

Note: For a general p , $(i, j)^{th}$ element of V_p^{-1} , $v^{ij}(p)$ is given by (result is due to Galbraith, 1974, Jr of Applied Probability paper):

$$v^{ij}(p) = \left(\sum_{k=0}^{i-1} \phi_k \phi_{k+j-i} - \sum_{k=p+1-j}^{p+i-j} \phi_k \phi_{k+j-i} \right)$$

$1 \leq i \leq j \leq p$ with $\phi_0 = -1$ above

The above is called the Galbraith's formula and can be used to write $L(\underline{\theta})$ or $\ell(\underline{\theta})$ explicitly in terms of ϕ_i 's.

Conditional MLE formulation: AR(p)

Regard the values of the first p observations as deterministic and maximise the likelihood conditional on the first p observations.

Now, realise that the joint conditional p.d.f of X_n, \dots, X_{p+1} given X_p, \dots, X_1 is given by:

$$\begin{aligned} f_{X_n, \dots, X_{p+1} | X_p, \dots, X_1} &= f_{X_n | X_{n-1}, \dots, X_1} f_{X_{n-1} | X_{n-2}, \dots, X_1} \\ &\quad \dots f_{X_{p+1} | X_p, \dots, X_1} \\ &= f_{X_n | X_{n-1}, \dots, X_{n-p}} f_{X_{n-1} | X_{n-2}, \dots, X_{n-1-p}} \\ &\quad \dots f_{X_{p+1} | X_p, \dots, X_1} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{i.e. } f_{x_n, \dots, x_{p+1} | x_p, \dots, x_1} = \prod_{t=p+1}^n f_{x_t | x_{t-1}, \dots, x_{t-p}}$$

$\forall t > p$, we have

$$x_t | x_{t-1}, \dots, x_{t-p} \equiv x_t | x_{t-1}, \dots, x_1$$

$$\sim N(c + \phi_1 x_{t-1} + \dots + \phi_p x_{t-p}, \sigma^2)$$

Hence conditional log likelihood

$$l_c(\theta) = -\frac{n-p}{2} \log 2\pi - \frac{n-p}{2} \log \sigma^2 - \frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \sum_{t=p+1}^n \left(x_t - c - \sum_{i=1}^p \phi_i x_{t-i} \right)^2$$

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Note that maximization of (*) w.r.t. $(c, \phi_1, \dots, \phi_p)$ is equivalent to ~~maximization of~~ minimization of

$$\sum_{t=p+1}^n \left(x_t - c - \sum_{i=1}^p \phi_i x_{t-i} \right)^2 \text{ w.r.t. } (c, \phi_1, \dots, \phi_p)$$

\Rightarrow CMLEs of $(c, \phi_1, \dots, \phi_p)$ are same as the OLS estimates.

Note: CMLE & EMLE have the same asymptotic distⁿ.

Remark: Estimation of AR parameters using Yule-Walker eqⁿ

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

Yule-Walker eqⁿ

$$Y_h = \phi_1 Y_{h-1} + \phi_2 Y_{h-2} + \dots + \phi_p Y_{h-p} ; h > 0$$

Using p Yule-Walker eqⁿs and estimated \hat{Y}_i 's one can obtain Y-W eqⁿ based estimates of AR model parameters.

e.g. Consider an AR(3) setup

$$\hat{Y}_1 = \phi_1 \hat{Y}_0 + \phi_2 \hat{Y}_1 + \phi_3 \hat{Y}_2$$

$$\hat{Y}_2 = \phi_1 \hat{Y}_1 + \phi_2 \hat{Y}_0 + \phi_3 \hat{Y}_1$$

$$\hat{Y}_3 = \phi_1 \hat{Y}_2 + \phi_2 \hat{Y}_1 + \phi_3 \hat{Y}_0$$

i.e.

$$\begin{pmatrix} \hat{\phi}_1 \\ \hat{\phi}_2 \\ \hat{\phi}_3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \hat{Y}_0 & \hat{Y}_1 & \hat{Y}_2 \\ & \hat{Y}_0 & \hat{Y}_1 \\ & & \hat{Y}_0 \end{pmatrix}^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} \hat{Y}_1 \\ \hat{Y}_2 \\ \hat{Y}_3 \end{pmatrix}$$

Maximum likelihood estimation for MA models

MA(1): Conditional MLE formulation

$$X_t = \mu + \epsilon_t + \theta \epsilon_{t-1}; \quad \epsilon_t \stackrel{i.i.d.}{\sim} N(0, \sigma^2)$$

$$\underline{\eta} = (\mu, \theta, \sigma^2)' \leftarrow \text{parameter vector}$$

Note that $X_t | \epsilon_{t-1} \sim N(\mu + \theta \epsilon_{t-1}, \sigma^2)$

Suppose, we assume that $\epsilon_0 = 0$ (it's expected value)
is given, then

$$X_1 | \epsilon_0 \sim N(\mu, \sigma^2)$$

$$\epsilon_1 = X_1 - \mu - \theta \epsilon_0; \text{ hence } \epsilon_1 \text{ given } X_1 = x_1 \text{ \& } \epsilon_0 = 0 \text{ is}$$

$$\epsilon_1 = x_1 - \mu$$

$$X_2 | X_1, \epsilon_0 = 0 \sim N(\mu + \theta \epsilon_1, \sigma^2) \\ \text{i.e. } N(\mu + \theta(x_1 - \mu), \sigma^2)$$

$$X_3 | X_2, X_1, \epsilon_0 \sim N(\mu + \theta \epsilon_2, \sigma^2)$$

$$\epsilon_2 \text{ given } X_2, X_1, \epsilon_0 = 0 \text{ is } \epsilon_2 = x_2 - \mu - \theta \epsilon_1 \\ \text{i.e. } \epsilon_2 = x_2 - \mu - \theta(x_1 - \mu)$$

$$\text{i.e. } X_3 | X_2, X_1, \epsilon_0 \sim N(\mu + \theta(x_2 - \mu) - \theta(x_1 - \mu), \sigma^2)$$

Thus given $\epsilon_0 = 0$, the full sequence $\epsilon_1, \dots, \epsilon_n$
can be expressed in terms of (x_1, \dots, x_n) , μ & θ .

through the relationship

$$\epsilon_t = x_t - \mu - \theta \epsilon_{t-1}$$

$$\epsilon_{t-1} = x_{t-1} - \mu - \theta \epsilon_{t-2} \dots$$

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$$\forall t \geq 2; X_t | X_{t-1}, \dots, X_1, \epsilon_0 = 0 \equiv X_t | \epsilon_{t-1} \sim N(\mu + \theta \epsilon_{t-1}, \sigma^2)$$

Conditional likelihood f^n , conditioned on $\epsilon_0 = 0$, is

$$L(\underline{\theta} | \underline{x}) = \int_{x_n, \dots, x_1} (x_n, \dots, x_1; \underline{x} | \epsilon_0 = 0)$$

$$= \int_{x_n | x_{n-1}, \dots, x_1, \epsilon_0 = 0} \int_{x_{n-1}, \dots, x_1 | \epsilon_0 = 0}$$

$$= \int_{x_n | x_{n-1}, \dots, x_1, \epsilon_0 = 0} \int_{x_{n-1} | x_{n-2}, \dots, x_1, \epsilon_0 = 0} \int_{x_{n-2}, \dots, x_1 | \epsilon_0 = 0}$$

$$= \int_{x_1 | \epsilon_0 = 0} \prod_{t=2}^n \int_{x_t | x_{t-1}, \dots, x_1, \epsilon_0 = 0}$$

$$= \int_{x_1 | \epsilon_0 = 0} \prod_{t=2}^n \int_{x_t | \epsilon_{t-1}}$$