

Forecasting with ARIMA Models: Part I

Video 33

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Our Roadmap

- ① **Key Ideas:** Fundamental concepts (Ch. 1-2), Estimating trends (Ch. 3), Models for stationary time series (Ch. 4), Models for non-stationary time series (Ch. 5)
- ② **Building a Model:**
 - **Model specification (Ch. 6):** How do we choose between the different models that we know?
 - **Parameter estimation (Ch. 7):** Now that we've chosen a model, there will be parameters whose values are unknown. How do we estimate these parameter values?
 - **Model diagnostics (Ch. 8):** How good is our chosen model? Should we be using a different model?
- ③ **Forecasting (Ch. 9):** How can we forecast the values of a time series at future time points? Can we assess the precision of these forecasts?
- ④ Other topics, as time permits.

Video 33 Learning Objectives

By the end of this video, we should be able to:

- Obtain the equation for a forecast at a future time value, using an ARIMA model
- Calculate the forecast error variance for an ARIMA model
- Understand how the behaviour of the forecast error variance differs between stationary and non-stationary models

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Several important comments:

- Note the notation we will use for our dataset: Y_1, Y_2, \dots, Y_t (i.e., up to t , not “ n ”)
- Throughout this chapter, we will assume that all of the parameters $\{\phi_1, \dots, \phi_p, \theta_1, \dots, \theta_q, \mu, \sigma_e^2, \gamma_0, \text{etc.}\}$ are known
 - ▶ In practice, we replace these by their estimates; this doesn't change the results much

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Take $E(\cdot | Y_1, Y_2, \dots, Y_t)$ of both sides:

$$\begin{aligned} E(Y_{t+\ell} | Y_1, Y_2, \dots, Y_t) = & \theta_0 + \phi_1 E(Y_{t+\ell-1} | Y_1, Y_2, \dots, Y_t) \\ & + \phi_2 E(Y_{t+\ell-2} | Y_1, Y_2, \dots, Y_t) + \dots \\ & + \phi_p E(Y_{t+\ell-p} | Y_1, Y_2, \dots, Y_t) + E(e_{t+\ell} | Y_1, Y_2, \dots, Y_t) \\ & - \theta_1 E(e_{t+\ell-1} | Y_1, Y_2, \dots, Y_t) \\ & - \theta_2 E(e_{t+\ell-2} | Y_1, Y_2, \dots, Y_t) - \dots \\ & - \theta_q E(e_{t+\ell-q} | Y_1, Y_2, \dots, Y_t) \end{aligned}$$

Forecasting for ARMA(p, q) (cont'd)

$$\begin{aligned}
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Let's first address the Y 's:

$$\begin{aligned}
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where, actually,

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Therefore, our final forecast equation is:

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and

$$E(e_{t+j} | Y_1, Y_2, \dots, Y_t) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } j > 0 \\ e_{t+j} & \text{if } j \leq 0 \end{cases}$$

Alternative formulation: Remove θ_0 , and replace all $\hat{Y}_t(j)$'s by $(\hat{Y}_t(j) - \mu)$.

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Recall, for a general linear process: $\gamma_0 = \text{Var}(Y_t) = \sigma_e^2 \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \psi_j^2$ (Video 14).

Therefore, for large ℓ : $\text{Var}(e_t(\ell)) \approx \gamma_0$.

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AR(1) model with non-zero constant mean (alternative formulation):

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This can be repeated recursively to obtain the explicit expression:

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{Y}_t(\ell) &= \mu + \phi[\hat{Y}_t(\ell - 1) - \mu] \\ &= \mu + \phi\left[\mu + \phi[\hat{Y}_t(\ell - 2) - \mu] - \mu\right] = \mu + \phi^2[\hat{Y}_t(\ell - 2) - \mu] \\ &\vdots \\ &= \mu + \phi^\ell(Y_t - \mu) \end{aligned}$$

Note: Since, for a stationary process $|\phi| < 1$:

$$\hat{Y}_t(\ell) \approx \mu \quad \text{for large } \ell$$

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Note: For large ℓ :

$$\text{Var}(e_t(\ell)) \approx \frac{\sigma_e^2}{1 - \phi^2} = \gamma_0$$

(Recall from Video 16 that this is the variance of an AR(1) process.)

Example: Forecasting for MA(1)

MA(1) model with non-zero constant mean (alternative formulation):

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Therefore:

$$\begin{aligned}\hat{Y}_t(\ell) - \mu &= -\theta E(e_{t+\ell-1} | Y_1, Y_2, \dots, Y_t) \\ \hat{Y}_t(\ell) &= \mu - \theta E(e_{t+\ell-1} | Y_1, Y_2, \dots, Y_t)\end{aligned}$$

Example: Forecasting for MA(1) (cont'd)

$$\hat{Y}_t(\ell) = \mu - \theta E(e_{t+\ell-1} | Y_1, Y_2, \dots, Y_t)$$

Also recall from the definition:

$$E(e_{t+j} | Y_1, Y_2, \dots, Y_t) = \begin{cases} e_{t+j} & \text{if } j \leq 0 \\ 0 & \text{if } j > 0 \end{cases}$$

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i.e.,

$$\hat{Y}_t(\ell) = \begin{cases} \mu - \theta e_t & \text{for } \ell = 1 \\ \mu & \text{for } \ell > 1 \end{cases}$$

Problem: e_t is not observed! We will cover calculation of e_t in Video 34.

Example: Forecasting for MA(1) – Forecast Error

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$$\text{Var}(e_t(\ell)) = \sigma_e^2(1 + \theta^2) = \gamma_0$$

(Recall from Video 15 that this is the variance of an MA(1) process.)

Forecasting for ARIMA(p, d, q)

For an ARIMA(p, d, q) process:

- 1 Write out the difference equation form for the non-stationary process Y_t
- 2 The same equations for the forecasts $\hat{Y}_t(\ell)$ and forecast errors $e_t(\ell)$ still apply
- 3 However, the forecast error variance

$$\text{Var}(e_t(\ell)) = \sigma_e^2 \sum_{j=0}^{\ell-1} \psi_j^2$$

will grow without bound as ℓ increases

Example: Forecasting for Random Walk with Drift

Random walk with drift:

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(This is just an “AR(1)” model with $\phi = 1$. Also: It is an ARIMA(0,1,0) model.)

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Example: Forecasting for Random Walk with Drift (cont'd)

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This can be repeated recursively to obtain the explicit expression:

$$\begin{aligned}\hat{Y}_t(\ell) &= \theta_0 + \hat{Y}_t(\ell - 1) \\ &= \theta_0 + [\theta_0 + \hat{Y}_t(\ell - 2)] = 2\theta_0 + \hat{Y}_t(\ell - 2) \\ &\vdots \\ &= \ell\theta_0 + Y_t\end{aligned}$$

Note: In contrast to AR(1), this forecast does *not* converge to μ for large ℓ . Instead, it follows a straight line with slope θ_0 for all ℓ .

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Note: Unlike in AR(1), for large ℓ :

$$\text{Var}(e_t(\ell)) \rightarrow \infty$$

Example: Forecasting for IMA(2,2)

Suppose $\{Y_t\}$ is an IMA(2,2) model with a drift term. Then, $\{W_t\} = \{\nabla^2 Y_t\}$ is an MA(2) model:

The difference equation form for $\{Y_t\}$ is:

$$W_t = \theta_0 + e_t - \theta_1 e_{t-1} - \theta_2 e_{t-2}$$

$$Y_t - 2Y_{t-1} + Y_{t-2} = \theta_0 + e_t - \theta_1 e_{t-1} - \theta_2 e_{t-2}$$

$$\implies Y_t = \theta_0 + 2Y_{t-1} - Y_{t-2} + e_t - \theta_1 e_{t-1} - \theta_2 e_{t-2}$$

(This is just an “ARMA(2,2)” model with $\phi_1 = 2$ & $\phi_2 = -1$)

Example: Forecasting for IMA(2,2) (cont'd)

$$Y_t = \theta_0 + 2Y_{t-1} - Y_{t-2} + e_t - \theta_1 e_{t-1} - \theta_2 e_{t-2}$$

Recall:

$$\begin{aligned}\hat{Y}_t(\ell) &= \theta_0 + \phi_1 \hat{Y}_t(\ell-1) + \phi_2 \hat{Y}_t(\ell-2) + \cdots + \phi_p \hat{Y}_t(\ell-p) \\ &\quad - \theta_1 E(e_{t+\ell-1} | Y_1, Y_2, \dots, Y_t) - \theta_2 E(e_{t+\ell-2} | Y_1, Y_2, \dots, Y_t) - \dots \\ &\quad - \theta_q E(e_{t+\ell-q} | Y_1, Y_2, \dots, Y_t)\end{aligned}$$

Therefore:

$$\begin{aligned}\hat{Y}_t(\ell) &= \theta_0 + 2\hat{Y}_t(\ell-1) - \hat{Y}_t(\ell-2) \\ &\quad - \theta_1 E(e_{t+\ell-1} | Y_1, Y_2, \dots, Y_t) - \theta_2 E(e_{t+\ell-2} | Y_1, Y_2, \dots, Y_t)\end{aligned}$$

Also recall from the definition:

$$E(e_{t+j} | Y_1, Y_2, \dots, Y_t) = \begin{cases} e_{t+j} & \text{if } j \leq 0 \\ 0 & \text{if } j > 0 \end{cases}$$

Example: Forecasting for IMA(2,2) (cont'd)

Therefore:

$$E(e_{t+l-1} | Y_1, Y_2, \dots, Y_t) = \begin{cases} e_{t+l-1} & \text{if } l \leq 1 \\ 0 & \text{if } l > 1 \end{cases} = \begin{cases} e_t & \text{if } l = 1 \\ 0 & \text{if } l > 1 \end{cases}$$

and

$$E(e_{t+l-2} | Y_1, Y_2, \dots, Y_t) = \begin{cases} e_{t+l-2} & \text{if } l \leq 2 \\ 0 & \text{if } l > 2 \end{cases} = \begin{cases} e_{t-1} & \text{if } l = 1 \\ e_t & \text{if } l = 2 \\ 0 & \text{if } l > 2 \end{cases}$$

Example: Forecasting for IMA(2,2) (cont'd)

Therefore:

$$E(e_{t+l-1} | Y_1, Y_2, \dots, Y_t) = \begin{cases} e_{t+l-1} & \text{if } l \leq 1 \\ 0 & \text{if } l > 1 \end{cases} = \begin{cases} e_t & \text{if } l = 1 \\ 0 & \text{if } l > 1 \end{cases}$$

and

$$E(e_{t+l-2} | Y_1, Y_2, \dots, Y_t) = \begin{cases} e_{t+l-2} & \text{if } l \leq 2 \\ 0 & \text{if } l > 2 \end{cases} = \begin{cases} e_{t-1} & \text{if } l = 1 \\ e_t & \text{if } l = 2 \\ 0 & \text{if } l > 2 \end{cases}$$

So:

$$\hat{Y}_t(l) = \begin{cases} \theta_0 + 2\hat{Y}_t(l-1) - \hat{Y}_t(l-2) - \theta_1 e_t - \theta_2 e_{t-1} & \text{for } l = 1 \\ \theta_0 + 2\hat{Y}_t(l-1) - \hat{Y}_t(l-2) - \theta_2 e_t & \text{for } l = 2 \\ \theta_0 + 2\hat{Y}_t(l-1) - \hat{Y}_t(l-2) & \text{for } l > 2 \end{cases}$$

Example: Forecasting for IMA(2,2) (cont'd)

$$\hat{Y}_t(\ell) = \begin{cases} \theta_0 + 2\hat{Y}_t(\ell-1) - \hat{Y}_t(\ell-2) - \theta_1 e_t - \theta_2 e_{t-1} & \text{for } \ell = 1 \\ \theta_0 + 2\hat{Y}_t(\ell-1) - \hat{Y}_t(\ell-2) - \theta_2 e_t & \text{for } \ell = 2 \\ \theta_0 + 2\hat{Y}_t(\ell-1) - \hat{Y}_t(\ell-2) & \text{for } \ell > 2 \end{cases}$$

i.e.,

$$\hat{Y}_t(\ell) = \begin{cases} \theta_0 + 2Y_t - Y_{t-1} - \theta_1 e_t - \theta_2 e_{t-1} & \text{for } \ell = 1 \\ \theta_0 + 2\hat{Y}_t(1) - Y_t - \theta_2 e_t & \text{for } \ell = 2 \\ \theta_0 + 2\hat{Y}_t(\ell-1) - \hat{Y}_t(\ell-2) & \text{for } \ell > 2 \end{cases}$$

Example: Forecasting for IMA(2,2) (cont'd)

$$\hat{Y}_t(\ell) = \begin{cases} \theta_0 + 2\hat{Y}_t(\ell-1) - \hat{Y}_t(\ell-2) - \theta_1 e_t - \theta_2 e_{t-1} & \text{for } \ell = 1 \\ \theta_0 + 2\hat{Y}_t(\ell-1) - \hat{Y}_t(\ell-2) - \theta_2 e_t & \text{for } \ell = 2 \\ \theta_0 + 2\hat{Y}_t(\ell-1) - \hat{Y}_t(\ell-2) & \text{for } \ell > 2 \end{cases}$$

i.e.,

$$\hat{Y}_t(\ell) = \begin{cases} \theta_0 + 2Y_t - Y_{t-1} - \theta_1 e_t - \theta_2 e_{t-1} & \text{for } \ell = 1 \\ \theta_0 + 2\hat{Y}_t(1) - Y_t - \theta_2 e_t & \text{for } \ell = 2 \\ \theta_0 + 2\hat{Y}_t(\ell-1) - \hat{Y}_t(\ell-2) & \text{for } \ell > 2 \end{cases}$$

We won't derive the expression for $\text{Var}(e_t(\ell))$ here. It can be shown to be a cubic function of ℓ .

That's all for now!

In this video, we've learned how to obtain forecasts for the general $\text{ARIMA}(p,d,q)$ model.

We've also practiced calculating these forecasts for several different ARIMA models.

Finally, we learned how to calculate forecast error variances, which will be useful to us in constructing prediction intervals.

Coming Up Next: More topics in forecasting!

Thank you!

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