

# Time Series

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## Load R packages and define helper functions
library(ggplot2, quietly = TRUE)
library(reshape2, quietly = TRUE)

## Function to plot multiple ggplots on the same image
multiplot <- function(..., plotlist=NULL, cols) {
  require(grid)

  # Make a list from the ... arguments and plotlist
  plots <- c(list(...), plotlist)

  numPlots = length(plots)

  # Make the panel
  plotCols = cols # Number of columns of plots
  plotRows = ceiling(numPlots/plotCols) # Number of rows needed, calculated from # of cols

  # Set up the page
  grid.newpage()
  pushViewport(viewport(layout = grid.layout(plotRows, plotCols)))
  vplayout <- function(x, y)
    viewport(layout.pos.row = x, layout.pos.col = y)

  # Make each plot, in the correct location
  for (i in 1:numPlots) {
    curRow = ceiling(i/plotCols)
    curCol = (i-1) %% plotCols + 1
    print(plots[[i]], vp = vplayout(curRow, curCol ))
  }
}
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First, we start with the canonical difference equation for the time series autoregressive model of order 1 (AR(1))

$$y_t = \mu_t + \phi y_{t-1} + \epsilon_t \quad (1)$$

where the time series observations for times  $t = 1, \dots, T$  are given by the vector  $\mathbf{y} = (y_1, \dots, y_T)$  where  $y_t$  is the observation of the time series at time  $t$ . The vector  $\boldsymbol{\mu}$  is the temporal mean with  $\mu_t$  representing the mean of the time series at time  $t$ . Often the mean is a trend or seasonal component like in the example below. The autoregressive parameter  $\phi$  controls the strength of autocorrelation in the time series with  $-1 < \phi < 1$  and the random error  $\epsilon_t \sim N(0, \sigma^2)$  is independent for different times (i.e. the covariance  $\text{Cov}(\epsilon_t, \epsilon_{t+k}) = 0$  for  $k \neq 0$ ).

Lets simulate some data here

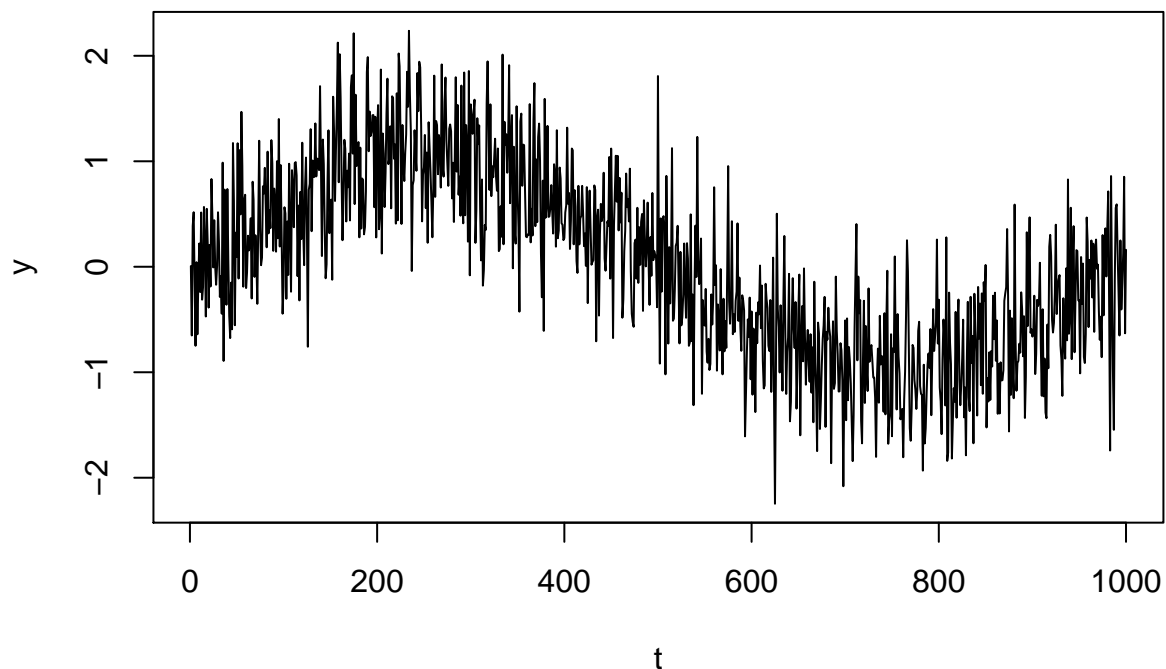
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N <- 1                                ## pick the number of time series
t <- 1000                             ## pick a time series length
mu <- sin(2 * pi * (1:t)/t)
s <- 0.5                              ## pick standard deviation
phi <- 0.75                           ## pick autocorrelation parameter

##
## function to simulate time series
##

simTimeSeries <- function(t, N, mu, s, phi){
  y <- matrix(mu[1], t, N)             ## initialize container
  epsilon <- rnorm(N*(t-1), 0, s)      ## independent random error
  y[2:t, ] <- mu[2:t] + phi * y[1:(t-1), ] + epsilon ## autoregressive model
  return(y)
}

y <- simTimeSeries(t, N, mu, s, phi)
matplot(y, type="l", main="simulated time series", xlab="t")
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**simulated time series**



The expected value  $E(y_t)$  of the time series at time  $t$  is

$$\begin{aligned} E(y_t) &= E(\phi y_{t-1}) + E(\epsilon_t) \\ &= \phi E(y_{t-1}) + 0 \end{aligned}$$

where, assuming a constant mean  $\mu$  accross time we have

$$\begin{aligned} E(y_t) &= \phi E(y_{t-1}) \\ \rightarrow E(y_t)(1 - \phi) &= 0 \\ \rightarrow E(y_t) &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

and assuming constant variance through time, the variance is

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Var}(y_t) &= \text{Var}(\phi y_{t-1} + \epsilon_t) \\ &= \text{Var}(\phi y_{t-1}) + \text{Var}(\epsilon_t) + 2\text{Cov}(\phi y_{t-1}, \epsilon_t) \\ &= \phi^2 \text{Var}(y_{t-1}) + \sigma^2 + 0 \end{aligned}$$

Then using our modeling assumption  $\text{Var}(y_t) = \text{Var}(y_{t-1})$ ,

$$\text{Var}(y_t) - \phi^2 \text{Var}(y_t) = \sigma^2$$

gives the solution  $\text{Var}(y_t) = \frac{\sigma^2}{1-\phi^2}$ .

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N <- 10                                ## replicates N
y <- simTimeSeries(t, N, mu, s, phi)    ## simulate time series
## legend() add in legend for mean and y label
## Notice that the y axis is shrunk to 0

##

mean_y <- apply(y, 1, mean)             ## calculate the mean
var_y <- apply(y, 1, var)                ## calculate the variance
sd_y <- apply(y, 1, sd)                 ## calculate the standard deviation

time_data <- data.frame(y=y, t=1:t)
melt_time <- melt(time_data, id="t")
summary_data <- data.frame(mean_y=mean_y, var_y=var_y, sd_y=sd_y, mu=mu,
                           s=s, t=1:t)

## plot time series with mean and variance

plot_mean <- ggplot(data = melt_time, aes(y=value, x=t)) +
  geom_line(alpha=1, colour="darkgrey") +
  geom_line(data=summary_data, aes(y=mean_y, x=t, colour="empirical"),
            alpha=0.75) +
  geom_line(data=summary_data, aes(y=mu, x=t, colour="truth"), alpha=0.75,
            lty=2, lwd=2) +
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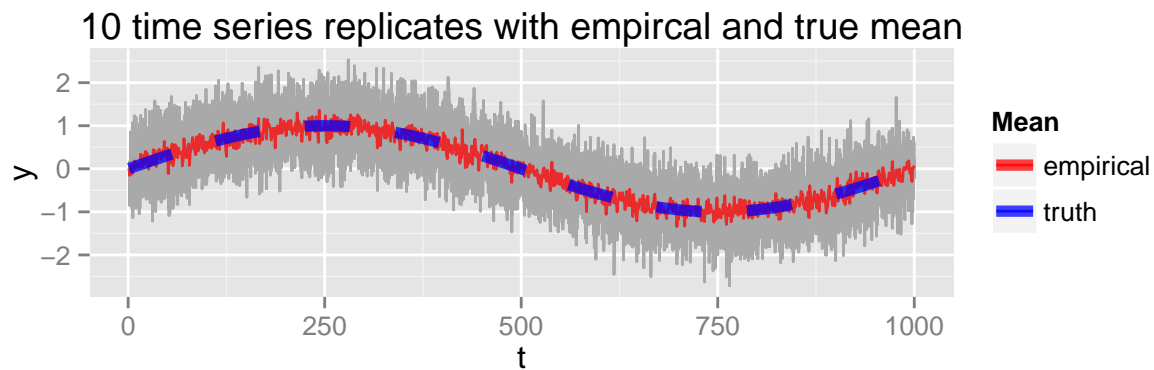
scale_colour_manual("Mean", labels=c("empirical", "truth"),
                    values=c("empirical"="red", "truth"="blue")) +
scale_y_continuous("y") + scale_x_continuous("t") +
ggtitle(paste(min(N, 10),
              "time series replicates with empircal and true mean"))

plot_sd <- ggplot(data = melt_time, aes(y=value, x=t)) +
  geom_line(alpha=1, colour="darkgrey") +
  geom_line(data=summary_data, aes(y=sd_y, x=t, colour="empirical"),
            alpha=0.75) +
  geom_line(data=summary_data, aes(y=s, x=t, colour="truth"), alpha=0.75,
            lty=2, lwd=2) +
  scale_colour_manual("Std Dev", labels=c("empirical", "truth"),
                      values=c("empirical"="red", "truth"="blue")) +
  scale_y_continuous("y") + scale_x_continuous("t") +
  ggtitle(paste(min(N, 10),
                "time series replicates with empirical and true standard deviation"))

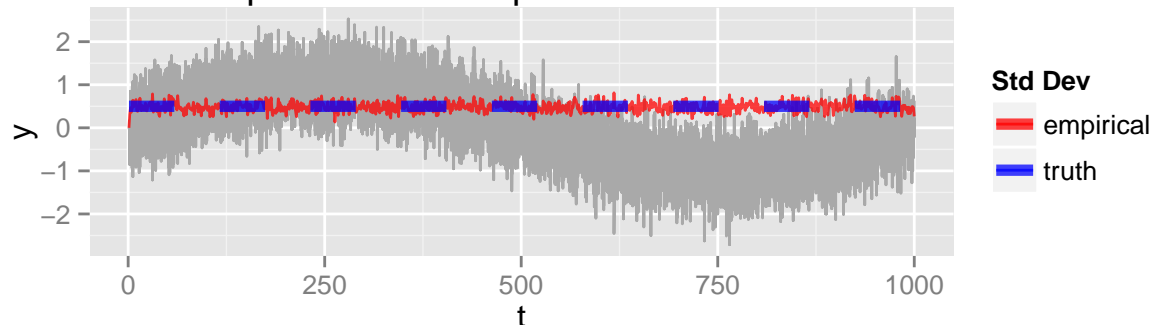
multiplot(plot_mean, plot_sd, cols=1)

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## Loading required package: grid



10 time series replicates with empirical and true standard deviation



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# scale_fill_discrete(breaks=c(expression(hat(mu)), expression(mu)))
# matplot(y[, 1:min(N, 10)], type="l", col=adjustcolor("grey", alpha.f = 0.75),
#         main=paste(min(N, 10), " simulated time series", sep="") , xlab="t", ylab="y")
# matplot(mean_y, type="l", col=adjustcolor("red", alpha.f=0.75), lwd = 2, add = TRUE)

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# lines(1:t, mu, col = adjustcolor("blue", alpha.f=0.75), lty=2, lwd = 3)
# legend("topright", c(expression(hat(mu)), expression(hat(mu))), lty=c(1,2),
#       col=c(adjustcolor("red", alpha.f=0.75),
#       adjustcolor("blue", alpha.f=0.75)), lwd=c(3,3), cex=0.5)
# matplot(y[, 1:min(N, 10)], type="l", col=adjustcolor("grey", alpha.f = 0.75),
#       main=paste(min(N, 10), " simulated time series", sep="") , xlab="t", ylab="y")
# matplot(sd_y, type = 'l', add = TRUE, col = 'red', lwd = 3)
# lines(1:t, rep(s, t), col =adjustcolor("blue", alpha.f=0.75), lty=2, lwd=3)
# legend("topright", c(expression(hat(sigma)), expression(hat(sigma))), lty=c(1,2),
#       col=c(adjustcolor("red", alpha.f=0.75),
#       adjustcolor("blue", alpha.f=0.75)), lwd=c(3,3), cex=0.5)

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The covariance between observations  $\text{Cov}(y_t, y_{t+k})$  at times  $k$  lags apart (assuming without loss of generality that  $k > 0$ ) is

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{Cov}(y_t, y_{t+k}) &= E(y_t y_{t+k}) - E(y_t)E(y_{t+k}) \\
&= E(y_t(\phi y_{t+k-1} + \epsilon_{t+k})) - 0 \\
&= E(\phi y_t y_{t+k-1}) + E(y_t \epsilon_{t+k}) \\
&= E(\phi y_t y_{t+k-1}) + E(y_t)E(\epsilon_{t+k}) \\
&= E(\phi y_t y_{t+k-1}) + 0 \\
&= E(y_t(\phi y_{t+k-2} + \epsilon_{t+k-1})) \\
&= \vdots \\
&= \phi^k E(y_t^2) \\
&= \phi^k \frac{\sigma^2}{1 - \phi^2}.
\end{aligned}$$

Thus, knowing the mean, variance, and covariance at each time  $t$  and each lag  $k$ , we can write the autoregressive model (??) as

$$\mathbf{y} = \boldsymbol{\mu} + \boldsymbol{\eta} \quad (2)$$

where  $\boldsymbol{\mu} = (0, \dots, 0)$  and  $\boldsymbol{\eta} \sim N(\mathbf{0}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma})$  where

$$\boldsymbol{\Sigma} = \frac{\sigma^2}{1 - \phi^2} \begin{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \phi & \phi^2 & \phi^3 & \dots & \phi^{T-1} \\ \phi & 1 & \phi & \phi^2 & \dots & \phi^{T-2} \\ \phi^2 & \phi & 1 & \phi & \dots & \phi^{T-3} \\ \phi^3 & \phi^2 & \phi & 1 & \dots & \phi^{T-4} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \phi^{T-1} & \phi^{T-2} & \phi^{T-3} & \phi^{T-4} & \dots & 1 \end{pmatrix} \end{pmatrix}$$

Typically, the distributions of interest in a time series model are the forecast distribution (used for prediction) and the smoothing distribution (used for estimation of parameters). The forecast distribution at time  $\tau + 1$  consists of knowledge of all of the observations of the time series up to the time  $\tau$   $y_{1:\tau} = (y_1, \dots, y_\tau)$  given by

$$[y_{\tau+1}|y_{1:\tau}] = [y_{\tau+1}|y_{\tau}]$$

by the Markov assumption in the autoregressive model. Then, the one step ahead expected forecast is

$$\begin{aligned} E(y_{\tau+1}|y_{1:\tau}) &= E(y_{\tau+1}|y_{\tau}) \\ &= E(\phi y_{\tau} + \epsilon_{\tau+1}|y_{\tau}) \\ &= E(\phi y_{\tau}|y_{\tau}) + E(\epsilon_{\tau+1}|y_{\tau}) \\ &= \phi y_{\tau} + 0. \end{aligned}$$

The  $k$  step ahead expected forecast is calculated by using a recursive formula of the equation above where  $E(y_{\tau+k}|y_{1:\tau}) = \phi^k y_{\tau}$ .

Likewise, the one step ahead forecast variance is

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Var}(y_{\tau+1}|y_{1:\tau}) &= \text{Var}(y_{\tau+1}|y_{\tau}) \\ &= \text{Var}(\phi y_{\tau} + \epsilon_{\tau+1}|y_{\tau}) \\ &= \phi^2 \text{Var}(y_{\tau}|y_{\tau}) + 2\text{Cov}(\phi y_{\tau}, \epsilon_{\tau+1}|y_{\tau}) + \text{Var}(\epsilon_{\tau+1}|y_{\tau}) \\ &= 0 + 0 + \sigma^2. \end{aligned}$$

The  $k$  step ahead forecast variance can also be calculated recursively giving  $\text{Var}(y_{\tau+k}|y_{1:\tau-1}) = \sum_{i=1}^k \phi^{2(i-1)} \sigma^2$ .