0.5z^3$ has $z_1 = z_2 = 1$ and $z_3 = 2$ and can be written as $\phi(z) = (1 - \frac{1}{2} z) (1 - z)^2$.

A fact from calculus: $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} q^n$ is convergent iff $|q| < 1$. Then, $\frac{1}{1-q} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} q^n$.

Proof:

As $N \rightarrow \infty$, $\sum_{n=0}^N q^n = \frac{1-q^{N+1}}{1-q} \rightarrow \frac{1}{1-q}$ iff $q^{N+1} \rightarrow 0$.

$q^{N+1} \rightarrow 0$ iff $|q| < 1$.

If $|q| > 1 \Rightarrow |q|^{N+1} \rightarrow \infty$, that is, the series does not converge.

If $q = 1$ the limit is $0/0$.



Some Algebra REVIEW and MA Representation for AR(p)



- Inverting polynomials:
- *Let polynomial ϕ of order p have roots, z_1, \dots, z_p . Then, ϕ can be rewritten as*

$$\phi(z) = 1 - \phi_1 z - \phi_2 z^2 - \dots - \phi_p z^p = \left(1 - \frac{1}{z_1} z\right) \left(1 - \frac{1}{z_2} z\right) \dots \left(1 - \frac{1}{z_p} z\right).$$

$$\text{Then, } \phi^{-1}(z) \equiv \frac{1}{\phi(z)} = \left\{ \frac{1}{1 - (1/z_1)z} \right\} \left\{ \frac{1}{1 - (1/z_2)z} \right\} \cdots \left\{ \frac{1}{1 - (1/z_p)z} \right\}$$

Each of the fractions can be represented by a convergent geometric series

$$\frac{1}{1 - \frac{1}{z_k} z} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{1}{z_k} z \right)^n, \quad k = 1, 2, \dots, p.$$

if $\left| \frac{1}{z_k} z \right| < 1$. This is guaranteed for all $|z| \leq 1$, if $\left| \frac{1}{z_k} \right| < 1 \Leftrightarrow |z_k| > 1$.

Conclude: $\phi^{-1}(z)$ has a convergent infinite series representation if its roots z_1, \dots, z_p satisfy conditions: $|z_k| > 1$, $k = 1, 2, \dots, p$. The infinite series is a product of geometric series corresponding to terms $\left(1 - \frac{1}{z_k} z\right)^{-1}$.

If $\phi^{-1}(z) = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \psi_j z^j$, then $\phi^{-1}(B) = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \psi_j B^j$ and therefore

X: $\phi(B) X_t = Z_t$ has MA(∞) representation $X_t = \phi^{-1}(B) Z_t = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \psi_j B^j Z_t = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \psi_j Z_{t-j}$.

Condition: All roots z_1, \dots, z_p of polynomial ϕ satisfy conditions: $|z_k| > 1$, $k = 1, 2, \dots, p$.



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For complex roots, condition $|z_k| > 1$, $k = 1, \dots, p$, means that the roots z_1, \dots, z_p of the polynomial $\phi(z)$ lie outside of the unit circle:

Math facts:

z^* is a root of polynomial $\phi(z)$ if it satisfies the characteristic equation: $\phi(z^*) = 0$.

Roots of polynomial of order $p > 1$ may be complex and lie on a complex plane (x,y).

For $z^* = x+iy$, condition $|z^*| = |\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}| > 1$ means that on the complex plane (x,y), z^* lies outside the unit circle $x^2 + y^2 = 1$. Points z : $|z| < 1$ are inside the circle.

Example:

Roots of $\phi(z) = 1 - 1.3z + 0.7z^2$ corresponding to AR(2): $X_t = 1.3X_{t-1} - 0.7X_{t-2} + Z_t$.

Roots are complex and are outside unit circle:

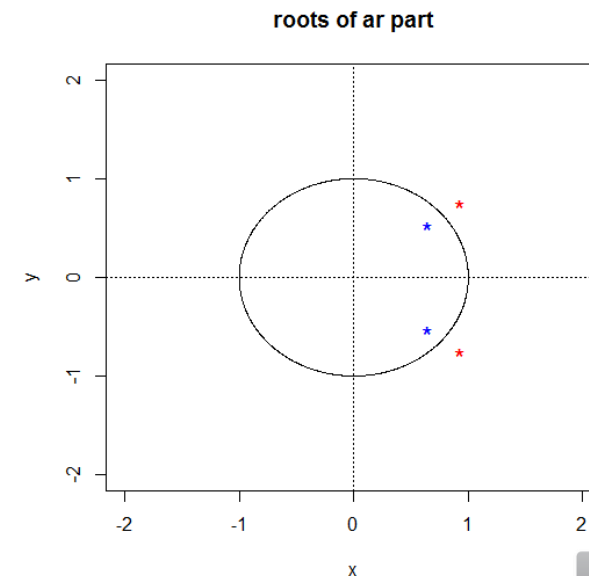
> polyroot(c(1, -1.3, 0.7))

0.9285714+0.7525467i

0.9285714-0.7525467i

On the plot, these are red stars.

Blue stars are inversed roots $\frac{1}{z_k}$.



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