

## 1 Basic Concepts

- **Mean Function:**  $\mu_t = \mathbb{E}[X_t]$
- **Autocovariance Function:**  $\gamma(h) = \text{Cov}(X_t, X_{t+h}) = \mathbb{E}[(X_t - \mu)(X_{t+h} - \mu)]$
- **Autocorrelation Function (ACF):**  $\rho(h) = \frac{\gamma(h)}{\gamma(0)}$
- **Partial Autocorrelation Function (PACF):** Direct correlation between  $X_t$  and  $X_{t-h}$  after removing intermediate effects. PACF connects to AR and ACF connects to MA.

## 2 Stationarity

- **Strict Stationarity:** Joint distribution of  $(X_{t_1}, \dots, X_{t_k})$  is invariant to time shifts.
- **Weak Stationarity:**
  - $\mathbb{E}[X_t] = \mu$  (constant)
  - $\text{Var}(X_t) = \sigma^2$  (constant)
  - $\text{Cov}(X_t, X_{t+h})$  depends only on  $h$

## 3 AR, MA, and ARMA Models

### Autoregressive Model (AR(p))

$$X_t = \phi_1 X_{t-1} + \dots + \phi_p X_{t-p} + Z_t$$

- Stationary if roots of characteristic equation lie outside the unit circle

### Yule-Walker Equations (for AR(p))

$$\gamma(k) = \sum_{j=1}^p \phi_j \gamma(k-j), \quad \text{for } k = 1, 2, \dots, p$$

- Used to estimate parameters of an AR model
- $\gamma(k)$  is the autocovariance at lag  $k$
- $\phi_j$  are the AR coefficients

### Moving Average Model (MA(q))

$$X_t = Z_t + \theta_1 Z_{t-1} + \dots + \theta_q Z_{t-q}$$

- Invertible if roots of MA polynomial lie outside the unit circle

### ARMA(p, q)

$$X_t = \phi_1 X_{t-1} + \dots + \phi_p X_{t-p} + Z_t + \theta_1 Z_{t-1} + \dots + \theta_q Z_{t-q}$$

## 5 ARIMA(p, d, q)

- Differencing:  $\nabla X_t = X_t - X_{t-1}$ ,  $\nabla^2 X_t = \nabla(\nabla X_t)$
- $X_t$  is ARIMA(p, d, q) if  $\nabla^d X_t \sim \text{ARMA}(p, q)$
- $r_{1,1} = r_1 = \rho(1)$
- $r_{k,k} = \frac{r_{k-\sum_{j=1}^{k-1} r_{k-1,j}} r_{k-1,j} r_{k-j}}{1 - \sum_{j=1}^{k-1} r_{k-1,j} r_j}$
- $r_{k,j} = r_{k-1,j} - r_{k,k} r_{k-1,k-j}$

## 6 Forecasting (for AR(1))

$$X_t = \mu + \phi(X_{t-1} - \mu) + Z_t$$

$$\hat{X}_{t+h} = \mu + \phi^h(X_t - \mu)$$

## 7 Variance and Covariance Shortcuts

- $\text{Var}(aX + bY) = a^2 \text{Var}(X) + b^2 \text{Var}(Y) + 2ab \text{Cov}(X, Y)$
- $\text{Cov}(X, Y) = \mathbb{E}[XY] - \mathbb{E}[X]\mathbb{E}[Y]$

## 8 Model Properties

### AR(1): $X_t = \phi X_{t-1} + Z_t$

- $\mathbb{E}[X_t] = 0$ ,  $\text{Var}(X_t) = \frac{\sigma^2}{1-\phi^2}$  for  $|\phi| < 1$
- ACF:  $\rho(h) = \phi^h$
- PACF: cuts off after lag 1

### AR(2): $X_t = \phi_1 X_{t-1} + \phi_2 X_{t-2} + Z_t$

- $\text{Var}(X_t) = \frac{\sigma^2}{1-\phi_1^2-\phi_2^2-2\phi_1\phi_2\rho(1)}$
- ACF:
 
$$\rho(1) = \frac{\theta_1 + \theta_1\rho(1)}{1-\theta_2}, \quad \rho(2) = \frac{\theta_1\rho(1) + \theta_2}{1-\theta_2}$$
- PACF: cuts off after lag 2

### MA(1): $X_t = Z_t + \theta Z_{t-1}$

- ACF:  $\rho(1) = \frac{\theta}{1+\theta^2}$ , cuts off after lag 1
- PACF: tails off

### MA(2): $X_t = Z_t + \theta_1 Z_{t-1} + \theta_2 Z_{t-2}$

- ACF:
 
$$\rho(1) = \frac{\theta_1 + \theta_1\theta_2}{1 + \theta_1^2 + \theta_2^2}, \quad \rho(2) = \frac{\theta_2}{1 + \theta_1^2 + \theta_2^2}, \quad \rho(k) = 0 \quad \forall k \geq 3$$
- PACF: tails off

## 9 Forecasting

### AR(1) Forecast

$$\hat{X}_{t+h} = \mu + \phi^h(X_t - \mu)$$

$$\text{Var}(\hat{X}_{t+h}) = \sigma^2 \cdot \frac{1 - \phi^{2h}}{1 - \phi^2}$$

## 10 Model Identification (ACF & PACF)

Model	ACF	PACF
AR(p)	Tails off	Cuts off at p
MA(q)	Cuts off at q	Tails off
ARMA(p,q)	Tails off	Tails off

## 11 Unit Root Test (Dickey-Fuller)

$$\Delta X_t = \alpha + \beta t + \gamma X_{t-1} + \epsilon_t$$

Test  $H_0 : \gamma = 0$  (unit root). Reject  $\Rightarrow$  stationary.

## 12 Lag Operator Rules

- $BX_t = X_{t-1}$ ,  $B^k X_t = X_{t-k}$
- $\nabla X_t = (1 - B)X_t$
- $\nabla^d X_t = (1 - B)^d X_t$
- $\nabla_L X_t = (1 - B^L)X_t$

## 13 SARIMA(p, d, q)x(P, D, Q)

The general SARIMA model is given by:

$$\Phi_P(B^s)\phi_P(B)\nabla^d\nabla_s^D X_t = \Theta_Q(B^s)\theta_q(B)Z_t$$

- $B$ : backshift operator,  $BX_t = X_{t-1}$
- $\nabla = 1 - B$ : non-seasonal difference operator
- $\nabla_s = 1 - B^s$ : seasonal difference operator
- $\phi_P(B) = 1 - \phi_1 B - \dots - \phi_p B^p$ : non-seasonal AR
- $\theta_q(B) = 1 + \theta_1 B + \dots + \theta_q B^q$ : non-seasonal MA
- $\Phi_P(B^s) = 1 - \Phi_1 B^s - \dots - \Phi_P B^{Ps}$ : seasonal AR
- $\Theta_Q(B^s) = 1 + \Theta_1 B^s + \dots + \Theta_Q B^{Qs}$ : seasonal MA
- $Z_t \sim WN(0, \sigma^2)$ : white noise

Given:

$$X_t = 0.3X_{t-1} + X_{t-4} - 0.3X_{t-5} + Z_t - 0.3Z_{t-1} - 0.5Z_{t-4} + 0.15Z_{t-5}$$

We rewrite this in terms of backshift operator  $B$ :

$$(1 - 0.3B - B^4 + 0.3B^5)X_t = (1 - 0.3B - 0.5B^4 + 0.15B^5)Z_t$$

This can be factored as:

$$\phi(B)\Phi(B^s) = (1 - 0.3B)(1 - B^4), \quad \theta(B)\Theta(B^s) = (1 - 0.3B)(1 - 0.5B^4)$$

This corresponds to a seasonal ARIMA model with:

- $B$ : backshift operator,  $BX_t = X_{t-1}$
- $\nabla = 1 - B$ : non-seasonal difference operator
- $\nabla_s = 1 - B^4$ : seasonal difference operator (since lag 4 appears)
- $\phi_P(B) = 1 - 0.3B$ : non-seasonal AR(1)
- $\theta_q(B) = 1 - 0.3B$ : non-seasonal MA(1)
- $\Phi_P(B^s) = 1 - B^4$ : seasonal AR(1), with  $s = 4$
- $\Theta_Q(B^s) = 1 - 0.5B^4$ : seasonal MA(1), with  $s = 4$
- $Z_t \sim WN(0, \sigma^2)$ : white noise

So the full model is:

$$\text{SARIMA}(p = 1, d = 0, q = 1) \times (P = 1, D = 1, Q = 1)_{s=4}$$

## 14 Important extras

- If  $e_t \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \sigma^2)$ , then:

$$\mathbb{E}[e_t] = 0, \quad \mathbb{E}[e_t^2] = \text{Var}(e_t) = \sigma^2, \quad \mathbb{E}[e_t^3] = 0, \quad \mathbb{E}[e_t^4] = 3\sigma^4$$

- Covariance with powers:

$$\text{Cov}(e_t, e_t^2) = \mathbb{E}[e_t^3] = 0$$

$$\text{Cov}(ae_t, be_t^2) = ab \cdot (\mathbb{E}[e_t^3] - \mathbb{E}[e_t]\mathbb{E}[e_t^2]) = 0$$

## 15 Other useful formulas

$$\cos(x) \cos(y) = \frac{1}{2} [\cos(x-y) + \cos(x+y)]$$

$$\sin(x) \sin(y) = \frac{1}{2} [\cos(x-y) - \cos(x+y)]$$

$$\frac{1}{1-x} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} x^n \quad \text{for } |x| < 1$$

## 16 ACF and PACF estimations

Let  $\{Z_t\}$  be white noise with mean zero and variance one.

- (a) Find the ACFs and PACFs for the model in (i), and the ACFs for the model in (ii).

(i)

$$X_t - 0.3X_{t-2} = Z_t$$

(ii)

$$X_t = 0.5X_{t-1} + Z_t + 0.7Z_{t-1} + 0.6Z_{t-2}$$

- (i) Multiplying  $X_{t-k}$  and taking expectation we obtain:

$$E(X_t X_{t-k}) = 0.3E(X_{t-2} X_{t-k}) + E(Z_t X_{t-k}),$$

which is equivalent to:

$$\gamma(k) = 0.3\gamma(k-2), \quad k > 0.$$

This implies that:

$$\rho(2k) = 0.3^k, \quad \rho(2k-1) = 0, \quad j = 1, 2, \dots$$

Its PACF is given by:

$$r_{11} = 0, \quad r_{22} = 0.3, \quad r_{kk} = 0, \quad k > 2.$$

- (ii) Taking expectation on both sides of the model:

$$X_t = 0.5X_{t-1} + Z_t + 0.7Z_{t-1} + 0.6Z_{t-2}$$

yields  $E[X_t] = 0$ .

Multiplying both sides by  $X_{t-k}$  and taking expectation:

$$E(X_t X_{t-k}) = 0.5E(X_{t-1} X_{t-k}) + E(Z_t X_{t-k}) + 0.7E(Z_{t-1} X_{t-k}) + 0.6E(Z_{t-2} X_{t-k}) \quad (1)$$

When  $k > 2$ , we have:

$$\rho_k = 0.5\rho_{k-1} \quad (2)$$

When  $k = 2$ , we have:

$$\rho_2 = 0.5\rho_1 + 0.6 \frac{E(Z_{t-2} X_{t-2})}{\gamma_0} \quad (3)$$

When  $k = 1$ , we have:

$$\rho_1 = 0.5\rho_0 + 0.7 \frac{E(Z_{t-1} X_{t-1})}{\gamma_0} + 0.6 \frac{E(Z_{t-2} X_{t-1})}{\gamma_0} \quad (4)$$

When  $k = 0$ , equation (1) becomes:

$$\begin{aligned} \gamma_0 &= 0.5\gamma_1 + E(Z_t X_t) + 0.7E(Z_{t-1} X_t) + 0.6E(Z_{t-2} X_t) \\ &= 0.5\gamma_1 + 1 + 0.7 \cdot 1.2 + 0.6 \cdot 1.2 \\ &= 0.5\gamma_1 + 2.56 \end{aligned}$$

$$1 = 0.5\rho_1 + \frac{2.56}{\gamma_0} \quad (5)$$

From (4) and (5) we obtain:

$$\rho_1 = \frac{3.6}{4.36} \approx 0.82568$$

Now compute required expectations:

$$E(Z_{t-1} X_{t-1}) = E(X_{t-1} Z_{t-1}) =$$

$$0.5E(X_{t-2} Z_{t-1}) + E(Z_{t-1}^2) + 0.7E(Z_{t-2} Z_{t-1}) + 0.6E(Z_{t-3} Z_{t-1}) = 1$$

$$E(Z_{t-2} X_{t-1}) =$$

$$0.5E(Z_{t-2} X_{t-2}) + E(Z_{t-2} Z_{t-1}) + 0.7E(Z_{t-2}^2) + 0.6E(Z_{t-2} Z_{t-3}) = 0.7$$

$$E(Z_{t-2} X_t) = 0.5E(Z_{t-2} X_{t-1}) + 0.6E(Z_{t-2}^2) = 0.5 \cdot 1.2 + 0.6 = 1.2$$

From (4) and (3), we now find:

$$\gamma(0) = 4.36, \quad \rho_2 = 0.5 \cdot 0.82568 + \frac{0.6 \cdot 1.2}{4.36} = 0.55$$

$$\rho_k = 0.5\rho_{k-1}, \quad k > 2$$

## 17 Sample PACF Analysis and Seasonal ARIMA Classification

**Given:** From 100 time series observations, we calculate its sample PACFs:

$$r_{11} = 0.6, \quad r_{22} = 0.5, \quad r_{33} = 0.1, \quad \text{sample mean } \bar{x} = 1, \quad \text{sample variance} = 5$$

- (a) (i) Suggest an appropriate model and justify it.  
(ii) Estimate the parameters involved in the model and write down the explicit expression.

**Solution:**

- (i) The critical value is  $\frac{1.96}{\sqrt{100}} = 0.196$ . Since  $r_{11}, r_{22} > 0.196$  and  $r_{33} < 0.196$ , an AR(2) model is appropriate, as PACF cuts off after lag 2.

- (ii) Consider the AR(2) model:

$$X_t = \phi_1 X_{t-1} + \phi_2 X_{t-2} + Z_t$$

From the Yule-Walker equations:

$$\rho_1 = \phi_1 + \phi_2 \rho_1, \quad \text{where } \rho_1 = r_{11} = 0.6, \quad \phi_2 = r_{22} = 0.5$$

Solving gives:

$$\phi_1 = \rho_1 - \phi_2 \rho_1 = 0.6 - 0.5 \cdot 0.6 = 0.3$$

The drift term estimate:

$$\delta = (1 - \phi_1 - \phi_2)\bar{x} = (1 - 0.3 - 0.5)(1) = 0.2$$

Variance computation:

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma^2 &= \text{Var}(Z_t) = (1 - \phi_1^2 - \phi_2^2) \text{Var}(X_t) - 2\phi_1 \phi_2 \rho_1 \\ &= (1 - 0.3^2 - 0.5^2)(5) - 2 \cdot 0.3 \cdot 0.5 \cdot 0.6 = 3.12 \end{aligned}$$

- (b) Suppose:

$$X_t = 0.3X_{t-1} + X_{t-4} - 0.3X_{t-5} + Z_t - 0.3Z_{t-1} - 0.5Z_{t-4} + 0.15Z_{t-5}$$

Classify the model as a seasonal ARIMA model and write down the explicit values of  $p, d, q, P, D, Q$  and the seasonal period  $s$ .

**Solution:**

Characteristic polynomials:

$$\phi(z) = 1 - 0.3z - z^4 + 0.3z^5 = (1 - 0.3z)(1 - z^4)$$

$$\theta(z) = 1 - 0.3z - 0.5z^4 + 0.15z^5 = (1 - 0.3z)(1 - 0.5z^4)$$

Hence, the seasonal ARIMA classification is:

$$(p, d, q)(P, D, Q)_s = (1, 0, 1)(0, 1, 1)_4$$

## SARIMA Model Identification Cheat Sheet

**Given:** Monthly accidental deaths in the US (1973–1978). Assume plots are provided.

- (i) **Component Identification (Fig 1):**

- Trend component (upward/downward over time)
- Seasonal component (repeats every 12 months)
- Irregular/random noise

- (ii) **Interpretation of Differenced Plots (Figs 2 & 3):**

- Fig 2: First differencing reduces trend but seasonal pattern remains.
- Fig 3: Seasonal differencing reduces seasonality but trend remains.
- Both regular and seasonal differencing required:  $d = 1, D = 1$

- (iii) **R Statements:**

- `acf(diff(diff(death, 12), 1), 36)`: ACF of data differenced at lag 12 (seasonal) then 1 (regular), up to lag 36.
- `pacf(diff(diff(death, 12), 1), 36)`: PACF of the same series.

- (iv) **Model Suggestion (based on ACF/PACF – Fig 4):**

- ACF: spikes at lag 1 and seasonal lag MA(1) and seasonal MA(1)
- PACF: spike at lag 1 AR(1)
- Common SARIMA candidates:

$$(I) \text{ SARIMA}(0, 1, 1) \times (0, 1, 1)_{12}$$

$$(II) \text{ SARIMA}(1, 1, 0) \times (1, 1, 0)_{12}$$

$$(III) \text{ SARIMA}(0, 1, 1) \times (1, 1, 0)_{12}$$

$$(IV) \text{ SARIMA}(1, 1, 0) \times (0, 1, 1)_{12}$$

- (v) **Model Diagnostics (Fig 5):**

- Residuals: appear randomly scattered (no trend/seasonality)
- ACF of residuals: no significant spikes
- Ljung-Box p-values  $> 0.05 \implies$  residuals are uncorrelated
- $\implies$  Model is adequate

Figure 3: the plot for taking the seasonal differenced data

Figure 1: The plot of the original data



Figure 2: the plot for taking the first differenced data



Figure 5: Diagnostic plots

Figure 4: ACF and PACF plots for taking both nonseasonal and seasonal differenced data

