

most econ variables are non-stationary

stationary linear models are building blocks for more complicated non-linear and/or non-stationary models

### The Wald Decomposition

Any stationary process  $\{z_t\}$  can be expressed as a sum of two components

- 1) Stochastic: linear combination of a white noise process
- 2) deterministic: uncorrelated with stochastic

### Importance of Wald

Any stationary process can be written as a linear combination of a lagged value of a white noise process

### MA(q) processes

#### MA(1) stationarity and ergodicity

Ergodicity: A point visits all available places

Invertibility:  $z_t$  if it admits an autoregressive representation