

# Lecture 9

## PREDICTION INTERVALS

# **AR(1) one-step-ahead prediction intervals**

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$$Y_{n+1} | \mathcal{Y}_n \sim N(\phi_1 Y_n, \sigma_n^2)$$

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$$\phi_1 Y_n \pm 1.96 \times \sigma_n$$

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1-step-ahead prediction error

# AR(1) one-step-ahead forecasting

95% prediction interval for  $Y_{n+1}$  :

$$\hat{\phi}_1 Y_n \pm 1.96 \times \hat{\sigma}_n$$

$\hat{\phi}_1$  : usual parameter estimate

$$\hat{\sigma}_n^2 = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{t=2}^n \hat{U}_t^2$$

(Assumes  $\text{var}(U_t | \mathcal{Y}_{t-1})$  is constant for all  $t$ ).

# AR(1) one-step-ahead prediction interval

Assuming for all  $t$

$$Y_t \mid \mathcal{Y}_{t-1} \sim N(\phi_1 Y_{t-1}, \sigma^2)$$

the 95% prediction interval for  $Y_{n+1}$  is

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- The prediction interval contains  $Y_{n+1}$  with (approx) 95% probability in repeated samples.
- Interval width indicates precision of the forecast.

# **General one-step-ahead prediction intervals**

# One-step-ahead prediction interval

Assuming for all  $t$

$$Y_t \mid \mathcal{Y}_{t-1} \sim N(\mu_{t-1}(\theta), \sigma^2)$$

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eg. ARMA with trend, dummies etc.
- $\theta$  : all parameters of the model  
 $\hat{\theta}$  : parameter estimates

# Application: 3 month BAB interest rates

AR(3) model for  $\Delta\text{BAB3}_t$ , Jan-2010 to Jun-2024.

$$\Delta\text{BAB3}_t = \mu + Z_t$$

$$Z_t = \phi_1 Z_{t-1} + \phi_2 Z_{t-2} + \phi_3 Z_{t-3} + U_t$$

$$\theta = (\mu, \phi_1, \phi_2, \phi_3)'$$

$$\hat{\mu} = 0.0018$$

$$\hat{\phi}_1 = 0.6387, \hat{\phi}_2 = -0.1530, \hat{\phi}_3 = 0.1835$$

$$\hat{\sigma}^2 = 0.0120$$

# Application: 3 month BAB interest rates

```
1 # 1-step-ahead forecast object  
2 AR3f <- forecast(AR3, h=1)  
3  
4 # Point forecast  
5 print(round(AR3f$mean, 4))
```

Jul  
2024 0.0249

# Application: 3 month BAB interest rates

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```

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```
1 # 95% prediction interval  
2 Lower <- round(AR3f$lower[, "95%"], 4)  
3 Upper <- round(AR3f$upper[, "95%"], 4)  
4 cat(paste0("(", Lower, ", ", Upper, ")"))
```

```
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```

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Replicating:

```
1 Lower <- round(AR3f$mean-1.96*sqrt(AR3$sigm.  
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```

# **AR(1) multi-step-ahead prediction intervals**

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- $\text{var}(U_t | \mathcal{Y}_{t-1}) = \sigma^2$  (assumption)
- $U_t | \mathcal{Y}_{t-1}$  is normally distributed.  
(assumption)

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⋮

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$h$ -step-ahead forecast:

$$E(Y_t | \mathcal{Y}_{t-h}) = \phi_1^h Y_{t-h}$$

since

$$E(U_{t-j} | \mathcal{Y}_{t-h}) = 0, \quad j = 0, 1, \dots, h-1.$$

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$h$ -step-ahead forecast:

$$E(Y_t | \mathcal{Y}_{t-h}) = \phi_1^h Y_{t-h}$$

$h$ -step-ahead forecast error:

$$\begin{aligned} U_{t|t-h} &= Y_t - E(Y_t | \mathcal{Y}_{t-h}) \\ &= \sum_{j=0}^{h-1} \phi_1^j U_{t-j} \end{aligned}$$

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$$U_{t|t-h} = \sum_{j=0}^{h-1} \phi_1^j U_{t-j}$$

$$\text{var}(U_{t|t-h}) = \sum_{j=0}^{h-1} \phi_1^{2j} \sigma^2$$

# AR(1) $h$ -step-ahead recursive forecasts

$$Y_t | \mathcal{Y}_{t-1} \sim N(\phi_1 Y_{t-1}, \sigma^2)$$

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$$Y_{n+1} \mid \mathcal{Y}_n \sim N(\phi_1 Y_n, \sigma^2)$$

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- 95% prediction interval:

$$\hat{\phi}_1^h Y_n \pm 1.96 \times \sqrt{\hat{\sigma}^2 \sum_{j=0}^{h-1} \hat{\phi}_1^{2j}}$$

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$$\Rightarrow U_{n+h|n} | \mathcal{Y}_n \sim N\left(0, \sigma^2 \sum_{j=0}^{h-1} \phi_1^{2j}\right)$$

- Variance of  $h$ -step-ahead forecast error is increasing with  $h$ .
- Prediction interval width increases with  $h$ .

# **General multi-step-ahead prediction intervals**

# ARMA 1-step-ahead recursive forecasts

$$Y_t \mid \mathcal{Y}_{t-1} \sim N \left( \sum_{j=1}^{t-1} \lambda_j^{(1)} Y_{t-j}, \sigma^2 \right)$$

where  $\lambda_j^{(1)}$  are functions of the ARMA coefficients.

- AR(1):  $\lambda_1^{(1)} = \phi_1$  and  $\lambda_j^{(1)} = 0$  for  $j > 1$
- AR(2):  $\lambda_1^{(1)} = \phi_1, \lambda_2^{(1)} = \phi_2, \lambda_j^{(1)} = 0$  for  $j > 2$
- MA(1):  $\lambda_j^{(1)} = -(-\theta_1)^j$

# ARMA $h$ -step-ahead recursive forecasts

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- $\lambda_j^{(h)}, \eta_j^{(h)}$  are functions of the ARMA coefficients.
- Eg. AR(1):  $\lambda_h^{(h)} = \phi_1^h, \lambda_j^{(h)} = 0$  for  $j > h$   
 $\eta_j^{(h)} = \phi_1^j$  for  $j = 0, \dots, h-1$

# ARMA $h$ -step-ahead recursive forecasts

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- $\lambda_j^{(h)}, \eta_j^{(h)}$  are functions of the ARMA coefficients.
- **forecast** handles calculating these.

# Application: 3 month BAB interest rates

```
1 # 12-step-ahead forecast object  
2 AR3f <- forecast(AR3, h=12)  
3  
4 # Point forecast  
5 Point <- AR3f$mean
```

	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
2024	0.0249	0.0101	0.0087	0.0092	0.0070	0.0052
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
2025	0.0046	0.0040	0.0034	0.0030	0.0027	0.0025

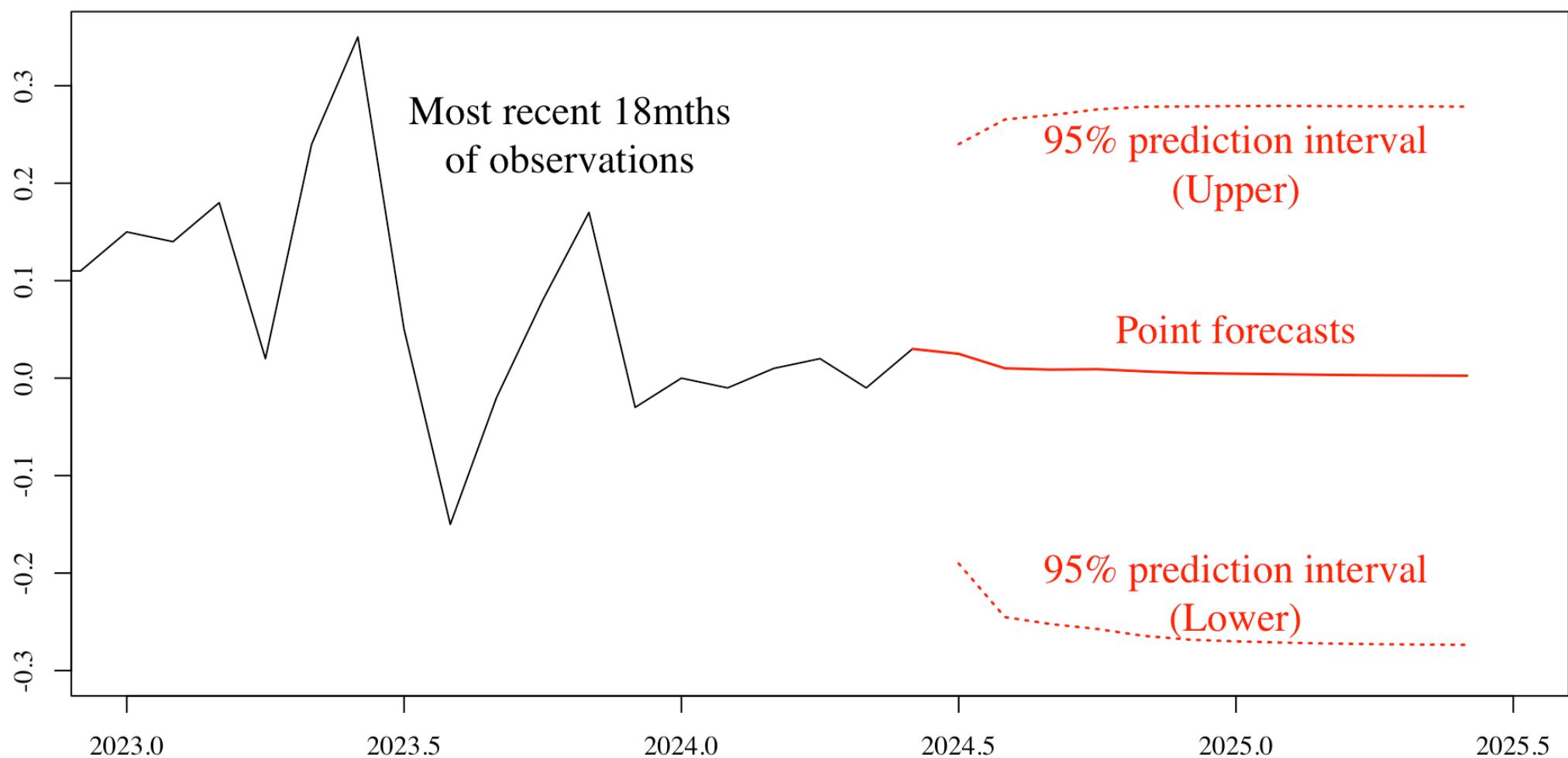
# Application: 3 month BAB interest rates

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2 AR3f <- forecast(AR3, h=12)  
3  
4 # Point forecast  
5 Point <- AR3f$mean  
6  
7 # 95% prediction intervals  
8 Lower <- AR3f$lower[, "95%"]  
9 Upper <- AR3f$upper[, "95%"]
```

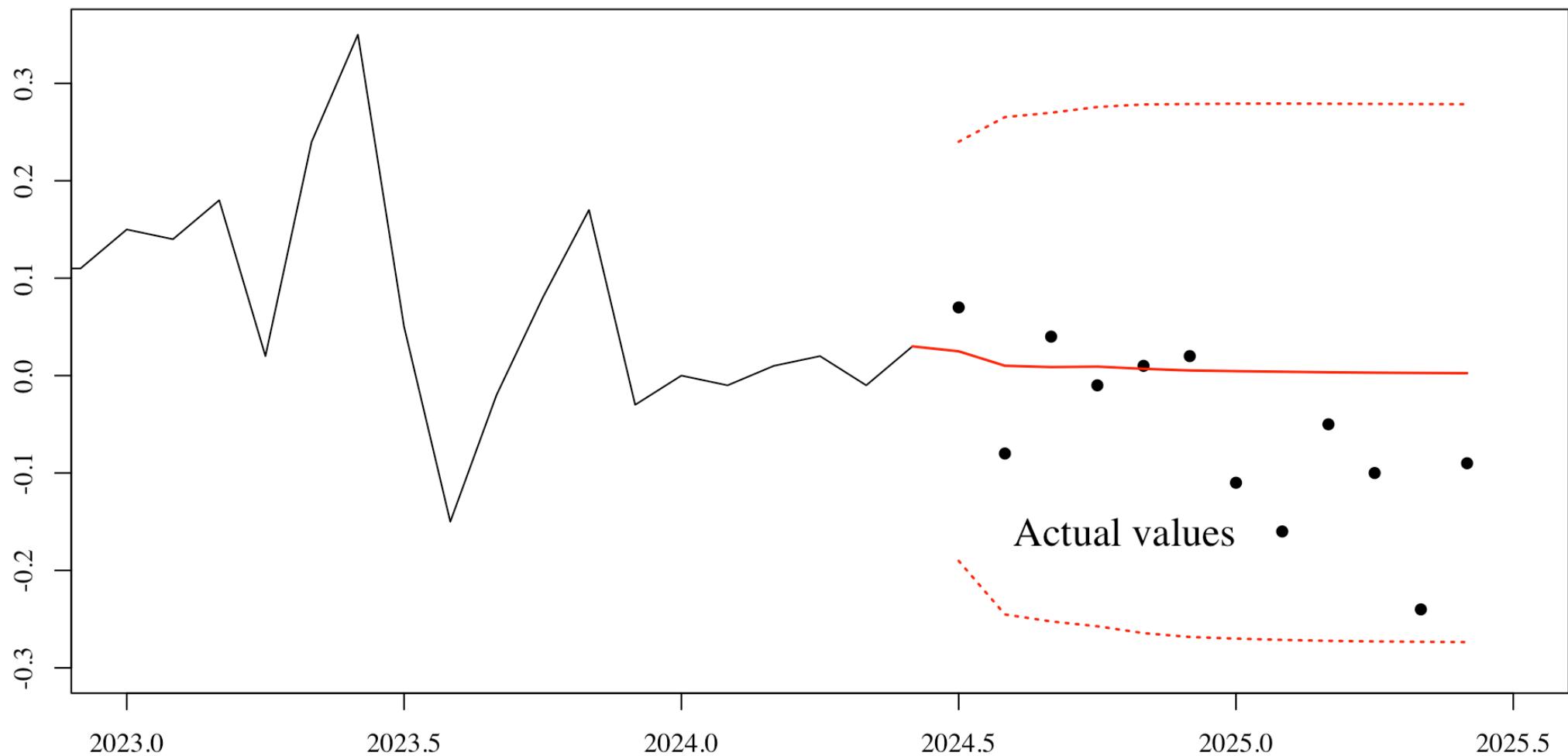
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		Lower	Point	Upper
Jul	2024	-0.190	0.025	0.240
Aug	2024	-0.245	0.010	0.265
Sep	2024	-0.252	0.009	0.270
Oct	2024	-0.257	0.009	0.276
Nov	2024	-0.264	0.007	0.278
Dec	2024	-0.268	0.005	0.279
Jan	2025	-0.270	0.005	0.279

# Application: 3 month BAB interest rates



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# **Relaxing normality: bootstrap prediction intervals**

# The **normality** assumption

$$Y_t | \mathcal{Y}_{t-1} \sim N \left( \sum_{j=1}^{t-1} \lambda_j^{(1)} Y_{t-j}, \sigma^2 \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow Y_t | \mathcal{Y}_{t-h} \sim N \left( \sum_{j=h}^{t-1} \lambda_j^{(h)} Y_{t-j}, \sigma^2 \sum_{j=0}^{h-1} \eta_j^{(h) 2} \right)$$

Justifies the usual 95% confidence interval:

Point  $\pm 1.96 \times \text{s.d.}$

# The normality assumption

$$Y_t \mid \mathcal{Y}_{t-h} \sim N \left( \sum_{j=h}^{t-1} \lambda_j^{(h)} Y_{t-j}, \sigma^2 \sum_{j=0}^{h-1} \eta_j^{(h) 2} \right)$$

is based from on a recursive representation

$$Y_t = \sum_{j=h}^{t-1} \lambda_j^{(h)} Y_{t-j} + \sum_{j=0}^{h-1} \eta_j^{(h)} U_{t-j}$$

derived from the ARMA model.

# The normality assumption

$$Y_t = \sum_{j=h}^{t-1} \lambda_j^{(h)} Y_{t-j} + \sum_{j=0}^{h-1} \eta_j^{(h)} U_{t-j}$$

The conditional normality assumption for  $Y_t$  is equivalent to a normality assumption for  $U_t$ .

- Can we tell if  $U_t$  is importantly non-normal?
- And what to do about it?

# The normality assumption

$$Y_t = \sum_{j=h}^{t-1} \lambda_j^{(h)} Y_{t-j} + \sum_{j=0}^{h-1} \eta_j^{(h)} U_{t-j}$$

Mean of  $Y_t$   
conditional  
on  $\mathcal{Y}_{t-j}$

Unknown/  
stochastic  
given  $\mathcal{Y}_{t-j}$

# The **normality** assumption

$$Y_t = \sum_{j=h}^{t-1} \lambda_j^{(h)} Y_{t-j} + \sum_{j=0}^{h-1} \eta_j^{(h)} U_{t-j}$$

$$U_t \sim N(0, \sigma^2) \quad \Rightarrow \quad \sim N\left(0, \sigma^2 \sum_{j=0}^{h-1} \eta_j^{(h) 2}\right)$$

- Can we tell if  $U_t$  is importantly non-normal?

Look at a histogram of residuals  $\widehat{U}_t$ .

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- And what to do about it?  
Use the residuals to simulate / “bootstrap” the  $h$ -step ahead prediction error distribution.

# Bootstrap for prediction errors

To approximate the distribution of  $\sum_{j=0}^{h-1} \eta_j^{(h)} U_{t-j}$ .

1. Obtain residuals  $\hat{U}_t, t = 1, \dots, n$ .
2. From these residuals, draw a random sample (with replacement) of size  $h$  denoted  $U_t^*, U_{t-1}^*, \dots, U_{t-h+1}^*$ .
3. Compute  $\sum_{j=0}^{h-1} \hat{\eta}_j^{(h)} U_{t-j}^*$
4. Repeat 2,3 “many times”.
5. Compute quantiles  $q_{0.025}^*, q_{0.975}^*$ .

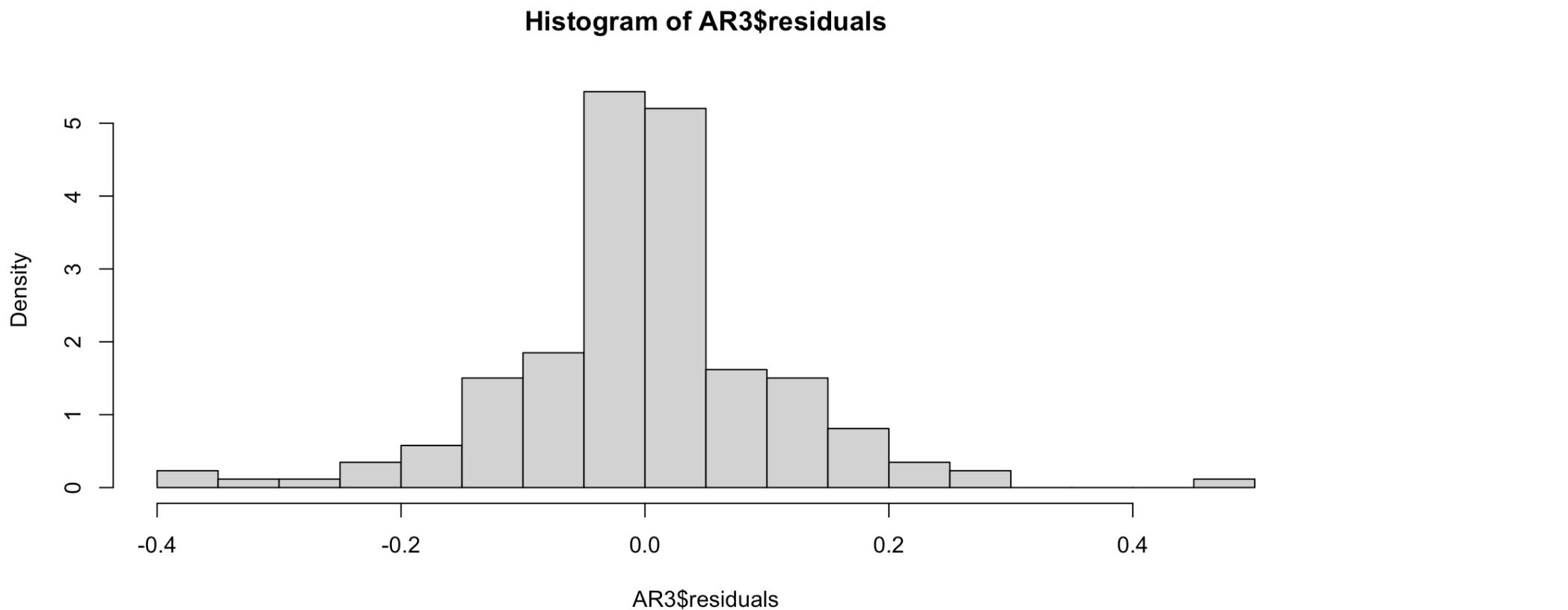
# Bootstrap prediction interval

$$Y_t = \sum_{j=h}^{t-1} \lambda_j^{(h)} Y_{t-j} + \sum_{j=0}^{h-1} \eta_j^{(h)} U_{t-j}$$

$$\left( \sum_{j=h}^{t-1} \hat{\lambda}_j^{(h)} Y_{t-j} + q_{0.025}^*, \sum_{j=h}^{t-1} \hat{\lambda}_j^{(h)} Y_{t-j} + q_{0.975}^* \right)$$

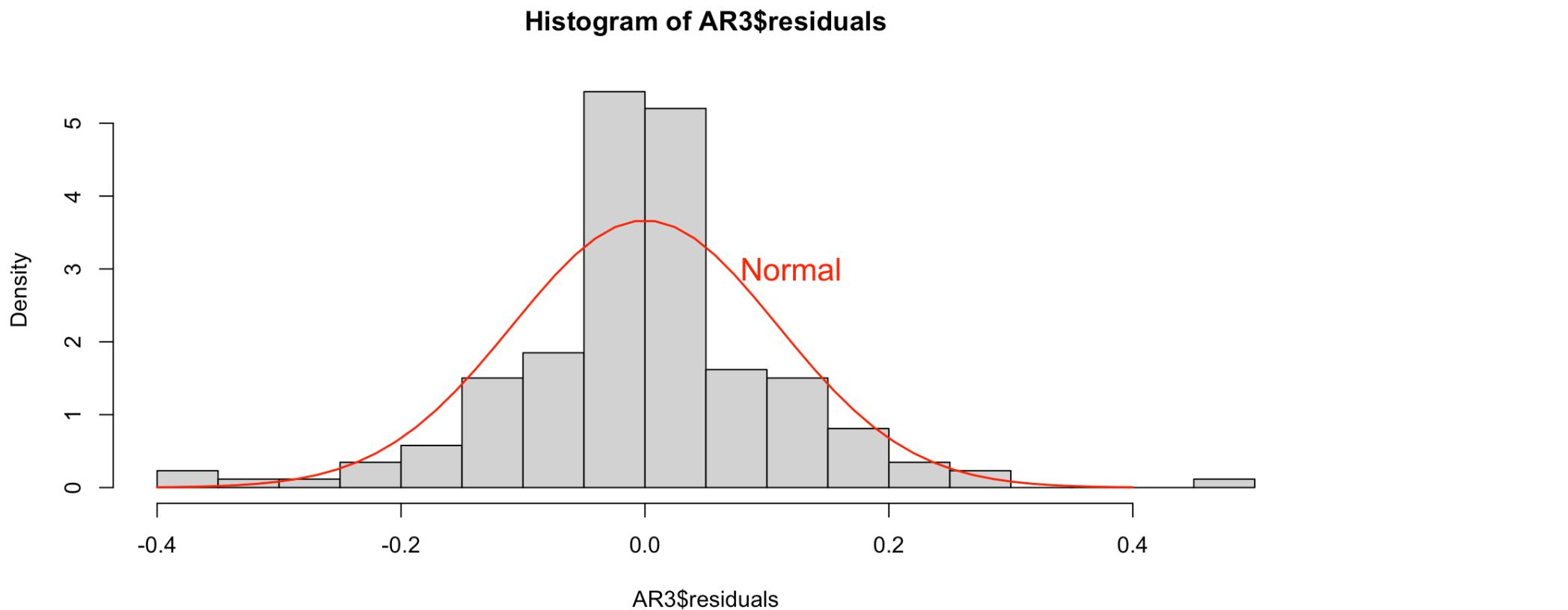
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```
1 AR3 <- Arima(DY, order=c(3,0,0))  
2 hist(AR3$residuals, breaks=25, freq=FALSE)
```



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# Application: 3 month BAB interest rates

```
1 # h-step-ahead forecasts, BS prediction interval  
2 AR3fBS <- forecast(AR3, h=12, bootstrap=TRUE)  
3 LowerBS <- AR3fBS$lower[, "95%"]  
4 UpperBS <- AR3fBS$upper[, "95%"]
```

	Time	LowerBS	Point	UpperBS
1	2024.500	-0.223	0.025	0.266
2	2024.583	-0.260	0.010	0.264
3	2024.667	-0.279	0.009	0.270
4	2024.750	-0.266	0.009	0.289
5	2024.833	-0.281	0.007	0.288
6	2024.917	-0.283	0.005	0.291
7	2025.000	-0.297	0.005	0.282

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