# Introducing an AR Model

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# Mathematical Description of AR(1) Model

$$R_t = \mu + \phi R_{t-1} + \epsilon_t$$

- Since only one lagged value on right hand side, this is called:
  - AR model of order 1, or
  - AR(1) model
- AR parameter is  $\phi$
- For stationarity,  $-1 < \phi < 1$

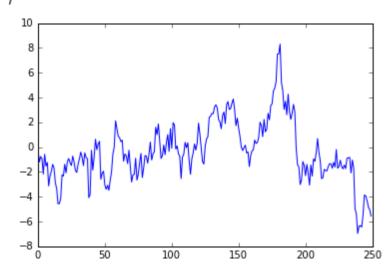
# Interpretation of AR(1) Parameter

$$R_t = \mu + \phi R_{t-1} + \epsilon_t$$

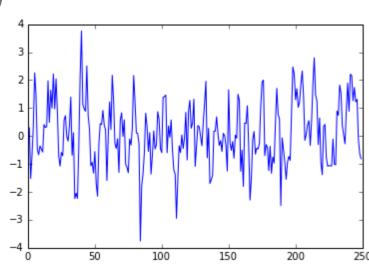
- Negative  $\phi$ : Mean Reversion
- Positive  $\phi$ : Momentum

# Comparison of AR(1) Time Series

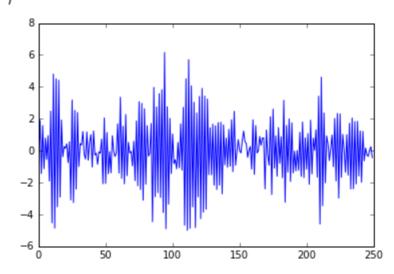
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$$\phi = 0.9$$



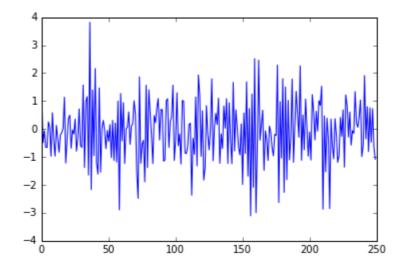
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$$\phi=0.5$$



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$$\phi = -0.9$$

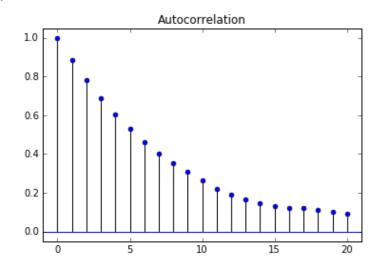


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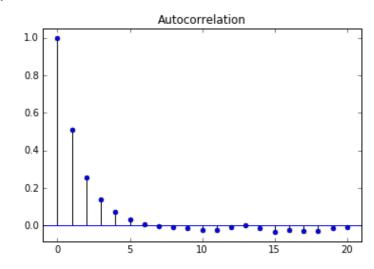


# Comparison of AR(1) Autocorrelation Functions

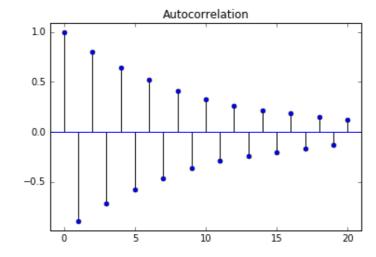
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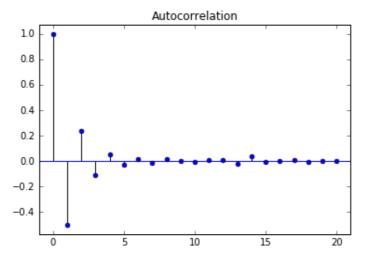
$$\phi = 0.5$$



• 
$$\phi = -0.9$$



• 
$$\phi = -0.5$$



# Higher Order AR Models

• AR(1)

$$R_t = \mu + \phi_1 R_{t-1} + \epsilon_t$$

• AR(2)

$$R_t = \mu + \phi_1 R_{t-1} + \phi_2 R_{t-2} + \epsilon_t$$

• AR(3)

$$R_t = \mu + \phi_1 R_{t-1} + \phi_2 R_{t-2} + \phi_3 R_{t-3} + \epsilon_t$$

•

# Simulating an AR Process

```
from statsmodels.tsa.arima_process import ArmaProcess
ar = np.array([1, -0.9])
ma = np.array([1])
AR_object = ArmaProcess(ar, ma)
simulated_data = AR_object.generate_sample(nsample=1000)
plt.plot(simulated_data)
```

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# Estimating and Forecasting an AR Model

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# Estimating an AR Model

To estimate parameters from data (simulated)

```
from statsmodels.tsa.arima_model import ARMA
mod = ARMA(simulated_data, order=(1,0))
result = mod.fit()
```

# Estimating an AR Model

• Full output (true  $\mu=0$  and  $\phi=0.9$ )

print(result.summary())

|   |                   | ARMA   | A Model Res                | sults   |   |         |
|---|-------------------|--|----------------------------|---|---|---------|
| Dep. Variabl Model: Method: Date: Time: Sample: |                   | y<br>ARMA(1, 0)<br>css-mle<br>Fri, 01 Dec 2017<br>15:34:50 |                            | Observations:<br>Likelihood<br>. of innovations | 5000<br>-7178.386<br>1.017<br>14362.772<br>14382.324<br>14369.625 |         |
|   | coef              | std err  | z                          | P> z  | [95.0% Conf   | . Int.] |
| const<br>ar.L1.y                                | -0.0361<br>0.9054 |  | -0.238<br>151.020<br>Roots | 0.812<br>0.000                                  | -0.333<br>0.894   |         |
| ========  | Real              | In   | Imaginary Modulus          |   | Frequency   |         |
| AR.1  | 1.1045            | 1.1045 +0.000  |                            | 1.1045  | 1.1045 0  |         |

# Estimating an AR Model

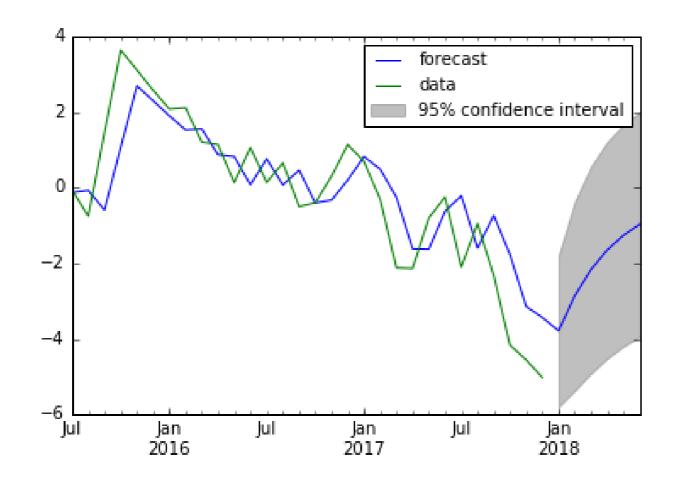
• Only the estimates of  $\mu$  and  $\phi$  (true  $\mu=0$  and  $\phi=0.9$ )

```
print(result.params)
```

array([-0.03605989, 0.90535667])

# Forecasting an AR Model

```
from statsmodels.tsa.arima_model import ARMA
mod = ARMA(simulated_data, order=(1,0))
res = mod.fit()
res.plot_predict(start='2016-07-01', end='2017-06-01')
plt.show()
```



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# Choosing the Right Model

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# Identifying the Order of an AR Model

- The order of an AR(p) model will usually be unknown
- Two techniques to determine order
  - Partial Autocorrelation Function
  - Information criteria

# Partial Autocorrelation Function (PACF)

$$R_{t} = \phi_{0,1} + \phi_{1,1} R_{t-1} + \epsilon_{1t}$$

$$R_{t} = \phi_{0,2} + \phi_{1,2} R_{t-1} + \phi_{2,2} R_{t-2} + \epsilon_{2t}$$

$$R_{t} = \phi_{0,3} + \phi_{1,3} R_{t-1} + \phi_{2,3} R_{t-2} + \phi_{3,3} R_{t-3} + \epsilon_{3t}$$

$$R_{t} = \phi_{0,4} + \phi_{1,4} R_{t-1} + \phi_{2,4} R_{t-2} + \phi_{3,4} R_{t-3} + \phi_{4,4} R_{t-4} + \epsilon_{4t}$$

$$\vdots$$

# Plot PACF in Python

- Same as ACF, but use plot\_pacf instead of plt\_acf
- Import module

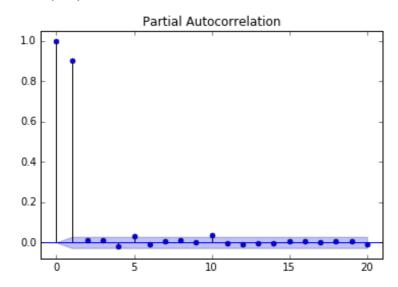
```
from statsmodels.graphics.tsaplots import plot_pacf
```

Plot the PACF

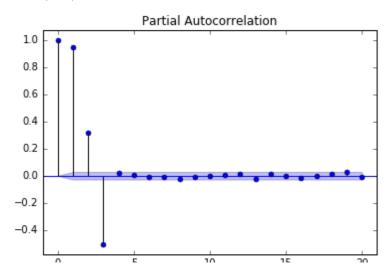
```
plot_pacf(x, lags= 20, alpha=0.05)
```

# Comparison of PACF for Different AR Models

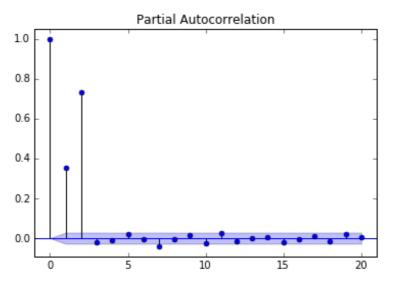
• AR(1)



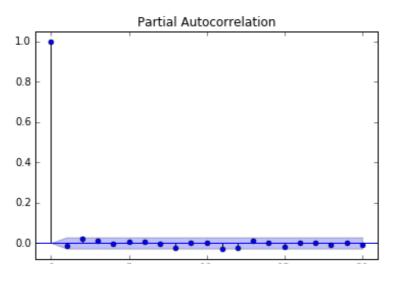
• AR(3)



• AR(2)



White Noise



#### **Information Criteria**

- Information criteria: adjusts goodness-of-fit for number of parameters
- Two popular adjusted goodness-of-fit measures
  - AIC (Akaike Information Criterion)
  - BIC (Bayesian Information Criterion)

### **Information Criteria**

#### Estimation output

|   |                    | ARMA                    | Model Res                     | sults   |  |           |
|---|--------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------------|---|--|-----------|
| Dep. Variable: Model: Method: Date: Time: Sample: |                    |                         | 0) Log<br>mle S.D.<br>017 AIC | Observations:<br>Likelihood<br>of innovations | 2500<br>-3536.481<br>0.996<br>7080.963<br>7104.259<br>7089.420 |           |
|   | coef               | std err                 | =======<br>Z                  | P> z  | [95.0% Co  | nf. Int.] |
| ar.L1.y   | -0.6130            | 0.010<br>0.019<br>0.019 |                               | 0.605<br>0.000<br>0.000                       |  | -0.576    |
|   | Real               | Im                      | Imaginary                     |   | Frequency  |           |
| AR.1<br>AR.2                                      | -0.9859<br>-0.9859 |                         |                               |   | 1.7935 -0.34<br>1.7935 0.34                                    |           |

# Getting Information Criteria From `statsmodels`

You learned earlier how to fit an AR model

```
from statsmodels.tsa.arima_model import ARMA
mod = ARMA(simulated_data, order=(1,0))
result = mod.fit()
```

And to get full output

```
result.summary()
```

Or just the parameters

```
result.params
```

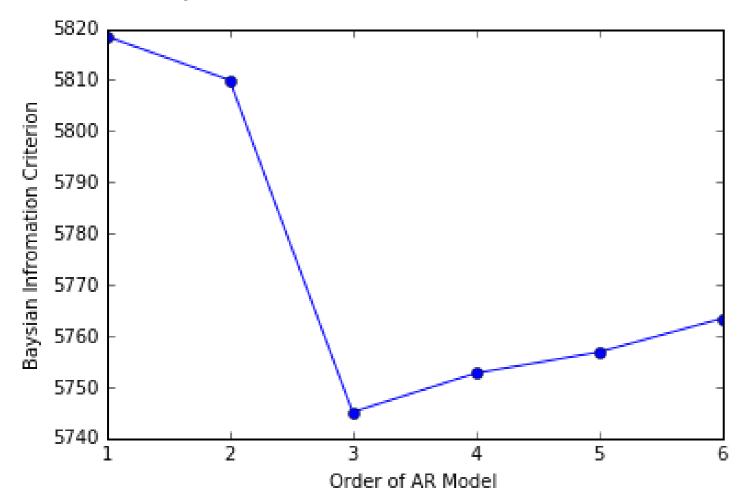
To get the AIC and BIC

```
result.aic
result.bic
```



#### **Information Criteria**

- Fit a simulated AR(3) to different AR(p) models
- Choose p with the lowest BIC



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