

## F70TS2 – Time Series

Exercise Sheet 3 –  $MA(\infty)$ ,  $AR(\infty)$ , ARMA and ARIMA

**Solution 1**  $Y_t = 0.6Y_{t-1} + Z_t - 0.3Z_{t-1} - 0.1Z_{t-2}$ . Take  $\sigma_Z^2 = 1$  for convenience. Note that  $E[Y_t Z_t] = \sigma_Z^2 = 1$ . We multiply the defining equation of the model by each of  $Y_t$ ,  $Y_{t-1}$  and  $Y_{t-2}$  in turn and take expectations to obtain:

- Multiplying by  $Y_t$ :  $\gamma_0 = 0.6\gamma_1 + 1 - 0.3E[Y_t Z_{t-1}] - 0.1E[Y_t Z_{t-2}]$ .
- Multiplying by  $Y_{t-1}$ :  $\gamma_1 = 0.6\gamma_0 - 0.3 - 0.1E[Y_{t-1} Z_{t-2}]$ .
- Multiplying by  $Y_{t-2}$ :  $\gamma_2 = 0.6\gamma_1 - 0.1$ .

Now, multiplying the equation of the model by  $Z_{t-1}$  and  $Z_{t-2}$  and taking expectations, we have

$$\begin{aligned} E[Y_t Z_{t-1}] &= 0.6 - 0.3 = 0.3 \\ E[Y_t Z_{t-2}] &= 0.6(0.3) - 0.1 = 0.08 \end{aligned}$$

Solving the above equations gives

$$\gamma_0 = 1.1, \quad \gamma_1 = 0.33, \quad \gamma_2 = 0.098$$

Hence,  $\rho_1 = 0.3$  and  $\rho_2 = 0.089$ .

Now, multiplying the equation of our model by  $Y_{t-k}$  (for  $k \geq 3$ ) and taking expectations, we get that  $\gamma_k = 0.6\gamma_{k-1}$ . So,  $\rho_k = 0.6\rho_{k-1}$  for  $k \geq 3$ . Solving this gives  $\rho_k = a(0.6)^k$  for  $k \geq 2$ . The value of  $a$  may be found using  $\rho_2 = 0.089$  (so that  $0.36a = 0.089$ ). This gives  $a = \frac{89}{360}$ .

Hence we have  $\rho_1 = 0.3$  and  $\rho_k = \frac{89}{360}(0.6)^k$  for  $k \geq 2$ . A plot of the autocorrelation function is given in Figure 1.

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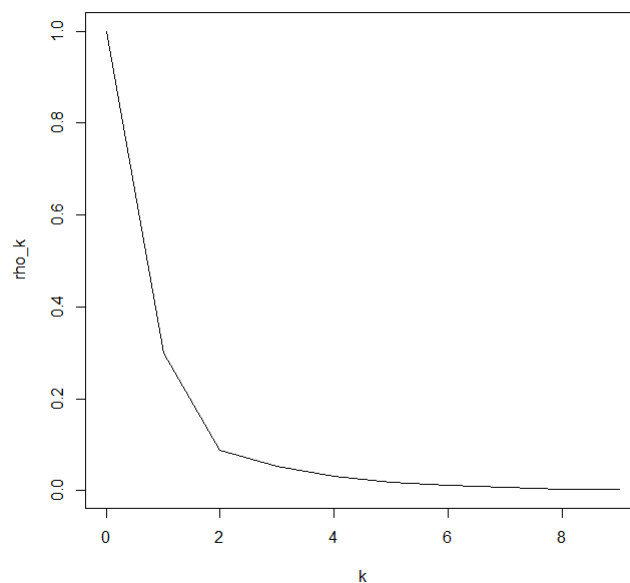


Figure 1: ACF for Q1

**Solution 2** We consider the process

$$Y_t = Z_t + a(Z_{t-1} + Z_{t-2} + \dots).$$

Clearly  $E[Y_t] = 0$  for all  $t$ . We have

$$\text{Var}(Y_t) = \sigma_Z^2(1 + a^2 + a^2 + a^2 + \dots)$$

which diverges as  $t$  increases. Hence,  $\text{Var}(Y_t)$  increases with time. So, the model is non-stationary.

$$\begin{aligned} DY_t &= Y_t - Y_{t-1} \\ &= Z_t + a(Z_{t-1} + Z_{t-2} + \dots) - Z_{t-1} - a(Z_{t-2} + Z_{t-3} + \dots) \\ &= Z_t + (a-1)Z_{t-1} \end{aligned}$$

This is an MA(1) process, and is hence stationary. For  $\{DY_t\}$ ,  $\rho_1 = \frac{a-1}{1+(a-1)^2}$  and  $\rho_k = 0$  for  $k \geq 2$ .

**Solution 3** We have to check that the three conditions on the MA coefficients  $\psi_1$  and  $\psi_2$ , so that  $X_t$  is invertible, hold. Again, these conditions are certainly fulfilled, if  $|\psi_1| + |\psi_2| < 1$ .

a) We have  $\psi_1 = -0.9$ ,  $\psi_2 = 0.2$ . And  $\psi_1 + \psi_2 > -1$ ,  $\psi_1 - \psi_2 < 1$  and  $-1 < \psi_2 < 1$ . Hence this process is invertible.

b) We have  $\psi_1 = 0.5$ ,  $\psi_2 = -0.6$ . Hence this process is clearly invertible, because  $|\psi_1| + |\psi_2| < 1$ .

c) Now we have an MA(3) process. The explicit conditions for the invertibility in this case are not given. Hence we have to try to find a factorisation of  $\psi(z)$ . For this special example we have

$$\psi(z) = 1 - 1.5z + 0.75z^2 - 0.125z^3 = (1 - 0.5z)^3$$

with the roots  $z_1 = z_2 = z_3 = 2$ . This process is not invertible.

**Solution 4** We have to check whether the AR part is causal stationary ( $\phi_1 + \phi_2 < 1$ ,  $\phi_2 - \phi_1 < 1$  and  $-1 < \phi_2 < 1$ ) and whether the MA part is invertible ( $\psi_1 + \psi_2 > -1$ ,  $\psi_1 - \psi_2 < 1$  and  $-1 < \psi_2 < 1$ ).

a) This process is causal stationary and invertible, because all of the above mentioned conditions are fulfilled.

b) This process is causal stationary, because  $\phi_1$  and  $\phi_2$  satisfy the required conditions. But it is non-invertible, because the MA(1) part is with coefficient  $\psi = 1.2$ .

c) This process is invertible, because  $|\psi_1| + |\psi_2| < 1$  for the MA(2) part. But it is not causal stationary, because  $\phi_1 + \phi_2 > 1$  for the AR(2) part.

d) This process is neither causal stationary, because  $\phi_1 + \phi_2 > 1$  for the AR(2) part, nor invertible, because  $\psi_1 - \psi_2 > 1$  for the MA(2) part.

**Solution 5** For  $X_t = \phi_1 X_{t-1} + \epsilon_t$  with  $|\phi_1| > 1$  we have  $X_{t+1} = \phi_1 X_t + \epsilon_{t+1}$ . It follows that

$$X_t = \phi_1^*(X_{t+1} + \epsilon_{t+1}^*),$$

where  $\phi_1^* = 1/\phi_1$  with  $|\phi_1^*| < 1$  and  $\epsilon_{t+1}^* = -\epsilon_{t+1}$ . (Note that  $\epsilon_{t+i}^*$  is also an i.i.d. series with  $E(\epsilon_t^*) = 0$  and  $\text{Var}(\epsilon_t^*) = \sigma_\epsilon^2/\phi_1^2$ ). Further expansion leads to

$$\begin{aligned} X_t &= \phi_1^*(\phi_1^*(X_{t+2} + \epsilon_{t+2}^*) + \epsilon_{t+1}^*) \\ &= \dots = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} (\phi_1^*)^i \epsilon_{t+i}^* = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \alpha_i \epsilon_{t+i}, \end{aligned}$$

where  $\alpha_i = -(\phi_1^*)^i = -(1/\phi)^i$  for  $i = 1, 2, \dots$ , which are absolutely summable. Hence  $X_t$  is stationary, but non-causal, since it depends on future information  $(\epsilon_{t+i})$ .

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