

Time series

# Time series definition [1]

## Informal definition

A time-series is a set of observation  $x_t$  each one being recorder at a specific time  $t$ .

## Formal definition

A time series model for the observed data  $x_t$  is a specification of the joint distribution (or possible only the mens covariance) of a sequence of random variable  $X_t$  of which  $x_t$  is postulated to be a realization

## A binary process

Consider the sequence of iid random variables, with  $P[X_t = 1] = p$  and  $P[X_t = -1] = 1 - p$

## Random walk

The random walk is obtained by cumulatevely summing iid random variables. Thus a random walk with zero mean is obtained by defining

# Stationarity, autocovariance and autocorrelation[1]

## Mean Function

Let  $X_t$  be a time series with  $E(x_t^2) < \infty$ . The mean function of  $X_t$  is  $\mu_X(t) = E(X_t)$ . The covariance function of  $X_t$  is  $\gamma_X(r, s) = \text{Cov}(X_r, X_s) = E[(X_r - \mu_X(r))(X_s - \mu_X(s))]$   $\forall r, s$

## Weakly stationary TS

$X_t$  is weakly stationary if i)  $\mu_X(t)$  is independent from time  $t$  and ii)  $\gamma_X(t+h)$  is independent of  $t \forall h$

## Autocovariance function

At lag  $h$  the autocovariance function is defined as  $\gamma_X(h) = \text{Cov}(X_{t+h}, X_t)$

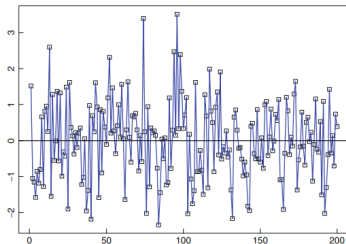
## Autocorrelation function

At lag  $h$  the autocorrelation function is defined as

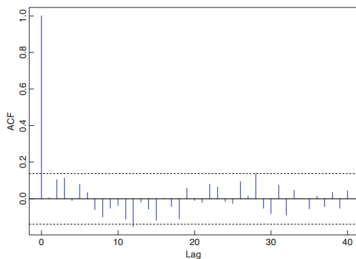
$$\rho(h)_X = \frac{\gamma_X(h)}{\gamma_X(0)} = \text{Cor}(X_{t+h}, X_t)$$

# Stationarity, autocovariance and autocorrelation [1]

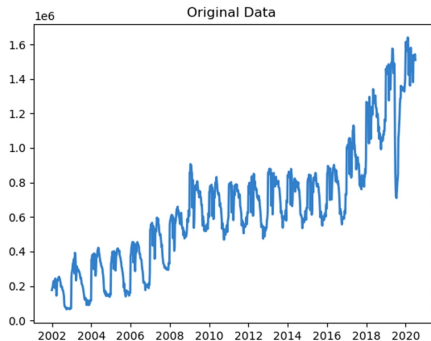
**Figure 1-12**  
200 simulated values of IID  
 $N(0,1)$  noise



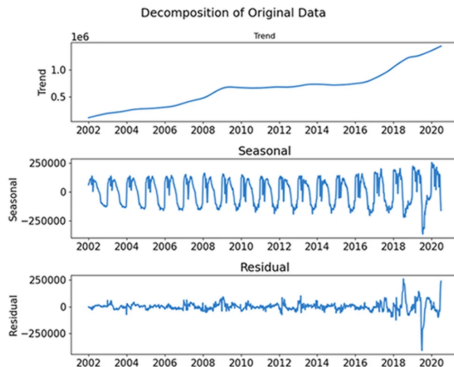
**Figure 1-13**  
The sample autocorrelation  
function for the data of  
Figure 1-12 showing the  
bounds  $\pm 1.96/\sqrt{n}$



# Stationarity, autocovariance and autocorrelation [2]



(a)



(b)

# Definition [1]

## Linear process

Time series  $X_t$  is a linear process if it has the representation

$$X_t = \sum_{j=-\infty}^{\infty} \psi_j Z_{t-j}$$

for all  $t$ , where  $Z_t \approx \text{WN}(0, \sigma^2)$  and  $\psi_j$  is a sequence of constants with  $\sum_{j=-\infty}^{\infty} \psi_j < \infty$ . In terms of backward shift operator  $B$   $BX_t = X_{t-1}$  we have  $X_t = \phi(B)Z_t$ . Therefore the previous definition can be casted as  $X_t = \phi(B)Z_t$  in which  $\phi(B)$  can be thought as a linear filter that when applied to the white noise input series  $Z_t$  produces the output  $X_t$ .

# Definition [1]

## Linear process

The time series  $X_t$  is an ARMA(1,1) process if its stationary and satisfiy (for every t)

$$X_t - \phi X_{t-1} = Z_t + \theta Z_{t-1}$$

where  $Z_t \approx \text{WN}(0, \phi^2)$  and  $\phi + \theta \neq 0$  or in terms of filters  $\phi$  and  $\theta$

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

# Causality [1]

## Remarks

- A stationary solution of the ARMA(1,1) equation exists if and only if  $\phi \neq \pm 1$
- If  $|\phi| < 1$ , then the unique stationary solution is given by  $X_t = Z_t + (\phi + \theta) \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \phi^{j-1} Z_{t-j}$ . In this case we say that  $X_t$  is causal or a causal function of  $Z_t$  or a causal function of  $Z_t$  since  $X_t$  can be expressed in terms of the current and past values  $Z_s$ ,  $s \leq t$
- If  $|\phi| > 1$ , then the unique stationary solution is given by  $X_t = -\theta\phi^{-1}Z_t - (\phi + \theta) \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \phi^{-j-1}Z_{t-j}$ . The solution is noncausal, since  $X_t$  is then a functional of  $Z_s$   $s \geq t$



# Wold decomposition [1]

Prediction operator based on the infinite past  $X_t, -\infty < t < n$

$$\tilde{P}_n X_{n+h} = \lim_{m \rightarrow -\infty} P_{m,n} X_{n+h}$$

Wold decomposition  $X_t, -\infty < t < n$

$X_t$  is a non-deterministic stationary time series, then

$$X_t = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \psi_j Z_{t-j} + V_t$$

where  $V_t$  is deterministic

## Definition [1]

### ARMA (p,q)

$X_t$  is an ARMA(p,q) process if  $X_t$  is stationary and if for every t,

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

where  $Z_t \approx WN(0, \sigma^2)$  and the polynomials  $(1 - \phi_1 z - \dots - \phi_p z^p)$  and  $(1 + \theta_1 z + \dots + \theta_q z^q)$  have no common factor.

# Definition [1]

## Causality

An ARMA(p,q) process  $X_t$  is causal, or a causal function of  $Z_t$  if there exist constants  $\phi_j$  such that  $\sum_{j=0}^{\infty} |\phi_j| < \infty$  and

$$X_t = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \sum \phi_j Z_{t-j} \quad \forall \quad t$$

this is equivalent to the condition

$$\phi(z) = 1 - \phi_1 z - \dots - \phi_p z^p \neq 0 \quad |z| < 1$$

# Spectral Analysis [1]

## Spectral density

Given a zero mean stationary time series  $X_t$  with autocovariance function  $\gamma(\cdot)$  satisfying  $\sum_{h=-\infty}^{\infty} |\gamma(h)| < \infty$ , the spectral density of  $X_t$  is the function defined by

$$f(\lambda) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \sum e^{-ih\lambda} \gamma(h) \quad -\infty < \lambda < \infty$$

with the condition that

$$f(\lambda) \geq 0 \quad \forall \lambda$$

$$\gamma(h) = \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} e^{ih\lambda} f(\lambda) d\lambda \quad \forall h$$

# Spectral Analysis [1]

## Spectral Representation of The ACVF

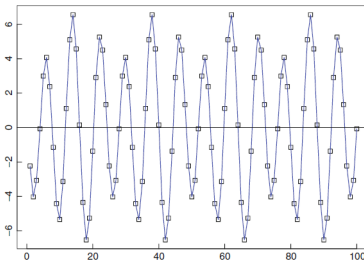
A function  $\gamma(\cdot)$  defined on the integers is the ACVF of a stationary time series if and only if there exists a right-continuous, non-decreasing, bounded function  $F$  on  $[-\pi, \pi]$  with  $F(-\pi) = 0$  such that:

$$\gamma(h) = \int_{(-\pi, \pi]} e^{ih\lambda} dF(\lambda)$$

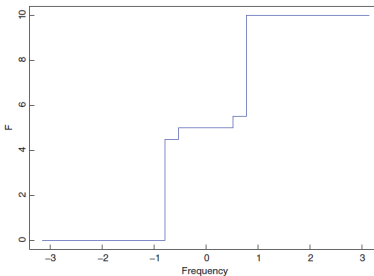
for all integers  $h$ .  $F$  is a generalized distribution function that is called the spectral distribution function of  $\gamma(\cdot)$

# Spectral Analysis [1]

**Figure 4-1**  
A sample path of size  
100 from the time series  
in Example 4.1.2



**Figure 4-2**  
The spectral distribution  
function  $F(\lambda)$ ,  $-\pi \leq \lambda \leq \pi$ ,  
of the time series  
in Example 4.1.2



# Time-Invariant Linear Filters [1]

## Linear process

The process  $Y_t$  is the output of a linear filter  $C = \{c_{t,k}, t, k = 0 \pm 1, \dots\}$  applied to an input process  $X_t$  if  $Y_t = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} c_{t,k} X_k \quad t = 0, \pm 1, \dots$

## Time invariant

The filter is said to be time-invariant if the weights  $c_{t,t-k}$  are independent of  $t$  e.g.  $c_{t,t-k} = \phi_k$

$$Y_t = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} \phi_{t,k} X_{t-k}$$

$$Y_{t-s} = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} \phi_{t,k} X_{t-s-k}$$

The TLF  $\phi$  is to be causal if  $\phi_j = 0$  for  $j < 0$

# Time-Invariant Linear Filters [1]

## Transfer function

Let  $X_t$  be a stationary time series with mean zero and spectral density  $f_X(\lambda)$ . Suppose that  $\Phi = \{\phi_j, j = 0, \pm 1, \dots\}$  is an absolutely summable TLF. Then the time series

$$Y_t = \sum_{j=-\infty}^{\infty} \phi_j X_{t-j}$$

is stationary with mean zero and spectral density

$$f_Y(\lambda) = |\Psi(e^{-i\lambda})|^2 f_X(\lambda) = \Psi(e^{-i\lambda}) \Psi(e^{i\lambda}) f_X(\lambda)$$

where  $\Psi(e^{-i\lambda}) = \sum_{j=-\infty}^{\infty} \phi_j e^{-ij\lambda}$  where  $\Psi(e^{-i})$  is called the transfer function of the filter, and the squared modulus  $|\Psi(e^{-i})|$  is referred to as the power transfer function of the filter.

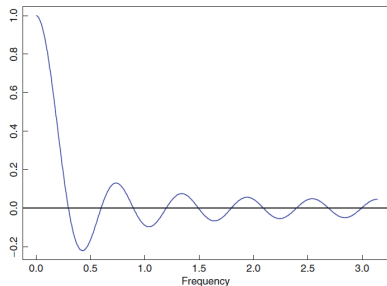


# Time-Invariant Linear Filters [1]

## Simple moving average

$$Y_t = \frac{1}{2q+1} \sum_{|j| \leq q} X_{t-j}$$

where  $\psi = (2q+1)^{-1}$ ,  $j = -q, \dots, q$  and  $\psi_j$

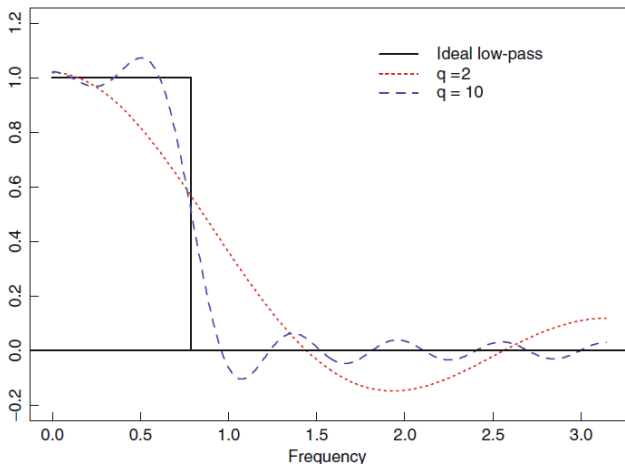


**Figure 4-12**  
The transfer function  $D_{10}(\lambda)$  for the simple moving-average filter

# Time-Invariant Linear Filters [1]

## Gibbs phenomenon

The poor approximation in the neighborhood of cut-off frequency ( $\omega_c$ )



**Figure 4-13**

The transfer function for the ideal low-pass filter and truncated Fourier approximations  $\Psi^{(q)}$  for  $q = 2, 10$

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