

Lecture 6. Unit-Root Nonstationarity

1. Random Walk with Drift

Definition 1.1. A *random walk with drift* is defined by

$$x_t = \delta + x_{t-1} + \varepsilon_t,$$

where $\varepsilon_t \sim WN(0, \sigma_\varepsilon^2)$. The constant term δ represents the *time trend* of x_t and is referred to as the *drift* of the model.

- Starting at the fixed value x_0 , one obtains:

$$\begin{aligned} x_1 &= \delta + x_0 + \varepsilon_1 \\ x_2 &= \delta + x_1 + \varepsilon_2 = 2\delta + x_0 + \varepsilon_2 + \varepsilon_1 \\ x_3 &= \delta + x_2 + \varepsilon_3 = 3\delta + x_0 + \varepsilon_3 + \varepsilon_2 + \varepsilon_1 \\ &\vdots \\ x_t &= x_0 + \delta t + \varepsilon_t + \varepsilon_{t-1} + \cdots + \varepsilon_1. \end{aligned}$$

$\varepsilon = \text{white noise}$

So, the mean and variance are

$$x_t \sim (x_0 + \delta t, \sigma_\varepsilon^2 t^2)$$

time dependent

$$\begin{aligned} E[x_t] &= x_0 + \delta t \\ Var[x_t] &= \sigma_\varepsilon^2 t, \end{aligned}$$

// not time invariant
time dependent

both of which are “time dependent” (i.e., no longer stationary). A positive drift δ implies that x_t eventually goes to ∞ , while a negative drift implies that x_t converges to $-\infty$.

Time trend

Remark 1.2. A random walk model with drift has been widely considered as a statistical model for the movement of logged stock prices:

$$p_t = \mu + p_{t-1} + \varepsilon_t,$$

where $p_t = \log(P_t)$ and $\varepsilon_t \sim WN(0, \sigma_\varepsilon^2)$. Using $r_t = p_t - p_{t-1}$, the model is rewritten as

$$r_t = \mu + \varepsilon_t,$$

thereby meaning that a return series follows a white noise process with mean μ . Since the white noise process is featured with no autocorrelation, hence, the past returns $\{r_{t-1}, r_{t-2}, r_{t-3}, \dots\}$ are not relevant to the current return r_t , which is exactly equivalent to the notion of a *weak-form market efficiency*.

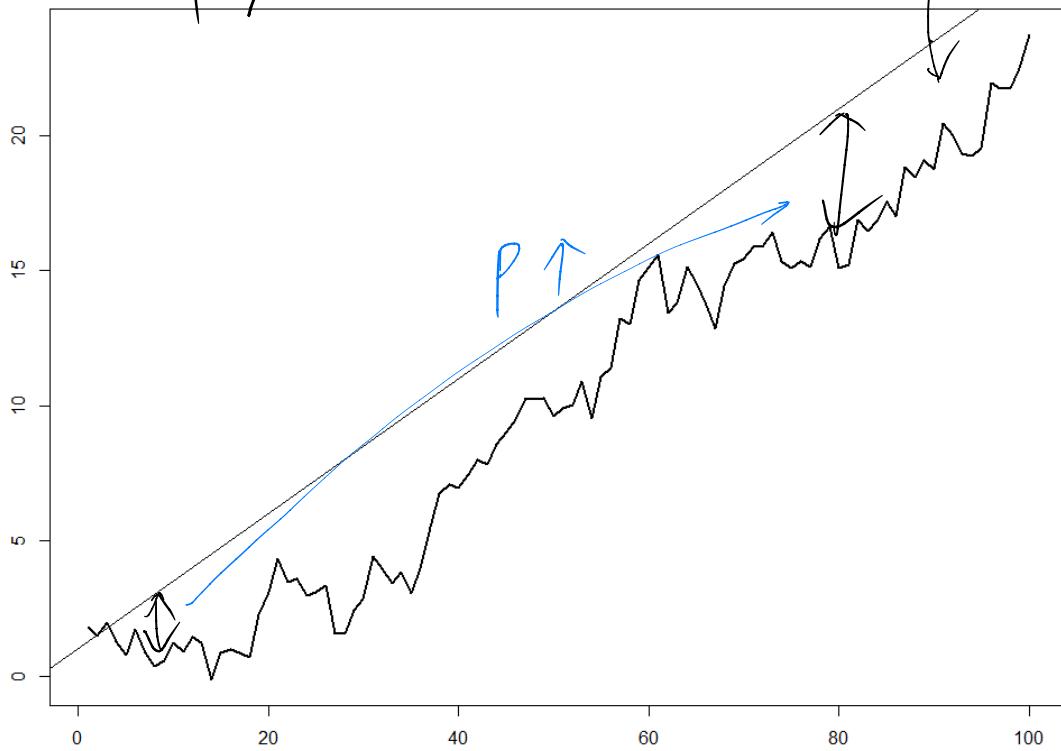
Example 1.3. Simulate a random walk with drift when $\delta = 0.25$, $x_0 = 1$, and $\sigma_\varepsilon^2 = 1$

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> e <- rnorm(n = 100)
> t <- 1:100
> x <- 1 + 0.25*t + cumsum(e)
> plot.ts(x, lwd = 2, xlab = "", ylab = "")
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> abline(a = 1, b = 0.25)
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$$\text{Var}[x_t] = \sigma^2_{\varepsilon} \cdot t \rightarrow \infty \text{ as } t \rightarrow \infty$$

imply



Remark 1.4. The s -step ahead forecast is

$$\begin{aligned}\hat{x}_t[s] &= E[x_{t+s}|I_t] \\ &= E[\delta + x_{t+s-1} + \varepsilon_{t+s}|I_t] \\ &= E[2\delta + x_{t+s-2} + \varepsilon_{t+s-1} + \varepsilon_{t+s}|I_t] \\ &= E[\delta s + x_t + \underbrace{\varepsilon_{t+s} + \dots + \varepsilon_{t+1}}_{\text{expected value}}|I_t] \\ &= \delta s + x_t\end{aligned}$$

MACD
converges to μ .
 $\hat{x}_t[s] \rightarrow \mu$

for any $s \geq 1$. So, the s -step ahead forecast is “not” mean reverting. The s -step ahead forecast error is

$$\begin{aligned}e_t[s] &= x_{t+s} - \hat{x}_t[s] \\ &= \varepsilon_{t+s} + \varepsilon_{t+s-1} + \dots + \varepsilon_{t+1}\end{aligned}$$

but this not cov.
 $\hat{x}_t[s] \rightarrow \infty$ as $s \rightarrow \infty$

and, hence, its variance is $\text{Var}[e_t[s]] = s\sigma^2_{\varepsilon}$. Since the variance of the s -step ahead forecast error explodes as $s \rightarrow \infty$, the precision of the forecast $\hat{x}_t[s]$ diminishes as s increases. This implies that the random walk model is “not” predictable.

$$\hookrightarrow \sigma^2_{\varepsilon} \rightarrow \infty \text{ as } s \rightarrow \infty$$

$$\hookrightarrow \delta(t+s) + x_0 + \varepsilon_1 + \dots + \varepsilon_t + \dots + \varepsilon_s$$

$$x_{t+s} = \int s + \underline{x_t + \varepsilon_{t+1} + \dots + \varepsilon_{t+s}} \\ = \int t + \varepsilon_1 + \dots + \varepsilon_t$$

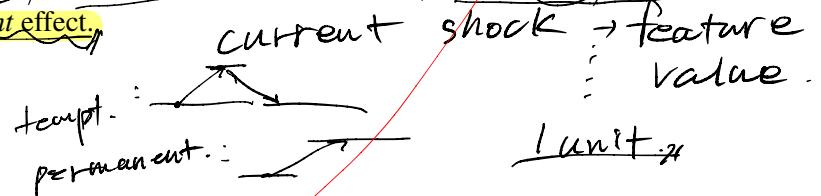
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Remark 1.5. From the representation $x_t = x_0 + \delta t + \sum_{i=0}^{t-1} \varepsilon_{t-i}$, one obtains

$$\frac{\partial x_{t+s}}{\partial \varepsilon_t} = 1 \quad (\because t \cdot \varepsilon_{t-i})$$

variance
: time dependent

for any $s \geq 0$. So, the impact of the shock ε_t on the random walk process x_{t+s} does not decay over time, or equivalently, the shock has a permanent effect.



2. Trend-Stationary Time Series

Definition 2.1. A time series $\{x_t\}$ is a trend-stationary process if it has the form

$$x_t = \underbrace{\beta_0 + \beta_1 t}_{\text{trend}} + \underbrace{u_t}_{\text{stationary}}$$

where u_t is a "stationary" time series.

- A trend-stationary model is closely related to a random walk model with drift, since both exhibit linear trend. In the trend-stationary model, one sees that

$$E[x_t] = \beta_0 + \beta_1 t + E[u_t], \rightarrow \text{time variant - not stationary.}$$

which depends on time, and

$$\text{Var}[x_t] = \text{Var}[u_t], \rightarrow \text{time-invariant because } u_t \text{ is stationary.}$$

which is finite and time invariant. However, the mean and variance of the random walk model with drift are both time dependent.

- The trend-stationary series can be transformed into a stationary one by removing the time trend $\beta_0 + \beta_1 t$; i.e.,

$$x_t - \beta_0 - \beta_1 t = u_t$$

but trend-stationary
var: time invariant

is stationary.

Example 2.2. Suppose that u_t is a zero-mean stationary AR(1) time series:

$$x_t = \beta_0 + \beta_1 t + u_t$$

$$u_t = \phi_1 u_{t-1} + \varepsilon_t,$$

where $|\phi_1| < 1$ and $\varepsilon_t \sim WN(0, \sigma_\varepsilon^2)$. The mean is

$$E[x_t] = \beta_0 + \beta_1 t + E[u_t] = \beta_0 + \beta_1 t, \rightarrow$$

which is time dependent and grows linearly in time with rate β_1 , and the variance is

$$\text{Var}[x_t] = \text{Var}[u_t] = \frac{\sigma_\varepsilon^2}{1 - \phi_1^2}, \rightarrow \text{time-invariant.}$$

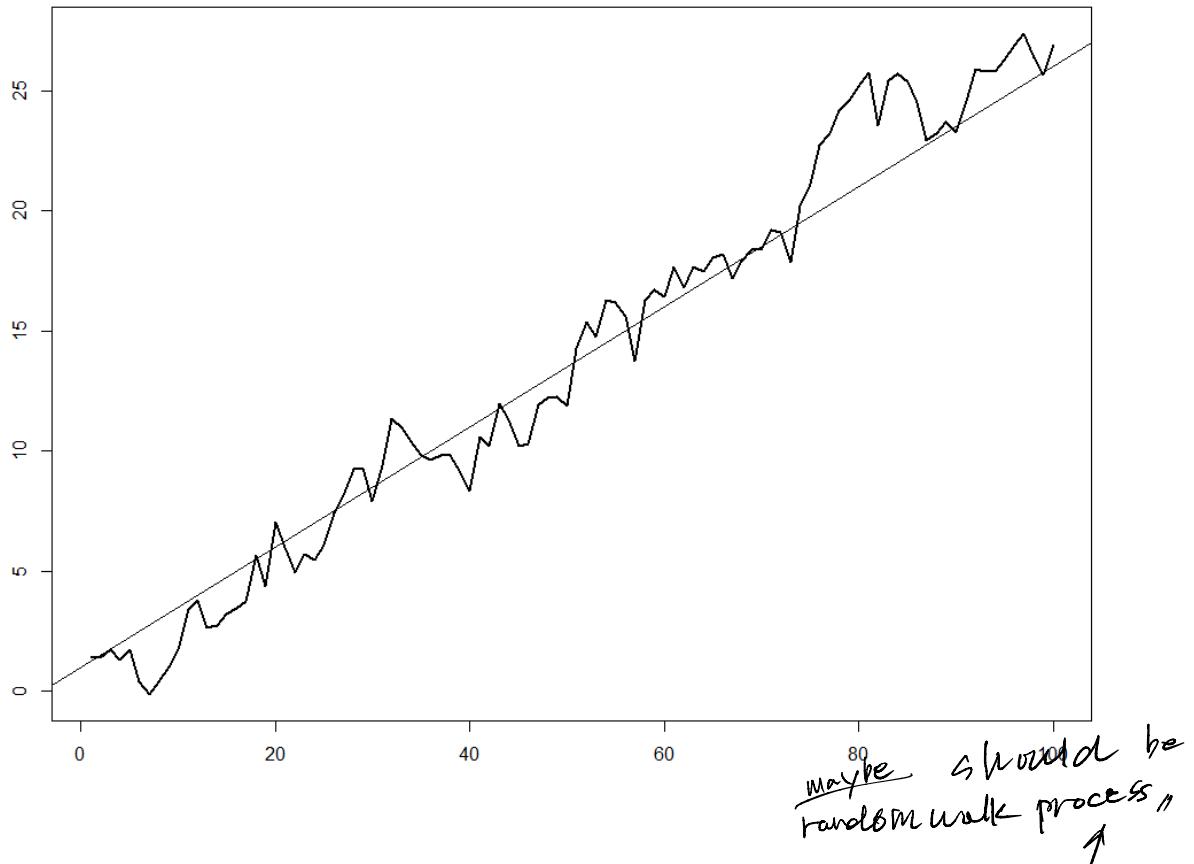
which is time invariant. The finite variance of x_t suggests that the trend-stationary x_t exhibits trend reversion in that x_t never deviates too far away from the deterministic trend $\beta_0 + \beta_1 t$. This is sharply contrast to the fact that the random walk model with drift has the time-varying variance (i.e., $\text{Var}[x_t] = \sigma_\varepsilon^2 t$) and so x_t does not exhibit the same trend reversion (i.e., as t increases, $\text{Var}[x_t]$ explodes).

Example 2.3. Simulate the trend stationary AR(1) process x_t of the form

$$\begin{aligned} x_t &= 1 + 0.25t + u_t \\ u_t &= 0.75u_{t-1} + \varepsilon_t, \end{aligned} \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Random walk : Time-varying} \\ \text{trend-stationary : trend reversion} \end{array} \right.$$

where $\varepsilon_t \sim WN(0, 1)$ for $t = 1, \dots, 100$.

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> u <- arima.sim(list(order(1, 0, 0), ar = 0.75), sd = sqrt(1), n = 100)
> x <- 1 + 0.25*t + u
> plot.ts(x, lwd = 1, xlab = "", ylab = "")
> abline(a = 1, b = 0.25)
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Remark 2.4. Another difference between the trend-stationary and unit-root nonstationary models is about the permanence of shocks. Consider the trend-stationary AR(1) process. Since u_t is stationary (i.e., $|\phi_1| < 1$), one obtains

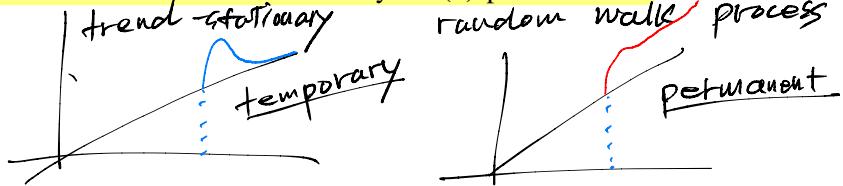
$$x_t = \beta_0 + \beta_1 t + \frac{\varepsilon_t}{1 - \phi_1 L} = \beta_0 + \beta_1 t + \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \phi_1^i \varepsilon_{t-i}$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{stationary, } \varepsilon_t + \phi_1 \varepsilon_{t-1} + \phi_1^2 \varepsilon_{t-2} + \dots \\ & + \phi_1^3 \varepsilon_{t-3} + \dots \\ & + \phi_1^4 \varepsilon_{t-4} + \dots \\ & + \phi_1^5 \varepsilon_{t-5} + \dots \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\frac{\partial x_{t+s}}{\partial \varepsilon_t} = \phi_1^s$$

for any $s \geq 1$. So, the stationarity implies that shocks to the trend-stationary AR(1) process are not permanent but "temporary."



3. Unit-Root Nonstationary Models

Definition 3.1. A time series $\{x_t\}$ is called a unit-root nonstationary time series if it has the form

$$x_t = \delta + x_{t-1} + \psi(L)\varepsilon_t,$$

where $\psi(L) = \psi_0 + \psi_1 L + \psi_2 L^2 + \dots$ with $\psi(1) \neq 0$ and $\varepsilon_t \sim WN(0, \sigma_\varepsilon^2)$. A random walk model with drift is a special case of the unit-root nonstationary model when $\psi(L) = 1$.

- Starting at the fixed value x_0 , one obtains:

$$\begin{aligned} x_1 &= \delta + x_0 + \psi_0 \varepsilon_1 \\ x_2 &= \delta + x_1 + \psi_0 \varepsilon_2 + \psi_1 \varepsilon_1 \\ &= \delta + (\delta + x_0 + \psi_0 \varepsilon_1) + \psi_0 \varepsilon_2 + \psi_1 \varepsilon_1 \\ &= 2\delta + x_0 + \psi_0 \varepsilon_2 + (\psi_0 + \psi_1) \varepsilon_1 \\ x_3 &= \delta + x_2 + \psi_0 \varepsilon_3 + \psi_1 \varepsilon_2 + \psi_2 \varepsilon_1 \\ &= \delta + (2\delta + x_0 + \psi_0 \varepsilon_2 + (\psi_0 + \psi_1) \varepsilon_1) + \psi_0 \varepsilon_3 + \psi_1 \varepsilon_2 + \psi_2 \varepsilon_1 \\ &= 3\delta + x_0 + \psi_0 \varepsilon_3 + (\psi_0 + \psi_1) \varepsilon_2 + (\psi_0 + \psi_1 + \psi_2) \varepsilon_1 \\ &\vdots \\ x_t &= \delta t + x_0 + \sum_{i=0}^{t-1} \varepsilon_{t-i} \left(\sum_{j=0}^i \psi_j \right). \end{aligned} \tag{3.1}$$

From (3.1), the mean is

$$E[x_t] = \underbrace{\delta t + x_0}_{\text{time variant}}$$

which is time variant if $\delta \neq 0$, and the variance is

$$Var[x_t] = \sigma_\varepsilon^2 \sum_{i=0}^{t-1} \left(\sum_{j=0}^i \psi_j \right)^2,$$

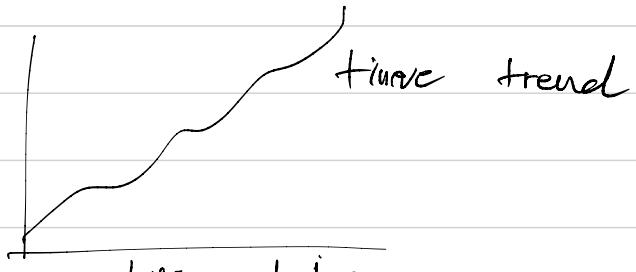
which is also time variant.

should be
stationary

4. ARIMA Models

For modeling the trending data (which is nonstationary) in the ARMA form (which is applied to a stationary series), a trend should be removed before fitting the ARMA models to the data. Two common trend removal or de-trending procedures are first differencing and time-trend regression.

use ⁵trend-stationary to remove trend



two - choices

- 1) first diff

$$\Delta x_t = x_t - x_{t-1} \sim I(0) \Rightarrow \Delta x_t \sim ARMA(p, q).$$

- 2) time - trend regression

$$x_t = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_{t-1} + u_t$$

$$\Rightarrow x_t - \beta_0 - \beta_1 x_{t-1} = u_t \sim I(0)$$

$$\Rightarrow x_t - \beta_0 - \beta_1 x_{t-1} \sim ARMA(p, q)$$

- For the unit-root nonstationary series x_t , one applies the ARMA model to Δx_t . For the trend-stationary series x_t , one applies the ARMA model augmented with an appropriate form of time trend to x_t .

Consider the following specification

$$x_t = \alpha + \delta t + u_t, \quad \text{trend-stationary.} \quad (4.1)$$

where u_t follows a zero-mean ARMA($p+1, q$) process: i.e.,

$$(1 - \phi_1 L - \cdots - \phi_{p+1} L^{p+1}) u_t = (1 + \theta_1 L + \cdots + \theta_q L^q) \varepsilon_t,$$

where $\varepsilon_t \sim WN(0, \sigma_\varepsilon^2)$.

- If u_t is stationary (i.e., all of the solutions of the AR characteristic equation are greater than 1 in modulus), then x_t follows a trend-stationary ARMA($p+1, q$) process. In this case, one applies the ARMA($p+1, q$) model to $u_t = x_t - \alpha - \delta t$:

$$(1 - \phi_1 L - \cdots - \phi_{p+1} L^{p+1})(x_t - \alpha - \delta t) = (1 + \theta_1 L + \cdots + \theta_q L^q) \varepsilon_t.$$

- What if u_t is nonstationary? In specific, what if one of the solutions of the AR characteristic equation is equal to 1 in modulus while other p solutions are greater than 1 in modulus? In this case, one applies the ARMA(p, q) model to Δx_t .

Theorem 4.1. Consider $u_t \sim ARMA(p+1, q)$. If one of the solutions of the AR characteristic equation is a unit root and other p solutions are greater than 1 in modulus, then $\Delta u_t \sim ARMA(p, q)$ and Δu_t is stationary.

 Proof. One can factor $\rho(L) = 1 - \phi_1 L - \cdots - \phi_{p+1} L^{p+1}$ as

$$\rho(L) = \left(\frac{1}{\lambda_1} - L \right) \left(\frac{1}{\lambda_2} - L \right) \cdots \left(\frac{1}{\lambda_{p+1}} - L \right). \quad \begin{aligned} x_t &= x + f_t + u_t \\ u_t &= x_t - \alpha - \delta t \\ u_{t-1} &= x_{t-1} - \alpha - \delta(t-1) \end{aligned}$$

Let λ_{p+1} set equal to one. Then, it shows

$$\underbrace{\left(\frac{1}{\lambda_1} - L \right) \left(\frac{1}{\lambda_2} - L \right) \cdots \left(\frac{1}{\lambda_p} - L \right)}_{\phi(L)} \underbrace{(1 - L) u_t}_{\Delta u_t} = \theta(L) \varepsilon_t \quad \begin{aligned} \Delta u_t &= x_t - x_{t-1} - \delta \\ &= \Delta x_t - \delta \\ \Delta x_t &= \Delta u_t + \delta \end{aligned}$$

or

$$\phi(L) \Delta u_t = \theta(L) \varepsilon_t.$$

Thus, $\Delta u_t \sim ARMA(p, q)$. \square

If $u_t \sim ARMA(p+1, q)$ and the AR characteristic equation of u_t has a unit root, the first difference of (4.1), i.e., $\Delta x_t = \delta + \Delta u_t$, is stationary since Δu_t is stationary.

- Since $\Delta u_t = \Delta x_t - \delta$ follows an ARMA(p, q) process, Δx_t is a stationary ARMA(p, q) process with mean δ : i.e.,

$$\phi(L)(\Delta x_t - \delta) = \theta(L) \varepsilon_t,$$

where $\phi(L) = 1 - \phi_1 L - \phi_2 L^2 - \cdots - \phi_p L^p$ and $\theta(L) = 1 + \theta_1 L + \theta_2 L^2 + \cdots + \theta_q L^q$.

$$\phi(L) \cdot (1-L) u_t = \theta(L) \varepsilon_t$$

$$\phi(L) \cdot (u_t - u_{t-1}) = \theta(L) \varepsilon_t$$

$$\phi(L) \cdot \Delta u_t = \theta(L) \underline{\varepsilon_t}$$

$\therefore \Delta u_t \sim \text{stationary ARMA}(p, q)$.

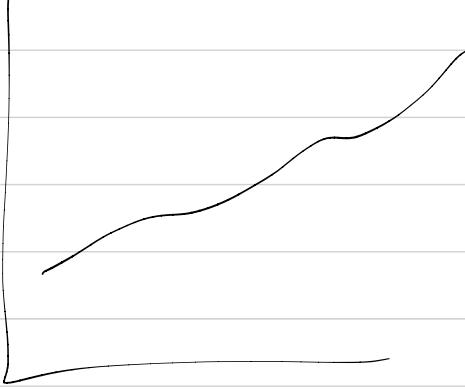
$$\phi(L) \cdot (1-L)(1-L) u_t \sim \theta(L) \varepsilon_t$$

$$\phi(L) \cdot (1-L)(u_t - u_{t-1}) = \theta(L) \varepsilon_t$$

$$\phi(L)(u_t - u_{t-1} - (u_{t-1} - u_{t-2}))$$

$$\phi(L)(u_{t-2} u_{t-1} + u_{t-2})$$

$$\phi(L)(\Delta u_t - \Delta u_{t-1}) = \theta(L) \varepsilon_t$$



$$1) x_t - \alpha - \beta t = u_t \sim I(0)$$

$$\Rightarrow \phi(L)(x_t - \alpha - \beta t) \\ = \theta(L) \cdot \varepsilon_t$$

$$2) u_t \sim ARMA(p+1, q)$$

(unit root case => non-stationary)

$$\Rightarrow \Delta u_t \sim ARMA(p, q) \& \text{stationary}$$

$$\boxed{x_t = \alpha + \beta t + u_t} \\ \beta > 0.$$

$$\phi(L)(\Delta x_t - \delta) \\ \Pi = \theta(L) \varepsilon_t$$

$$\rightarrow x_t - x_{t-1} = \alpha + \beta t + u_t - \alpha - \beta(t-1) - u_{t-1}$$

$$\Delta x_t = \beta + \Delta u_t$$

$$\Rightarrow \Delta x_t - \beta = \Delta u_t \sim ARMA(p, q)$$

Definition 4.2. A unit-root nonstationary process is modeled with an ARMA model with a unit root in the AR characteristic equation. Such a model is called an *Autoregressive Integrated Moving Average (ARIMA)* model. Specifically, a time series x_t is said to follow ARIMA($p, 1, q$) process if Δx_t follows a stationary and invertible ARMA(p, q) model:

$$\phi(L)(\Delta x_t - \delta) = \theta(L)\varepsilon_t,$$

where $\phi(L) = 1 - \phi_1 L - \phi_2 L^2 - \cdots - \phi_p L^p$, $\theta(L) = 1 + \theta_1 L + \theta_2 L^2 + \cdots + \theta_q L^q$, and $\varepsilon_t \sim WN(0, \sigma_\varepsilon^2)$.

5. Unit-Root Tests

In practice, one needs to test the null hypothesis that a given nonstationary time series is a unit-root nonstationary time series. If the null hypothesis is not rejected, one can apply the ARIMA($p, 1, q$) model to the nonstationary data. Otherwise, the nonstationary data should be analyzed with the ARMA(p, q) model augmented with a time trend.

5.1. Dickey-Fuller Unit-Root Test

Consider an AR(1) model of the form

$$\begin{aligned} \text{random walk} &: x_t = \delta + x_{t-1} + \varepsilon_t \\ \text{trend-stationary} &: x_t = \beta_0 + \beta_1 t + u_t \\ \text{unit root nonstationary} &: x_t = \delta + x_{t-1} + \psi \varepsilon_t \end{aligned}$$

$$x_t = c(t) + \phi_1 x_{t-1} + \varepsilon_t, \quad (5.1)$$

where $c(t)$ is a deterministic function of the time index t and $\varepsilon_t \sim WN(0, \sigma_\varepsilon^2)$.

- If $\phi_1 = 1$, x_t follows a unit-root nonstationary process with the deterministic term $c(t)$.
- If $|\phi_1| < 1$, x_t follows a trend-stationary AR(1) process with the deterministic term $c(t)$. This is because

$$x_t = c(t) + (1 - \phi_1 L)^{-1} \varepsilon_t$$

is equivalent to

$$\begin{aligned} x_t &= c(t) + u_t \\ u_t &= \phi_1 u_{t-1} + \varepsilon_t. \end{aligned}$$

Theorem 5.1. Consider $H_0 : \phi_1 = 1$ versus $H_1 : |\phi_1| < 1$ in (5.1). A test statistic is given by

$$t = \frac{\hat{\phi}_1 - 1}{se(\hat{\phi}_1)},$$

where $\hat{\phi}_1$ is the OLS estimate of ϕ_1 and $se(\hat{\phi}_1)$ is its standard error. Dickey and Fuller (1979) show that the test statistic has a Dickey-Fuller (DF) distribution under H_0 and has an asymptotic standard normal distribution under H_1 .

In testing unit-roots, it is important to specify $c(t)$, so that the null and alternative hypotheses appropriately reflect the trend properties of the observed data. Two cases emerge as follows:

$$x_t = \phi_1 x_{t-1} + \epsilon_t$$

$$c(t) = \alpha + \beta t$$

$$u_t = \phi_1 u_{t-1} + \epsilon_t$$

$$x_t - \phi_1 x_{t-1} = c(t) + \epsilon_t$$

$$x_t(1 - \phi_1 L) = c(t) + \epsilon_t$$

$$x_t = \frac{c(t)}{1 - \phi_1 L} + \frac{\epsilon_t}{1 - \phi_1 L}$$

$$c(t) = \alpha + \beta t$$

$$c_t = (1 - \phi_1 L) u_t$$

$$L \Rightarrow x_t \rightarrow x_{t-1}$$

$$u_t = \phi_1 u_{t-1} + \epsilon_t$$

$$L x_t = x_{t-1}$$

$$\Rightarrow u_t \sim AR(1) \text{ & stat}$$

$$|\phi_1| < 1$$

$H_0: \phi_1 = 1 \Rightarrow$ unit-root nonstationary

$H_1: |\phi_1| < 1 \Rightarrow$ trend-stationary DRCW

random walk $x_t = \delta + x_{t-1} + \epsilon_t$

trend-stationary $x_t = \beta_0 + \beta_1 t + u_t$

unit-root nonstationary $x_t = \delta + x_{t-1} + \phi \epsilon_t$

1. Case1 (constant only): With $c(t) = \alpha$, the test regression is

$$x_t = \alpha + \phi_1 x_{t-1} + \varepsilon_t.$$

Under $H_0 : \phi_1 = 1$, x_t is a random walk with drift α . Under $H_1 : |\phi_1| < 1$, x_t is an AR(1) process.

2. Case 2 (constant and time trend): With $c(t) = \alpha + \delta t$, the test regression is

$$x_t = \alpha + \delta t + \phi_1 x_{t-1} + \varepsilon_t.$$

Under $H_0 : \phi_1 = 1$, x_t is a random walk with drift α and time trend δ . Under $H_1 : |\phi_1| < 1$, x_t is an AR(1) process with deterministic $\alpha + \delta t$.

5.2. Augmented Dickey-Fuller Unit-Root Test

Contrary to the simple AR(1) assumption of the Dickey-Fuller test, a typical time series has a complicated dynamic structure. Said and Dickey (1984) augment the basic Dickey-Fuller test to accommodate general AR(p) models. Their test is referred to as the *augmented Dickey-Fuller* (ADF) test.

Theorem 5.2. (*Dickey-Fuller transformation*) An AR(p) model

$$x_t = \phi_0 + \phi_1 x_{t-1} + \phi_2 x_{t-2} + \cdots + \phi_p x_{t-p} + \varepsilon_t$$

can be written as

$$x_t = \phi_0 + \rho x_{t-1} + \psi_1 \Delta x_{t-1} + \psi_2 \Delta x_{t-2} + \cdots + \psi_{p-1} \Delta x_{t-p+1} + \varepsilon_t,$$

where $\rho = \phi_1 + \cdots + \phi_p$ and ψ_j is a linear combination of ϕ_i s.

- In the Dickey-Fuller transformation, the unit-root test is equivalent to check whether or not ρ is equal to one.

Example 5.3. The Dickey-Fuller transformation of AR(2) is

$$\begin{aligned} x_t &= \phi_0 + \phi_1 x_{t-1} + \phi_2 x_{t-2} + \varepsilon_t \\ &= \phi_0 + \phi_1 x_{t-1} + \phi_2 x_{t-1} - \cancel{\phi_2 x_{t-1}} + \cancel{\phi_2 x_{t-2}} + \varepsilon_t \\ &= \phi_0 + (\phi_1 + \phi_2) x_{t-1} - \cancel{\phi_2} (x_{t-1} - x_{t-2}) + \varepsilon_t \\ &= \phi_0 + \rho x_{t-1} + \psi_1 \Delta x_{t-1} + \varepsilon_t. \quad \psi_1 = \phi_2 = \phi_1 + \cancel{\phi_2} \end{aligned}$$

The ADF test is based on estimating a test regression of the form

$$= [(\phi_1, \phi_2)] \begin{pmatrix} \phi_0 \\ \psi_1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$x_t = c(t) + \rho x_{t-1} + \sum_{j=1}^{p-1} \psi_j \Delta x_{t-j} + \varepsilon_t, \quad \varepsilon \sim N(0, \sigma^2) \quad (5.2)$$

where $c(t) = \alpha$ (i.e., constant only) or $c(t) = \alpha + \delta t$ (i.e., constant and time trend).

- Alternatively, the ADF test regression in (5.2) can be stated as

$$(\Delta x_t) = c(t) + \pi x_{t-1} + \sum_{j=1}^{p-1} \psi_j \Delta x_{t-j} + \varepsilon_t, \quad \begin{matrix} \text{H}_1: \text{skip} \\ \text{complicated} \end{matrix} \quad (5.3)$$

trend-stationary process

where $\pi = \rho - 1$. In this alternative formulation, $H_0: \pi = 0$ is equivalent to $H_0: \rho = 1$ and the ADF t -statistic for testing a unit root is the usual t -statistic for testing $\pi = 0$. Due to this convenience, the test regression (5.3) is often used in practice and R follows this.

$T=0 \Rightarrow \text{unit root nonstationary}$.

In (5.2) and (5.3), the p lagged difference terms Δx_{t-j} approximate the $\text{AR}(p)$ structure of the errors, and the value of p should be set so that ε_t is serially uncorrelated.

- If p is too small, then the remaining serial correlation in the errors will bias the test. If p is too large, then the power of test (i.e., the probability that H_0 is rejected when H_1 is true) will suffer.
- Ng and Perron (1995) suggest the *data dependent lag length selection procedure* for choosing p for the ADF test. The Ng and Perron procedure consists of the following two steps:

- Step 1: Set an upper bound p_{max} for p . To determine p_{max} , Schwert (1989) suggests

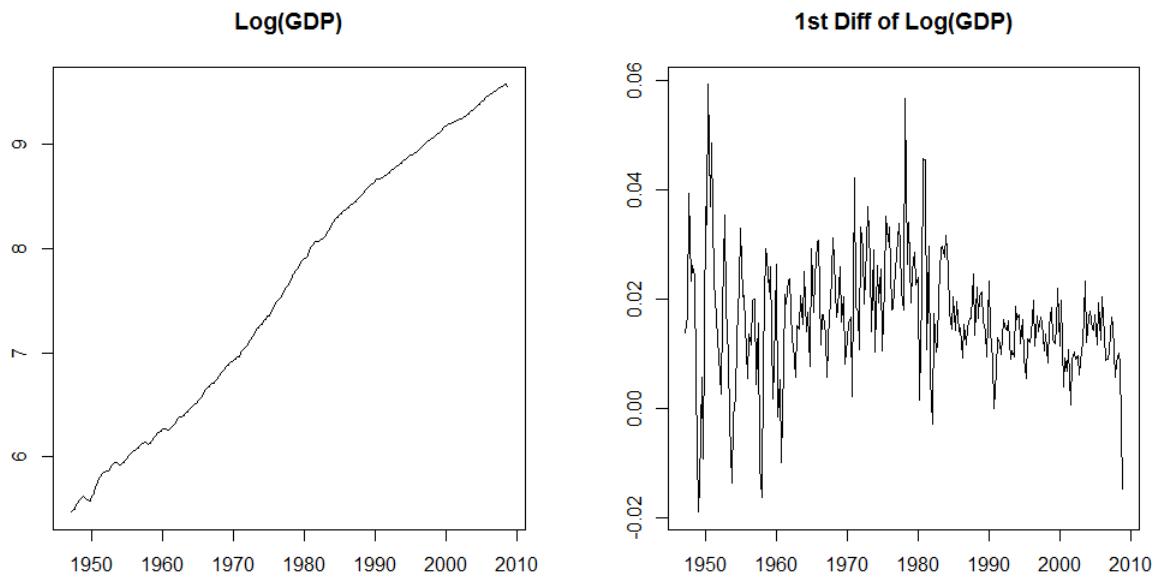
$$p_{max} = \left[12 \cdot \left(\frac{T}{100} \right)^{1/4} \right],$$

where $[x]$ denotes the integer part of x .

- Step 2: Estimate the ADF test regression with $p = p_{max}$. If the absolute value of the t -ratio of the last lagged difference Δx_{t-p-1} is greater than 1.6, then set $p = p_{max}$ and perform the unit-root test. Otherwise, reduce the lag length by one and repeat the process.

Example 5.4. Consider the log series of US quarterly GDP from 1Q 1947 to 4Q 2008.

```
> mydat <- read.table("data1.txt", header = T)
> head(mydat)
  year mon day   gdp
1 1947   1   1 237.2
...
6 1948   4   1 267.3
> gdp <- ts(log(mydat$gdp), start = c(1947, 1), freq = 4)
> gdp.d <- diff(gdp)
> par(mfrow = c(1, 2))
> plot(gdp, xlab = "", ylab = "", main = "Log(GDP)")
> plot(gdp.d, xlab = "", ylab = "", main = "1st Diff of Log(GDP)")
```



```

> library(urca)
> pmax <- floor(12*(length(gdp)/100)^(1/4))
> output <- ur.df(gdp, type = "trend", lags = pmax)
> summary(output)

Coefficients:
              Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)    
(Intercept) 2.792e-02 2.825e-02  0.988  0.3242    
z.lag.1     -4.300e-03 5.443e-03 -0.790  0.4304    
tt          6.969e-05 9.896e-05  0.704  0.4821    
z.diff.lag1 3.617e-01 6.952e-02  5.202  4.6e-07  
...
z.diff.lag15 3.750e-02 6.422e-02  0.584  0.5599    
> output <- ur.df(gdp, type = "trend", lags = c(pmax - 1))
> summary(output)

Coefficients:
              Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)    
(Intercept) 2.491e-02 2.796e-02  0.891  0.3739    
z.lag.1     -3.644e-03 5.374e-03 -0.678  0.4984    
tt          5.701e-05 9.763e-05  0.584  0.5598    
z.diff.lag1 3.780e-01 6.713e-02  5.631 5.55e-08  
...
z.diff.lag14 1.329e-01 6.340e-02  2.096  0.0372

```

- The absolute value of the t -ratio of the last lagged difference Δx_{t-14} (i.e., z.diff.lag14) is greater than 1.6, so $p = 14$.

proper p would be 14

```
> library(fUnitRoots)
> adfTest(gdp, lags = c(pmax - 1), type = "ct")
```

Title:

Test Results:

PARAMETER:
Lag Order 14

STATISTIC:

Dickey-Fuller: -0.6781

P VALUE:

0.9716

- The unit-root hypothesis cannot be rejected at the 5% level.

```
> reg <- arima(gdp, order = c(0, 1, 1), method = "ML")
```

```
> reg$aic
```

[1] -1362.158

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```
> reg <- arima(gdp, order = c(2, 1, 2), method = "ML")
```

```
> reg$aic
```

[1] -1541.513

- Using the AIC, one chooses the ARIMA(1, 1, 2) model for x_t .

```
> (reg <- arima(diff(gdp), order = c(1, 0, 2), method = "ML"))
```

Call:

```
arima(x = diff(gdp), order = c(1, 0, 2), method = "ML")
```

Coefficients:

	ar1	ma1	ma2	intercept
0	0.4062	0.0113	0.1910	0.0164
s.e.	0.1407	0.1431	0.0742	0.0013

ARMA(1,2) for Δx_t
ARMA(1,2) for Δx_t

sigma^2 estimated as 9.467e-05: log likelihood = 793.6, aic = -1577.21

- Finally, the fitted model is

$$(1 - 0.4062L)(\Delta x_t - 0.0164) \equiv (1 + 0.0113L + 0.1910L^2)\varepsilon_t.$$

1) ↗ ↙ ↘ ↖

2) first diff. : unit root
nonstationary.