

# Tutorial Notes 8 of MATH3424

## 1 Summary of course material

### 1. Autocorrelation:

When the observations have a **natural sequential order**, the correlation is referred to as **autocorrelation**.

### 2. Runs test: $n_1$ residuals positive and $n_2$ residuals negative

Run test statistic =  $\frac{\# \text{ of runs} - \mu}{\sigma}$  with

$$\mu = \frac{2n_1n_2}{n_1 + n_2} + 1, \quad \sigma^2 = \frac{2n_1n_2(2n_1n_2 - n_1 - n_2)}{(n_1 + n_2)^2(n_1 + n_2 - 1)}$$

Under  $H_0$ : the residuals are uncorrelated random, this test statistic (approximately) follows a distribution  $N(0, 1)$ .

### 3. Durbin-Watson Statistic

(a) Assumption: successive errors are correlated, i.e.,  $\epsilon_t = \rho\epsilon_{t-1} + \omega_t$ ,  $|\rho| \leq 1$ , with  $\omega_t \stackrel{i.i.d.}{\sim} N(0, \sigma_\omega^2)$ . This is the first-order autocorrelation.

(b) The Durbin-Watson statistic:

$$d = \frac{\sum_{t=2}^n (e_t - e_{t-1})^2}{\sum_{t=1}^n e_t^2}$$

where  $e_i$  is the  $i$ -th ordinary least squares (OLS) residual. The statistics  $d$  is used for testing the null hypothesis  $H_0 : \rho = 0$  against an alternative  $H_1 : \rho > 0$ .

- $d < d_L$ , reject  $H_0$
- $d > d_U$ , do not reject  $H_0$
- $d_L < d < d_U$ , the test is inconclusive.

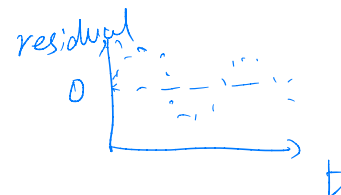
(c) An estimate of  $\rho$  is given by

$$\hat{\rho} = \frac{\sum_{t=2}^n e_t e_{t-1}}{\sum_{t=1}^n e_t^2}, \quad d \approx 2(1 - \hat{\rho})$$

### 4. Remedial measures for autocorrelation

- Addition of predictor variables
- Transformation (Cochrane-Orcutt Procedure)

$$y_t^* = \beta_0^* + \beta_1^* x_t^* + \omega_t$$



second-order

$$\epsilon_t = \rho_1 \epsilon_{t-1} + \rho_2 \epsilon_{t-2} + \omega_t$$

$|\rho| < 1$

$$\begin{aligned} \epsilon_t &= \rho \epsilon_{t-1} + \omega_t \\ &= \rho(\rho \epsilon_{t-2} + \omega_{t-1}) + \omega_t \\ &= \rho^2 \epsilon_{t-2} + \rho \omega_{t-1} + \omega_t \\ &= \rho^2 \epsilon_{t-2} + \sum_{i=0}^{t-1} \rho^i \omega_{t-i} \\ &= \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \rho^i \omega_{t-i} \\ \text{Var}(\epsilon_t) &= \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \rho^{2i} \text{Var}(\omega_{t-i}) \\ &= \sigma_\omega^2 \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \rho^{2i} \\ &= \sigma_\omega^2 \cdot \frac{1}{1-\rho^2} \end{aligned}$$

where

$$y_t^* = y_t - \rho y_{t-1}$$

$$x_t^* = x_t - \rho x_{t-1}$$

$$\beta_0^* = \beta_0(1 - \rho)$$

$$\beta_1^* = \beta_1$$

## 2 Questions

### 2.1

For each of the following tests concerning the autocorrelation parameter  $\rho$  in the following regression model with first-order autocorrelation:

$$Y_t = \beta_0 + \beta_1 X_{t1} + \beta_2 X_{t2} + \beta_3 X_{t3} + \epsilon_t, \quad \epsilon_t = \rho \epsilon_{t-1} + \omega_t$$

State the appropriate decision rule based on the Durbin-Watson test statistic for a sample of size 38:

(1)  $H_0 : \rho = 0, \quad H_a : \rho > 0, \quad \alpha = .01$

(2)  $H_0 : \rho = 0, \quad H_a : \rho < 0, \quad \alpha = .05$

(3)  $H_0 : \rho = 0, \quad H_a : \rho \neq 0, \quad \alpha = .02$

Define  $d = \frac{\sum_{t=2}^{38} (\epsilon_t - \epsilon_{t-1})^2}{\sum_{t=1}^{38} \epsilon_t^2}$

$\underline{d_L}(n, p, \alpha), \quad \underline{d_U}(n, p, \alpha)$

(1) If  $d < \underline{d_L}(38, 3, 0.01)$ , then we reject  $H_0$ .

If  $d > \underline{d_U}(38, 3, 0.01)$ , then we do not reject  $H_0$ .

Otherwise, no conclusion.

(2) If  $d' = 4 - d < \underline{d_L}(38, 3, 0.05)$ , then we reject  $H_0$ .

If  $d' > \underline{d_U}(38, 3, 0.05)$ , ... do not reject  $H_0$ .

(3) Conduct two test

$$\begin{cases} \textcircled{1} H_0^{(1)} : \rho = 0 & H_a^{(1)} : \rho > 0, \quad \alpha = 0.01 \\ \textcircled{2} H_0^{(2)} : \rho = 0 & H_a^{(2)} : \rho < 0, \quad \alpha = 0.01 \end{cases}$$

If at least one of  $\textcircled{1}$  and  $\textcircled{2}$  is rejected, then

$H_0$  is rejected. otherwise we do not reject  $H_0$ .

## 2.2

A staff analyst for a manufacturer of microcomputer components has compiled monthly data for the past 16 months on the value of industry production of processing unit that use the components ( $X$ , in million dollars) and the value of the firm's components used ( $Y$ , in thousand dollars). The analyst believes that a simple linear regression relation is appropriate but anticipates positive autocorrelation. The data follow:

$t$ :	1	2	3	...	14	15	16
$X_t$ :	2.052	2.026	2.002	...	2.080	2.102	2.150
$Y_t$ :	102.9	101.5	100.8	...	104.8	105.0	107.2

1. Fit a simple linear regression model by ordinary least squares and obtain the residuals. Also obtain  $\text{s.e.}(\hat{\beta}_0)$  and  $\text{s.e.}(\hat{\beta}_1)$ .

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Call:
lm(formula = Y ~ X, data = df)

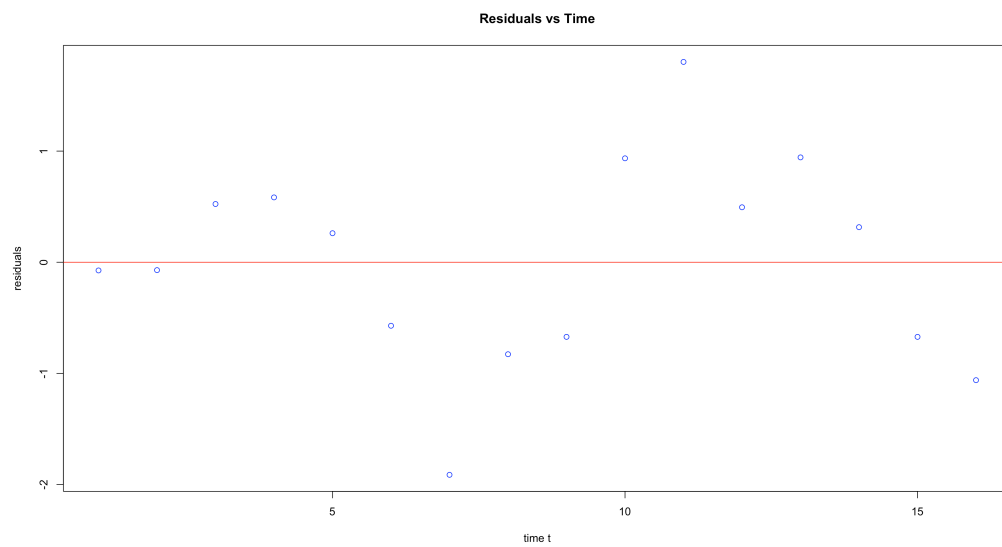
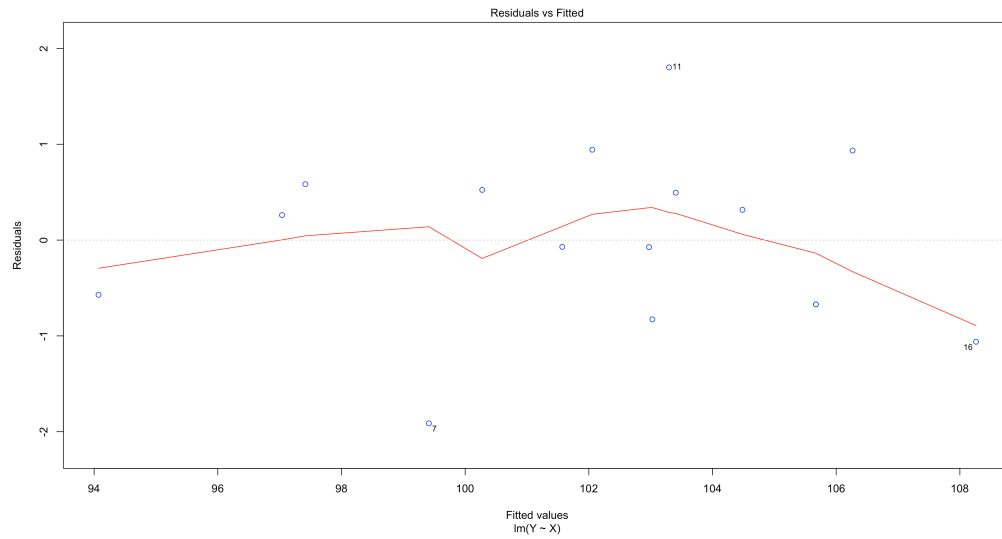
Residuals:
    Min       1Q   Median       3Q      Max
-1.91277 -0.67136  0.09514  0.53886  1.80259

Coefficients:
              Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
(Intercept)   -7.739      7.175   -1.079    0.299
X              53.953      3.520   15.329 3.82e-10 ***
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Residual standard error: 0.9543 on 14 degrees of freedom
Multiple R-squared:  0.9438,    Adjusted R-squared:  0.9398
F-statistic: 235 on 1 and 14 DF,  p-value: 3.818e-10
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$$\text{s.e.}(\hat{\beta}_0) = 7.175 \quad , \quad \text{s.e.}(\hat{\beta}_1) = 3.520$$

2. Plot the residuals against time and explain whether you find any evidence of positive autocorrelation.



3. Conduct a formal test for positive autocorrelation using  $\alpha = .05$ . State the alternatives, decision rule, and conclusion. Is the residual analysis in part (b) in accord with the test result?

$$p=1, n=16 \quad \begin{array}{cc} d_L & d_U \\ 1.10 & 1.37 \end{array}$$

$$H_0: \rho = 0 \quad H_a: \rho > 0$$

$$d = \frac{\sum_{t=1}^{16} (e_t - e_{t-1})^2}{\sum_{t=1}^{16} e_t^2} = 0.8566 < d_L$$

So we reject  $H_0$ , there is positive autocorrelation.

4. The analyst has decided to employ regression model with first-order autocorrelation and use the Cochrane-Orcutt procedure to fit the model.

- (a) Obtain a point estimate of the autocorrelation parameter. How well does the approximate relationship  $d \approx 2(1 - \hat{\rho})$  hold here between this point estimate and the Durbin-Watson test statistic?

$$\hat{\rho} = \frac{\sum_{t=2}^n e_t e_{t-1}}{\sum_{t=1}^n e_t^2} = 0.5273$$

$$2(1 - \hat{\rho}) = 0.94534$$

- (b) Use one iteration to obtain the estimates  $\hat{\beta}_0^*$  and  $\hat{\beta}_1^*$  of the regression coefficients  $\beta_0^*$  and  $\beta_1^*$  in transformed model ((7.4) in lecture slides) and state the estimated regression function. Also obtain s.e.( $\hat{\beta}_0^*$ ) and s.e.( $\hat{\beta}_1^*$ ).

Call:

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lm(formula = Ystar ~ Xstar)
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Residuals:

Min	1Q	Median	3Q	Max
-1.51142	-0.43478	-0.05777	0.41365	1.42613

Coefficients:

	Estimate	Std. Error	t value	Pr(> t )
(Intercept)	-1.073	4.121	-0.26	0.799
Xstar	51.244	4.261	12.03	2.04e-08 ***

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Residual standard error: 0.8135 on 13 degrees of freedom

Multiple R-squared: 0.9175, Adjusted R-squared: 0.9112

F-statistic: 144.6 on 1 and 13 DF, p-value: 2.036e-08

$$\hat{\beta}_0^* = -1.073, \quad \hat{\beta}_1^* = 51.244$$

$$\hat{y}_t^* = -1.073 + 51.244x_t^*$$

$$s.e.(\hat{\beta}_0^*) = 4.121 \quad s.e.(\hat{\beta}_1^*) = 4.261$$

- (c) Test whether any positive autocorrelation remains after the first iteration using  $\alpha = .05$ . State the alternatives, decision rule, and conclusion.

$$y_t^* = \beta_0^* + \beta_1^* x_t^* + \underline{w_t}$$

$$\text{test } H_0: \rho^* = 0, \quad H_a: \rho^* > 0, \quad w_t = \rho^* w_{t-1} + \xi_t$$

$$p=1, \quad n=15 \quad \underset{d_L}{1.08} \quad \underset{d_U}{1.36}$$

$$d = 1.4149 > d_U$$

So we do not reject  $H_0$ .

- (d) Restate the estimated regression function obtained in part (b) in terms of the original variables. Also obtain s.e. ( $\hat{\beta}_0$ ) and s.e. ( $\hat{\beta}_1$ ). Compare the estimated regression coefficients obtained with the Cochrane-Orcutt procedure and their estimated standard deviations with those obtained with ordinary least squares in part 1.

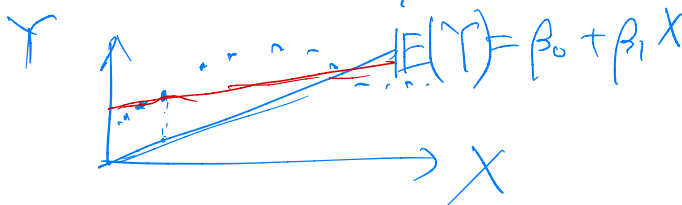
$$\text{since } \hat{\beta}_0 = \frac{\hat{\beta}_0^*}{1 - \hat{\rho}}, \quad \hat{\beta}_1 = \hat{\beta}_1^*$$

$$\text{s.e.}(\hat{\beta}_0) = \frac{\text{s.e.}(\hat{\beta}_0^*)}{1 - \hat{\rho}} = 8.7185, \quad \text{s.e.}(\hat{\beta}_1) = \text{s.e.}(\hat{\beta}_1^*) = 4.216$$

$$\text{In part 1: } \text{s.e.}(\hat{\beta}_0) = 7.175$$

$$\text{s.e.}(\hat{\beta}_1) = 3.520$$

$$\hat{\sigma}^2 = \text{MSE} = \frac{\sum (y_i - \hat{y}_i)^2}{n - 2}$$



- (e) On the basis of the results in parts 4(c) and 4(d), does the Cochrane-Orcutt procedure appear to have been effective here?

$$\text{s.e.}(\hat{\beta}_0) \propto \hat{\sigma}$$

$$\text{s.e.}(\hat{\beta}_1) \propto \hat{\sigma}$$

Yes.