

# 36-467 Homework 6

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## Question 1

**Q1 a)**

$$x_t = bx_{t-1} \tag{1}$$

$$= b^2 x_{t-2} \tag{2}$$

$$= b^t x_0 \tag{3}$$

Then we can see that  $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} x_t = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} b^t x_0 = 0, |b| < 1$

**Q1 b)**

By a similar argument as above, note that  $x_t = b^t x_0$ .

Then we can see that:

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} x_t = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} b^t x_0, b > 1 \tag{4}$$

$$= \begin{cases} -\infty, & x_0 < 0 \\ \infty, & x_0 > 0 \end{cases} \tag{5}$$

**Q1 c)** If  $b < -1$ , then  $x_t$  will not have a limit as it will alternate between positive and negative values depending on whether  $t$  is even or odd. The answer does not depend on  $x_0$  as there is no limit regardless, unless  $x_0 = 0$ .

## Question 2

**Q2 a)**

$$by_t = bx_t - \frac{ba}{1-b} \tag{6}$$

$$= a + bx_t - a - \frac{ba}{1-b} \tag{7}$$

$$= x_{t+1} - \frac{a - ba + ba}{1-b} \tag{8}$$

$$= x_{t+1} - \frac{a}{1-b} \tag{9}$$

$$= y_{t+1}, b \neq 1 \tag{10}$$

**Q2 b)** Since  $x_t = y_t + \frac{a}{1-b}$ ,

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} x_t = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} y_t + \frac{a}{1-b} \tag{11}$$

$$= \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} b^t y_0 + \frac{a}{1-b} \tag{12}$$

$$= \frac{a}{1-b}, |b| < 1 \tag{13}$$

**Q2 c)** When  $b > 0$ ,

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} x_t = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} y_t + \frac{a}{1-b} \quad (14)$$

$$= \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} b^t y_0 + \frac{a}{1-b} \quad (15)$$

$$= \begin{cases} -\infty, & x_0 < \frac{a}{1-b} \\ \infty, & x_0 > \frac{a}{1-b} \end{cases} \quad (16)$$

### Question 3

**Q3 a)** Since the eigenvalues of  $\mathbf{b}$  form a basis, we can write  $x_0 = c_1 \vec{v}_1 + c_2 \vec{v}_2$ , where  $c_1, c_2 \in \mathbb{C}$

Since  $\vec{x}_t = \mathbf{b}^t \vec{x}_0$ ,

$$\vec{x}_t = \mathbf{b}^t (c_1 \vec{v}_1 + c_2 \vec{v}_2) \quad (17)$$

$$= \mathbf{b}^t c_1 \vec{v}_1 + \mathbf{b}^t c_2 \vec{v}_2 \quad (18)$$

$$= c_1 \mathbf{b}^t \vec{v}_1 + c_2 \mathbf{b}^t \vec{v}_2 \quad (19)$$

$$= c_1 \lambda_1^t \vec{v}_1 + c_2 \lambda_2^t \vec{v}_2 \quad (20)$$

**Q3 b)** When  $|\lambda_i| < 1$ ,

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \vec{x}_t = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} c_1 \lambda_1^t \vec{v}_1 + c_2 \lambda_2^t \vec{v}_2 \quad (21)$$

$$= \vec{0} \quad (22)$$

**Q3 c)** When  $\lambda_1 > 0$  and  $|\lambda_2| < 0$ , the component of  $\vec{x}_0$  in the direction of  $\vec{v}_1$  grows in magnitude, while the component in the direction of  $\vec{v}_2$  shrinks in magnitude, as  $t \rightarrow \infty$ .

### Question 4

**Q4 a)**

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## Loading required package: Matrix
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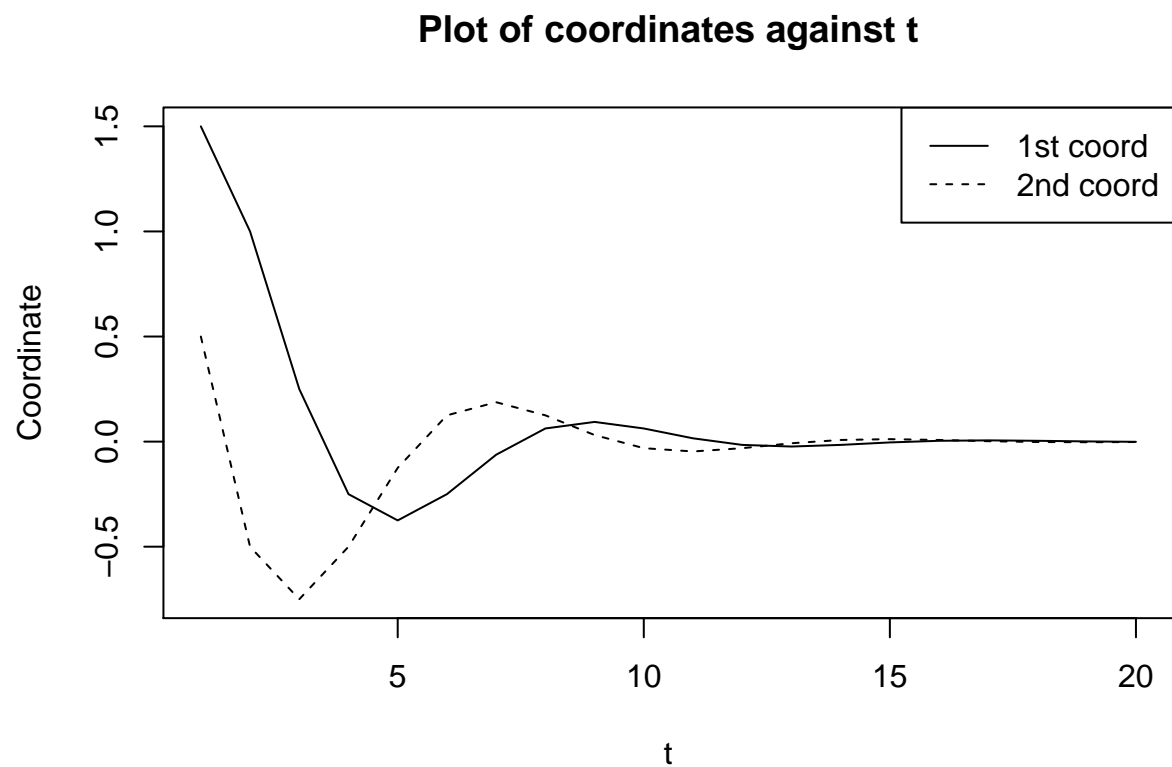
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## Attaching package: 'expm'
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## The following object is masked from 'package:Matrix':
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##      expm
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Both coordinates seem to undergo oscillation that is exponentially damped.

**Q4 b)**

Table 1: Matrix b (b.mat)

0.5	0.5
-0.5	0.5

Eigenvalue 1 (lambda.1)
0.5+0.5i

Eigenvalue 2 (lambda.2)
0.5-0.5i

Eigenvector $v_1$ (v.1)
0-0.707i
0.707+0i

Eigenvector $v_2$ (v.2)
0+0.707i
0.707+0i

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all.equal(lambda.1 * v.1, b.mat %*% v.1)
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## [1] TRUE
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all.equal(lambda.2 * v.2, b.mat %*% v.2)
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## [1] TRUE
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**Q4 c)**

$$\vec{x}_0 = \begin{bmatrix} \vec{v}_1 & \vec{v}_2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \end{bmatrix} \quad (23)$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \vec{v}_1 & \vec{v}_2 \end{bmatrix}^{-1} \vec{x}_0 \quad (24)$$

$$(25)$$

	Coefficients
$c_1$	1.41+0.71i
$c_2$	1.41-0.71i

**Q4 d)**

We know that when we have complex eigenvectors and eigenvalues from a real-valued matrix that form a basis, the eigenvalues  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2$  have to occur as a complex-conjugate pair. Their corresponding eigenvectors  $\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2$  thus will have conjugate entries. As we have seen above, the coefficients are also a conjugate pair. Thus,  $c_1 \lambda_1 \vec{v}_1, c_2 \lambda_2 \vec{v}_2$  will also be a conjugate pair. Hence, their sum,  $x_1$ , will have  $\text{Im}(x_1) = 0$ .

**Q4 e)** Since we know that the eigenvalues of  $\mathbf{b}$  are complex, then  $\mathbf{b}$  represents a linear transform that both scales and rotates. The rotation factor explains why the coordinates have an oscillatory nature, and the magnitude of each eigenvalue  $|\lambda_1| = |\lambda_2| = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} < 1$ , hence the coordinates are shrunk towards 0 with increasing  $t \rightarrow \infty$

## Question 5

**Q5 a)**

$$\mathbb{E}[X_1] = \mathbb{E}[a + bX_0 + \epsilon_1] \quad (26)$$

$$= a + b \cdot \mathbb{E}[X_0] + \mathbb{E}[\epsilon_1] \quad (27)$$

$$= a + b\mu + 0 \quad (28)$$

$$= a + b\mu \quad (29)$$

$$\mathbb{E}[X_0] = \mathbb{E}[X_1] \quad (30)$$

$$\mu = a + b\mu \quad (31)$$

$$\mu - b\mu = a \quad (32)$$

$$\mu = \frac{a}{1-b} \quad (33)$$

**Q5 b)**

$$Var[X_1] = Var[a + bX_0 + \epsilon_1] \quad (34)$$

$$= b^2 \cdot Var[X_0] + Var[\epsilon_1] + 2 \cdot Cov[X_0, \epsilon_1] \quad (35)$$

$$= b^2 \sigma^2 + \tau^2 + 0 \quad (36)$$

$$= b^2 \sigma^2 + \tau^2 \quad (37)$$

$$Var[X_0] = Var[X_1] \quad (38)$$

$$\sigma^2 = b^2 \sigma^2 + \tau^2 \quad (39)$$

$$\sigma^2 - b^2 \sigma^2 = \tau^2 \quad (40)$$

$$\sigma^2 = \frac{\tau^2}{1-b^2} \quad (41)$$

**Q5 c)**

$$Cov[X_0, X_1] = Cov[X_0, a + bX_0 + \epsilon_1] \quad (42)$$

$$= Cov[X_0, bX_0 + \epsilon_1] \quad (43)$$

$$= b \cdot Cov[X_0, X_0] + Cov[X_0, \epsilon_1] \quad (44)$$

$$= b \cdot Var[X_0] + 0 \quad (45)$$

$$= \frac{b\tau^2}{1-b^2} \quad (46)$$

**Q5 d)**

$$\mathbb{E}[X_2] = \mathbb{E}[a + bX_1 + \epsilon_2] \quad (47)$$

$$= a + b \cdot \mathbb{E}[X_1] + \mathbb{E}[\epsilon_2] \quad (48)$$

$$= a + b \frac{a}{1-b} + 0 \quad (49)$$

$$= \frac{a - ab + ab}{1-b} \quad (50)$$

$$= \frac{a}{1-b} \quad (51)$$

$$Var[X_2] = Var[a + bX_1 + \epsilon_2] \quad (52)$$

$$= b^2 \cdot Var[X_1] + Var[\epsilon_2] + 2 \cdot Cov[X_1, \epsilon_2] \quad (53)$$

$$= b^2 \sigma^2 + \tau^2 + 0 \quad (54)$$

$$= \frac{b^2 \tau^2}{1-b^2} + \tau^2 \quad (55)$$

$$= \frac{\tau^2}{1-b^2} \quad (56)$$

$$Cov[X_1, X_2] = Cov[X_1, a + bX_1 + \epsilon_2] \quad (57)$$

$$= b \cdot Cov[X_1, X_1] + Cov[X_1, \epsilon_2] \quad (58)$$

$$= b \cdot Var[X_1] + Cov[a + bX_0 + \epsilon_1, \epsilon_2] \quad (59)$$

$$= \frac{b\tau^2}{1-b^2} \quad (60)$$

$$Cov[X_0, X_2] = Cov[X_0, a + bX_1 + \epsilon_2] \quad (61)$$

$$= b \cdot Cov[X_0, X_1] + Cov[X_0, \epsilon_2] \quad (62)$$

$$= b \frac{b\tau^2}{1-b^2} + 0 \quad (63)$$

$$= \frac{b^2\tau^2}{1-b^2} \quad (64)$$

**Q5 e)**

$$\mathbb{E}[X_t] = \mathbb{E}[a + b\mathbb{E}[X_{t-1}] + \epsilon_t] \quad (65)$$

$$= a + b \cdot \mathbb{E}[X_{t-1}] \quad (66)$$

$$= a + b(a + b \cdot \mathbb{E}[X_{t-2}]) \quad (67)$$

$$= a + ab + b^2 \cdot \mathbb{E}[X_{t-2}] \quad (68)$$

$$= a + ab + b^2(a + b \cdot \mathbb{E}[X_{t-3}]) \quad (69)$$

$$= a + ab + ab^2 + b^3 \mathbb{E}[X_{t-3}] \quad (70)$$

$$= \dots \quad (71)$$

$$= \sum_{i=0}^{t-1} ab^i + b^t \mathbb{E}[X_0], |b| < 1 \quad (72)$$

$$= a \frac{1-b^t}{1-b} + b^t \frac{a}{1-b} \quad (73)$$

$$= \frac{a}{1-b} \quad (74)$$

$$Var[X_t] = Var[a + bX_{t-1} + \epsilon_t] \quad (75)$$

$$= b^2 Var[X_{t-1}] + Var[\epsilon_t] + 2 \cdot Cov[X_{t-1}, \epsilon_t] \quad (76)$$

$$= b^2 Var[X_{t-1}] + \tau^2 \quad (77)$$

$$= b^2 (b^2 Var[X_{t-2}] + \tau^2) + \tau^2 \quad (78)$$

$$= \dots \quad (79)$$

$$= (b^2)^t \cdot Var[X_0] + \tau^2 \sum_{i=0}^{t-1} (b^2)^i \quad (80)$$

$$= (b^2)^t \frac{\tau^2}{1-b^2} + \tau^2 \frac{1-(b^2)^t}{1-b^2} \quad (81)$$

$$= \frac{\tau^2}{1-b^2} \quad (82)$$

**Q5 f)**

$$Cov[X_t, X_{t+h}] = Cov[X_t, a \sum_{i=0}^{h-1} b^i + \sum_{i=0}^{h-1} \epsilon_{t+h-i} b^i + b^h X_t], h > 0 \quad (83)$$

$$= Cov[X_t, a \sum_{i=0}^{h-1} b^i] + Cov[X_t, \sum_{i=0}^{h-1} \epsilon_{t+h-i} b^i] + Cov[X_t, b^h X_t] \quad (84)$$

$$= 0 + \sum_{i=0}^{h-1} b^i \cdot Cov[X_t, \epsilon_{t+h-i}] + b^h \cdot Cov[X_t, X_t] \quad (85)$$

$$= 0 + 0 + b^h \cdot Var[X_t] \quad (86)$$

$$= \frac{b^h \tau^2}{1 - b^2} \quad (87)$$

**Q5 g)** Since the  $\mathbb{E}[X_t] = \frac{a}{1-b} \quad \forall t$ , and  $Cov[X_t, X_{t+h}] = Cov[X_s, X_{s+h}] = \frac{b^h \tau^2}{1-b^2} \quad \forall t, s$ , which is independent of time, we can assume this is a stationary process, given these conditions.