

# 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**

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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:

$$\gamma_k = \gamma(t, t+k) \approx \sigma^2 \rightarrow \frac{\sum (x_t - \bar{x})(x_{t+k} - \bar{x})}{N}$$

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:  $\rho_K = \frac{\gamma_K}{\gamma_0} \approx r_k \rightarrow \frac{c_k}{c_0}$

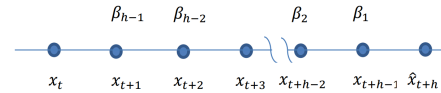
## 3. Partial Auto Correlation Function (PACF)

For a series of data, we can do things like:

**We first start at a point and look backwards:**

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

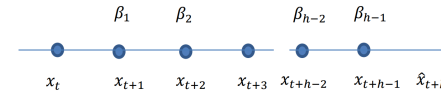
Note that  $\beta$  is how far away from target variables



**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  $\beta$  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: 9.

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

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

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

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

## 7. ARMA (q+p) Models

$$X_t \text{Noise} + AR + MA$$

$$X_t = Z_t + \phi_1 X_{t-1} + \dots + \phi_p X_{t-p} + \theta_1 Z_{t-1} + \dots + \theta_q Z_{t-q}$$

In terms of back function, we have:

$$AR: \phi(B) X_t = X_t - \phi_1 X_{t-1} - \dots - \phi_p X_{t-p}$$

$$MA: \theta(B) Z_t = Z_t + \theta_1 Z_{t-1} + \dots + \theta_q Z_{t-q}$$

$$ARMA: \theta(B) Z_t = \phi(B) X_t$$

The goal of backward shift function is to transform a mix process to MA process:

$$\frac{\theta(B)}{\phi(B)} Z_t = X_t; \text{ or } : \frac{\phi(B)}{\theta(B)} Z_t = Z_t$$

We can solve by geometric Series Transformation

## 8. ARIMA (q+p) Models

From ARMA

ARMA

$$X_t = Z_t + \phi_1 X_{t-1} + \dots + \phi_p X_{t-p} + \theta_1 Z_{t-1} + \dots + \theta_q Z_{t-q}$$

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

we expect  $\beta(z)$  and  $\phi(z)$  have all roots lie outside unit circle, z is a complex number. Such that ARMA(q,p) is stationary and invertible

We loose the stationary constraint, introduce difference operator  $\nabla$ :

$$\nabla X_t = X_t - X_{t-1} = (1 - B) X_t$$

$$\text{for random walk: } X_t = X_{t-1} + Z_t \equiv \nabla X_t = Z_t$$

Then we define ARIMA(p,d,q) process:

$$X_t \rightarrow s.t. \rightarrow Y_t = \nabla^d X_t = (1 - B)^d X_t \text{ is ARMA(p,q)}$$

$$ARIMA: \phi(B) \nabla^d X_t = \beta(B) Z_t$$

$$\text{or } : \phi(B) (1 - B)^d X_t = \beta(B) Z_t$$

ARIMA is a process, when trend is removed, be ARMA d: order of differencing, usually =1 or =2

over differencing may introduce dependence, and we decide whether differencing is needed by looking at ACF (when there is a slow decay)

## 9. SARIMA Processes: Seasonality

First we look at the seasonal ARMA process:

$$ARMA(P, Q)_s: \Phi_P(B^s) X_t = \Theta_Q(B^s) Z_t, \text{ with } :$$

$$\Phi_P(B^s) = 1 - \Phi_1 B^s - \Phi_2 B^{2s} - \dots - \Phi_P B^{Ps}$$

$$\Theta_Q(B^s) = 1 + \Theta_1 B^s + \dots + \Theta_Q B^{Qs}$$

Then we look at the seasonal ARIMA Process:

$$SARIMA(p, d, q, P, D, Q)_s :$$

$$\Phi_P(B^s) \phi_p(B) (1 - B^s)^D (1 - B)^d X_t = \Theta_Q(B^s) \theta_q(B) Z_t$$

$$\Phi_P(B^s) = 1 - \Phi_1 B^s - \Phi_2 B^{2s} - \dots - \Phi_P B^{Ps}$$

$$\phi_p(B) = 1 - \phi_1 B - \phi_2 B^2 - \dots - \phi_P B^P$$

$$\Theta_Q(B^s) = 1 + \Theta_1 B^s + \Theta_2 B^{2s} + \dots + \Theta_Q B^{Qs}$$

$$\theta_q(B) = 1 + \theta_1 B + \theta_2 B^2 + \dots + \theta_Q B^q$$

In which the capital terms are seasonal part

Now we look at the ACF of SARIMA:

Ex: we have seasonality of 12, then we also have some acf at 11

## 10. 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**

## 11. Weak Stationary

Definition: constant mean and ACF

## 12. Backward Shift Operator

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

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):

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

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

## 13. 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

## 14. 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:  $AR(p) \rightarrow MA(\infty)$

## 15. Mean-Square Convergence

#### 16. Difference Equation

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

#### 17. Yule-Walker Equations

A set of Difference Equations, that governs AR's ACF  
It is useful in estimating AR's parameters:

1. AR(p) :

$$X_t = \phi_0 + \phi_1 x_{t-1} + \phi_2 x_{t-2} + \dots + \phi_p x_{t-p} + Z_t$$

2. Expectation Form :

$$\mu = \phi_0 + \phi_1 \mu + \phi_2 \mu + \dots + \phi_p \mu + 0$$

3. Subtract and redefine variable :

$$X_t - \mu = 0 + \phi_1 (x_{t-1} - \mu) + \dots + \phi_p (x_{t-p} - \mu) + Z_t$$

$$\sim x_t = x_t - \mu ; E[\sim x_t = 0]$$

$$\sim x_t = \phi_1 \sim x_{t-1} + \phi_2 \sim x_{t-2} + \dots + \phi_p \sim x_{t-p} + Z_t$$

4. Since the new process is stationary

its ACF follows the Yule-Walker Equation:

$$\rho(k) = \phi_1 \rho(k-1) + \phi_2 \rho(k-2) + \dots + \phi_p \rho(k-p)$$

5. fitting in  $k = 1, 2, \dots, p$  and since  $\rho(k) = \rho(-k)$

this gives us a matrix form,

we can use sample to solve and estimate all the  $\Phi$

#### 18. Akaike Information Criterion (AIC)

This is measuring whether a model is good enough, we  
can see it as some sort of scores for deciding which model  
to explain the data

#### 19. Q-Statistics

Original Q statistics:

$$Q^*(m) = T \sum l = 1^m r_l^2$$

for null hypothesis:  $H_0 : \rho_1 = \rho_2 = \dots = \rho_m = 0$

alternative hypothesis:  $H_1 : \text{some } \rho_i \neq 0$

when  $r_t$  is i.i.d:

$$Q^*(m) \sim \chi^2(df = m)$$

Ljung and Box Q statistics:

$$Q(m) = T(T+2) \sum_{l=1}^m \frac{r_l^2}{T-l} \text{ reject null hypothesis, when:}$$

$$Q(m) > \chi_{\alpha}^2$$

usually: we use  $m \approx \log(T)$

#### 20. Putting it all together:

1. Trend: there is a trend, we may want differencing
2. Variation of variance: transformation is needed, such as log transformation
3. ACF: tells us the order of MA
4. PACF: tells us the order of AR
5. AIC: tells us which model seems to be better, but remember to consider whether it is worthy to introduce the complexity
6. SSE:
7. Ljung-Box Q-statistics
8. Estimation

#### 21. Prediction: Exponential Smoothing:

1. Simple Exponential Smoothing
2. Second Exponential Smoothing
3. Third Exponential Smoothing

Take Away: explain SES