## Linear Gaussian State Space Models

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### Structural Time Series Models

#### Local level Model

$$y_t = \alpha_{t-1} + v_t, \quad v_t \sim N(0, \sigma_v^2)$$
  
$$\alpha_t = \alpha_{t-1} + w_t, \quad w_t \sim N(0, \sigma_w^2)$$

#### Local Trend Model

$$y_{t} = \alpha_{t-1} + v_{t}, \quad v_{t} \sim N(0, \sigma_{v}^{2})$$

$$\alpha_{t} = \alpha_{t-1} + \beta_{t-1} + w_{\alpha,t}, \quad w_{\alpha,t} \sim N(0, \sigma_{\alpha}^{2})$$

$$\beta_{t} = \beta_{t-1} + w_{\beta,t}, \quad w_{\beta,t} \sim N(0, \sigma_{\beta}^{2})$$

### Structural Time Series Models

Basic Structural Model (BSM)

$$y_{t} = \alpha_{t-1} + \gamma_{1,t-1} + v_{t}, \quad v_{t} \sim N(0, \sigma_{v}^{2})$$

$$\alpha_{t} = \alpha_{t-1} + \beta_{t-1} + w_{\alpha,t}, \quad w_{\alpha,t} \sim N(0, \sigma_{\alpha}^{2})$$

$$\beta_{t} = \beta_{t-1} + w_{\beta,t}, \quad w_{\beta,t} \sim N(0, \sigma_{\beta}^{2})$$

$$\gamma_{1,t} = -\sum_{j=2}^{p-1} \gamma_{j,t-1} + w_{\gamma,t}, \quad w_{\gamma,t} \sim N(0, \sigma_{\gamma}^{2})$$

$$\gamma_{j,t} = \gamma_{j,t-1}, \quad j = 2, ..., p-1$$

Forecasting

$$\hat{y}_{t+1|t} = a_t + b_t + s_{t+1-p}, \quad t = 1, 2, ..., n$$

$$\hat{y}_{n+h|n} = a_n + hb_n + s_{n+h-p}, \quad h = 1, 2, ... \le p$$

Observation Equation

$$y_{t} = F_{t} \theta_{t} + v_{t}, \quad v_{t} \sim iid \ N(0, V_{t})$$

$$m \times 1 \quad m \times p \ p \times 1 \quad m \times 1 \quad m \times 1 \quad m \times m$$

State Equation

$$\theta_{t} = G_{t} \theta_{t-1} + w_{t}, \quad w_{t} \sim iid \ N(0, W_{t})$$

$$p \times 1 \quad p \times p \quad p \times 1 \quad p \times 1 \quad p \times 1 \quad p \times 1 \quad p \times p$$

Initial State Distribution

$$\theta_0 \sim N(m_0, C_0)$$

$$E(v_t \theta_0') = E(w_t \theta_0') = 0 \quad \forall t$$

$$E(v_t w_s') = 0 \quad \forall t, s$$

#### Local Level Model

$$y_t = \alpha_t + v_t, \quad v_t \sim N(0, \sigma_v^2)$$
$$\alpha_t = \alpha_{t-1} + w_t, \quad w_t \sim N(0, \sigma_w^2)$$

#### State Space Model Representation

$$y_{t} = F_{t}\theta_{t} + v_{t}$$

$$\theta_{t} = G_{t}\theta_{t-1} + w_{t} \quad (m = 1, p = 1)$$

$$\theta_{t} = \alpha_{t}, F_{t} = 1, G_{t} = 1, V_{t} = \sigma_{v}^{2}, W_{t} = \sigma_{w}^{2}$$

#### Local Trend Model

$$y_{t} = \alpha_{t} + v_{t}, \quad v_{t} \sim N(0, \sigma_{v}^{2})$$

$$\alpha_{t} = \alpha_{t-1} + \beta_{t-1} + w_{\alpha,t}, \quad w_{\alpha,t} \sim N(0, \sigma_{\alpha}^{2})$$

$$\beta_{t} = \beta_{t-1} + w_{\beta,t}, \quad w_{\beta,t} \sim N(0, \sigma_{\beta}^{2})$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} \alpha_{t} \\ \beta_{t} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \alpha_{t-1} \\ \beta_{t-1} \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} w_{\alpha,t} \\ w_{\beta,t} \end{bmatrix}$$

#### State Space Model Representation

$$y_{t} = F_{t}\theta_{t} + v_{t}$$

$$\theta_{t} = G_{t}\theta_{t-1} + w_{t} \quad (m = 1, p = 2)$$

$$\theta_{t} = \begin{bmatrix} \alpha_{t} \\ \beta_{t} \end{bmatrix}, F_{t} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, G_{t} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, V_{t} = \sigma_{v}^{2}, W_{t} = \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_{\alpha}^{2} & 0 \\ 0 & \sigma_{\beta}^{2} \end{bmatrix}$$

Time Varying Regression Parameters

$$y_{t} = \alpha_{t} + \beta_{t} x_{t} + v_{t}, \quad v_{t} \sim N(0, \sigma_{v}^{2})$$

$$\alpha_{t} = \alpha_{t-1} + w_{\alpha,t}, \quad w_{\alpha,t} \sim N(0, \sigma_{\alpha}^{2})$$

$$\beta_{t} = \beta_{t-1} + w_{\beta,t}, \quad w_{\beta,t} \sim N(0, \sigma_{\beta}^{2})$$

State Space Model Representation

$$\begin{aligned} y_t &= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & x_t \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \alpha_t \\ \beta_t \end{bmatrix} + v_t & \Leftarrow F_t &= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & x_t \end{bmatrix}, G_t &= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, V_t &= \sigma_v^2 \\ \begin{bmatrix} \alpha_t \\ \beta_t \end{bmatrix} &= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \alpha_{t-1} \\ \beta_{t-1} \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} w_{\alpha,t} \\ w_{\beta,t} \end{bmatrix} \Leftarrow & \theta_t &= \begin{bmatrix} \alpha_t \\ \beta_t \end{bmatrix}, w_t &= \begin{bmatrix} w_{\alpha,t} \\ w_{\beta,t} \end{bmatrix}, W_t &= \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_\alpha^2 & 0 \\ 0 & \sigma_\beta^2 \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

Model Estimation

$$\{y_{t}\} \Longrightarrow \begin{cases} y_{t} = F_{t}\theta_{t} + v_{t} \\ \theta_{t} = G_{t}\theta_{t-1} + w_{t} \end{cases}$$

– Filtering (filtered estimate of  $\theta$ )

$$E(\theta_t | I_t = \{y_1, ..., y_t\})$$

– Smoothing (smoothed estimate of  $\theta$ )

$$E(\theta_t | I_T = \{y_1, ..., y_T\})$$

- The Kalman Filter is a set of recursion equations for determining the optimal estimates of  $\theta_t$  given  $I_t$ . The filter consists of two sets of equations:
  - Prediction Equation
  - Update Equation
- Using the following notations

$$m_t = E(\theta_t | I_t) = optimal\ estimator\ of\ \theta_t\ based\ on\ I_t$$

$$C_t = E[(\theta_t - m_t)(\theta_t - m_t)' | I_t) = MSE\ matrix\ of\ m_t$$

### Prediction Equations

— Given  $m_{t\text{-}1}$  and  $C_{t\text{-}1}$  at t-1, the optimal predictor of  $\theta_t$  and its MSE matrix are

$$\begin{split} m_{t|t-1} &= E(\theta_t \mid I_{t-1}) = G_t m_{t-1} \\ C_{t|t-1} &= E[(\theta_t - m_{t-1})(\theta_t - m_{t-1})^{'} \mid I_{t-1}) = G_t C_{t-1} G_t^{'} + W_t \end{split}$$

- The corresponding optimal predictor of  $y_t$  at t-1 is  $y_{t|t-1} = E[y_t \mid I_{t-1}] = F_t m_{t|t-1}$ 

The predictive error and its MSE matrix are

$$e_{t} = y_{t} - y_{t|t-1} = y_{t} - F_{t} m_{t|t-1} = F_{t} (\theta_{t} - m_{t|t-1}) + v_{t}$$

$$E(e_{t}e_{t}') = Q_{t} = F_{t}C_{t|t-1}F_{t}' + V_{t}$$

### Update Equations

– When new observation  $y_t$  become available, the optimal predictor  $m_{t|t-1}$  and its MSE matrix are updated using

$$\begin{split} m_t &= m_{t|t-1} + C_{t|t-1} F_t^{'} Q_t^{-1} (y_t - F_t m_{t|t-1}) \ &= m_{t|t-1} + C_{t|t-1} F_t^{'} Q_t^{-1} e_t \ C_t &= C_{t|t-1} - C_{t|t-1} F_t^{'} Q_t^{-1} F_t C_{t|t-1} \ Note: K_t &= C_{t|t-1} F_t^{'} Q_t^{-1} = Kalman \ Gain \ Matrix \end{split}$$

Kalman Gain Matrix gives the weight on new information
 e<sub>t</sub> in the update equation for m<sub>t</sub>.

#### Kalman Smoother

– Once all data  $I_T$  is observed, the optimal estimators  $E(\theta_t | I_T)$  can be computed using the backwards Kalman smoothing recursions

$$\begin{split} E(\theta_{t} \mid I_{T}) &= m_{t\mid T} = m_{t} + C_{t}^{*}(m_{t+1\mid T} - G_{t+1}m_{t}) \\ E[(\theta_{t} - m_{t\mid T})(\theta_{t} - m_{t\mid T})^{'} \mid I_{T}) &= C_{t\mid T} = C_{t}^{*}(C_{t+1\mid T} - C_{t=1\mid t})C_{t}^{*'} \\ C_{t}^{*} &= C_{t}G_{t+1}^{'}C_{t+1\mid t}^{-1} \end{split}$$

- The algorithm starts by setting  $m_{T|T} = m_T$  and  $C_{T|T} = C_T$  and then proceed backwards for t = T-1, ..., 1.

### Maximum Likelihood Estimation

• For a linear Gaussian state space model, let  $\psi$  denote the parameters of the model (embedded in the system matrices  $F_t$ ,  $G_t$ ,  $V_t$ , and  $W_t$ ). The prediction error decomposition of the Gaussian log-likelihood function is

$$y_{t|t-1} \sim N(F_{t}(\psi)m_{t|t-1}(\psi), Q_{t}(\psi))$$

$$e_{t}(\psi) = y_{t} - y_{t|t-1} = y_{t} - F_{t}(\psi)m_{t|t-1}(\psi) \sim N(0, Q_{t}(\psi))$$

$$f(y_{t|t-1}; \psi) = (2\pi Q_{t}(\psi))^{-1/2} \exp\left\{-\frac{1}{2}e_{t}(\psi)Q_{t}^{-1}(\psi)e_{t}(\psi)\right\}$$

$$\ln L(\psi \mid y) = \sum_{t=1}^{T} \ln f(y_{t} \mid I_{t-1}; \psi)$$

$$= -\frac{NT}{2} \ln(2\pi) - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{t=1}^{N} \ln |Q_{t}(\psi)| - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{t=1}^{N} e_{t}(\psi)Q_{t}^{-1}(\psi)e_{t}(\psi)$$

$$\Rightarrow \hat{\psi}_{MLE} = \arg \max_{\psi} \ln L(\psi \mid y)$$

## Forecasting

- The Kalman filter prediction equations produces insample 1-step ahead forecasts and MSE matrices.
- Out-of-sample h-step ahead predictions and MSE matrices can be computed from the prediction equations by extending the data set  $y_1$ , ...,  $y_T$  with a set of h missing values.
- When  $y_{\tau}$  is missing the Kalman filter reduces to the prediction step so a sequence of h missing values at the end of the sample will produce a set of h-step ahead forecasts

# Forecasting

One-Step Ahead Forecast at t = p, p+1,...

$$\begin{split} \hat{y}_{t+1|t} &= a_t + b_t + s_{t+1-p} & \hat{\varepsilon}_{t+1|t} &= y_{t+1} - \hat{y}_{t+1|t} \\ \hat{y}_{1|0} &= a_0 + b_0 + s_{1-p} & MAE = mean(|\hat{\varepsilon}_{t+1|t}|) \\ \hat{y}_{2|1} &= a_1 + b_1 + s_{2-p} & MAPE = 100 \ mean(|\hat{\varepsilon}_{t+1|t}|/|y_{t+1}|) \\ \dots & MSE = mean(\hat{\varepsilon}_{t+1|t}^2) \\ \dots & MSE = mean(\hat{\varepsilon}_{t+1|t}^2) \\ mathred & RMSE = \sqrt{mean(\hat{\varepsilon}_{t+1|t}^2)} \\ RMSPE &= 100\sqrt{mean[(\hat{\varepsilon}_{t+1|t}|/|y_{t+1}|)^2]} \end{split}$$

# Example 1 (Continued)

- China Shanghai Common Stock
  - High Frequency Daily Index
  - Monthly Index Time Series
    - Trend, Seasonality
  - Dynamic Linear Model
    - Correlation with Exchange Rate?

# Example 2

- Chinese Yuan vs. U.S. Dollar
  - Exchange Rate Time Series
    - Trend
    - Intervention
  - Dynamic Linear Model
    - Correlation with Stock Market?
    - ARMA