

Time Series Analysis

What is time series

A collection of stochastic random variables **indexed by time**, their stochastic **distributions are similar but not the same**, the data are **correlated across time**. In plain words, time series refers to **a series of data points**, for which they follow some kind of distribution.

The goal for studying time series, is really to investigate in those data points, and try to figure out its **underlying distribution, and internal correlation**

Important Characteristics

1. Trend
2. Seasonality
3. Periodicity
4. Cyclical Trend
5. Heteroskedasticity
6. Dependence

Presentation & Basic Decomposition

Y_t , in which t indexes time: $Y_t = m_t + s_t + x_t$, with :

m_t — trend component, trend means that over the time scope, the values are going up or going down,

s_t — seasonal component, seasonality means that it is a periodicity movement, it has a circle of appearance, within the circle, the overall trend should be zero .

x_t — stationary component, stationary means still, it pictures the characteristic that the component is not changing its value

Estimate the trend

1. Moving Average:
estimate the trend with a moving window
2. Parametric Regression
fit in a polynomial regression to estimate
3. Non-Parametric Approach
 - Kernel Regression
 - Local Polynomial Regression
 - Other Approaches

Example: Temperature Data

1. Read the data file in R

2. Visualize the data (Avg Temp)
3. Estimate the trend (Moving Average)
4. Estimate the trend (Parametric)
5. Estimate the trend (Non-Parametric)
6. Comparison

Estimate the Seasonality

General Approach: estimate and subtract m_t and s_t

1. Seasonal Average
 $\hat{s}_k = w_k - \frac{1}{d} \sum_{j=1}^d w_j$

k : the seasonal group, let's say it has d groups. If

the seasonality is monthly, then $d = 12$

w_k : the average of all seasonal group value

2. Parametric Regression
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Estimate the Stationary

Important Concepts in Time Series

1. Auto Correlation Function (ACF)

Like correlation or covariance, the auto correlation between 2 variables can be expressed as:

$$\gamma(s, t) = \text{Cov}(X_s, X_t) = E[(X_s - \mu_s)(X_t - \mu_t)]$$

$$\gamma(t, t) = \text{Var}[X_t] = \sigma^2$$

then we have the auto correlation defined as:

$$\gamma_k = \gamma(t, t+k) \approx c_k \rightarrow \frac{\sum (x_t - \bar{x})(x_{t+k} - \bar{x})}{N}$$

The underlying assumption is that the time series is stationary, therefore, across all k time horizon, this auto correlation relationship exist

2. Auto Correlation Coefficient

Following the auto correlation, the auto correlation coefficient can be defined as: $\rho_K = \frac{\gamma_k}{\gamma_0} \approx r_k \rightarrow \frac{c_k}{c_0}$

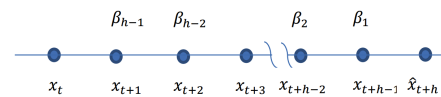
3. Partial Auto Correlation Function (PACF)

For a series of data

We first start at a point and look backwards:

$$\hat{x}_{t+h} = \beta_1 x_{t+h-1} + \beta_2 x_{t+h-2} + \dots + \beta_{h-1} x_{t+1}$$

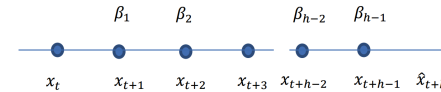
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Then we try looking forwards:

$$x_t = \beta_1 x_{t+1} + \beta_2 x_{t+2} + \dots + \beta_{h-1} x_{t+h-1}$$

Note that β is how far away from target variables



Finally we remove the predict and see residual:

$$\text{Corr}[(x_{t+h} - \hat{x}_{t+h}), (x_t - \hat{x}_t)]$$

Therefore, this model measure the correlation with a lag, without accounting for the effect of variables in between.

Take away: Partial Out a variable, what PACF measures

4. Random Walk

$$X_t = X_{t-1} + Z_t$$

Z as the white noise, X as stock price

$$X_t = \sum_{i=1}^t Z_i$$

we can interpret X as accumulated white noise

$$E[X_t] = \mu t, \text{Var}[X_t] = \sigma^2 t$$

5. Moving Average Process: q

How long back need to trace, to have weighted average:

The longer we trace back, distribution be smoother:

For instance, the MA(2) process is correlated back in 2 steps:

$$X_t = Z_t + \theta_1 Z_{t-1} + \theta_2 Z_{t-2}$$

$$Z_t \sim N(0, 1)$$

Moving Average is Weakly Stationary:

$$\text{cov}(X_t, X_{t+k}) = \sigma^2 \sum_{i=0}^{q-k} \beta_i \beta_{i+k}$$

6. Autoregressive Process: p

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Example: random walk: build on historical value

$$X_t = Z_t + \phi_1 X_{t-1} + \dots + \phi_p X_{t-p}$$

$$Z_t = (1 - \phi_1 B + \dots + \phi_p B^p) X_t = \Phi(B) X_t$$

$$X_t = \frac{1}{1 - (\phi_1 B + \dots + \phi_p B^p)} Z_t = (1 + \theta_1 B + \theta_2 B^2 + \dots) Z_t$$

Then we have: $E[X_t] = 0$; $\text{Var}[X_t] = \sigma_z^2 \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \theta_i^2$

$$\gamma(k) = \sigma_z^2 \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \theta_i \theta_{i+k} ; \rho(k) = \frac{\sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \theta_i \theta_{i+k}}{\sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \theta_i^2}$$

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8. Strict Stationary

Definition: shifted distribution is the same:

$$P\{X(t_1), X(t_2) \dots X(t_k)\} = P\{X(t_1+\tau), X(t_2+\tau) \dots X(t_k+\tau)\}$$

$$\mu(t) = \mu ; \sigma^2(t) = \sigma^2 ; \gamma(t_1, t_2) = \gamma(t_2 - t_1) = \gamma(\tau)$$

Which leads to the properties:

1. random variables are **independently** distributed
2. the mean and variance function is identical
3. the covariance (ACF) depends only on **lag spaces**

9. Weak Stationary

Definition: constant mean and ACF

10. Backward Shift Operator

$$B X_t = X_{t-1} ; B^2 X_t = X_{t-2} ; B^k X_t = X_{t-k}$$

Further decompose the equation, we can have relationship between X and Z:

For $MA(q)$:

$$X_t - \mu = \beta(B) Z_t$$

$$\beta(B) = \phi_0 + \phi_1 B + \dots + \phi_q B^q$$

For $AR(p)$:

$$\phi(B) X_t = Z_t$$

$$\phi(B) = 1 - \phi_1 B - \phi_2 B^2 - \dots - \phi_p B^p$$

11. Invertibility

Definition:

Stochastic process: $\{X_t\}$,

Innovation (random process): $\{Z_t\}$

if $Z_t = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \pi_k X_{t-k}$ (AR), then $\{X_t\}$ invertible

We try to see if we can make the invert:

Invert a MA process to AR process:

1. First try to express Z_t using X_t, X_{t-1}
2. Change the Z_t in MA definition using X_{t-1}
3. Therefore we change MA to a AR

12. Duality

a). Invertibility Condition for MA(q)

$$\beta(B) = \beta_0 + \beta_1 B + \dots + \beta_q B^q$$

its roots all lies **outside** in unit circle, \rightarrow , invertible

b). Stationarity Condition for AR(p)

$$\phi(B) = 1 - \phi_1 B - \phi_2 B^2 - \dots - \phi_p B^p$$

its roots all lies **outside** in unit circle, \rightarrow , invertible

c). How MA and AR are related

if Invertible: $MA(q) \rightarrow AR(\infty)$

if Stationary: $AR(p) \rightarrow MA(\infty)$

13. Mean-Square Convergence

14. Difference Equation

Recall the way we solve recursive series for general form
Difference equation is dealing with the same problems.

15. Yule-Walker Equations

A set of Difference Equations, that governs AR's ACF

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