

# 1 Lectures 1-3

- **Probability density function** for  $x$ :  $f(x)$
- **Marginal density**  
 $f_i(x_i) = \int f(x) dx_1 \dots dx_{i-1} dx_{i+1} \dots dx_p$
- **Expected (mean) value**  $Ex = \int x f(x) dx$
- **Covariance**  $\text{cov}(x, y) = E\{(x - Ex)(y - Ey)\}$
- **Correlation**  $\rho_{x,y} = \text{corr}(x, y) = \frac{\text{cov}(x,y)}{\sigma_x \sigma_y}$
- **Variance**  $\text{var}(x) = E\{(x - Ex)^2\} = \text{cov}(x, x)$
- **Relationships** ( $a$  is a constant)
  - $E(x + a) = Ex + a, E(ax) = aEx$
  - $E(x + y) = Ex + Ey$
  - $\text{cov}(x + a, y) = \text{cov}(x, y)$
  - $\text{cov}(x + z, y) = \text{cov}(x, y) + \text{cov}(z, y)$
  - $\text{var}(ax) = a^2 \text{var}(x)$

**uncorrelated**  $\iff E(XY) = EX.EY$

**independent**  $\iff f_{X,Y}(x, y) = f_X(x) \cdot f_Y(y)$

- **Autocovariance function**

$$\gamma(s, t) = \text{cov}(x_s, x_t) = E[(x_s - \mu_s)(x_t - \mu_t)]$$

Note:  $\text{var}(x_t) = \gamma(t, t)$

- **Autocorrelation function (ACF)**

$$\rho(s, t) = \frac{\gamma(s, t)}{\sqrt{\gamma(s, s)\gamma(t, t)}}$$

**Useful fact:** If  $U = \sum_{j=1}^m a_j x_j$  and

$$V = \sum_{k=1}^r b_k y_k$$

$$\text{cov}(U, V) = \sum_{j=1}^m \sum_{k=1}^r a_j b_k \text{cov}(x_j, y_k)$$

## 1.1 stationarity

- Time series  $x_t$  is **weakly stationary (stationary)** if
  - $Ex_t = \text{const}$
  - $\gamma(s, t) = \gamma(|s - t|)$
  - $\text{var}(x_t) < \infty$
- $\gamma(t, t + h) = \gamma(|t + h - t|) = \gamma(h)$ 
  - **Autocovariance depends on lag only!**
- Autocovariance for stationary process  
 $\gamma(h) = \text{cov}(x_t, x_{t+h})$
- ACF for stationary process  $\rho(h) = \frac{\gamma(h)}{\gamma(0)}$

Properties of stationary process:

$$\gamma(h) = \gamma(-h) \quad \rho(h) = \rho(-h)$$

$$|\gamma(h)| \leq \gamma(0) \quad \rho(h) \leq 1, \rho(0) = 1$$

If  $x_t$  is stationary,

- Sample mean

$$Ex \approx \bar{x} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{t=1}^n x_t$$

- Sample autocovariance function

$$\hat{\gamma}(h) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{t=1}^{n-h} (x_{t+h} - \bar{x})(x_t - \bar{x})$$

**Theorem:** Under weak conditions, if  $x_t$  is white noise and  $n \rightarrow \infty$  then  $\hat{\rho}(h)$  is approximately  $N(0, \frac{1}{n})$

**Consequence:** If some  $|\hat{\rho}(h)| > \frac{2}{\sqrt{n}}$  then the time series is not a white noise (with approximately 95 % confidence).

## 1.2 Backshift operator

- **Backshift operator**  $Bx_t = x_{t-1}$ ,  
Powers  $B^k x_t = x_{t-k}$
- Forward-shift operator  $B^{-1}x_t = x_{t+1}$
- **Note**  $BB^{-1}x_t = x_t$  (i.e.  $BB^{-1} = 1$ )
- Differencing  $\nabla x_t = (1 - B)x_t$
- **Differences of order  $d$** :  $\nabla^d = (1 - B)^d$
- **Property**: Operators can be manipulated as polynomials
- **Example** Check that  $\nabla^2 x_t = x_t - 2x_{t-1} + x_{t-2}$
- **Property**: Differencing of order  $p$  can remove polynomial trend of order  $p$

## 1.3 MA, AR, ARMA

- **Moving average model of order  $q$ , MA( $q$ )**

$$\begin{aligned} x_t &= w_t + \theta_1 w_{t-1} + \dots + \theta_q w_{t-q} \\ &= \sum_{j=0}^q \theta_j w_{t-j} \end{aligned}$$

- $w_t \sim wn(0, \sigma_w^2)$
- $\theta_1, \dots, \theta_q$  constants,  $\theta_q \neq 0$  and  $\theta_0 = 1$

- **Moving average operator**

$$\theta(B) = \sum_{j=0}^q \theta_j B^j$$

- **MA( $q$ )**:

$$x_t = \theta(B)w_t$$

- **Autoregressive model of order  $p$ , AR( $p$ )**

$$x_t = \phi_1 x_{t-1} + \dots + \phi_p x_{t-p} + w_t$$

- $x_t$  is **stationary** if  $x_0$  is sampled from the stationary distribution
- $w_t \sim wn(0, \sigma_w^2)$
- $\phi_1, \dots, \phi_p$  constants,  $\phi_p \neq 0$
- $Ex_t = 0$

- **Autoregressive operator**

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

- AR( $p$ ) model

$$\phi(B)x_t = w_t$$

- **ARMA( $p, q$ )**

$$\begin{aligned} x_t &= \phi_1 x_{t-1} + \dots + \phi_p x_{t-p} \\ &\quad + w_t + \theta_1 w_{t-1} + \dots + \theta_q w_{t-q} \end{aligned}$$

- $\phi_p \neq 0, \theta_q \neq 0$
- Is stationary
- $Ex_t = 0$

- **$p$ -autoregressive order,  $q$ -moving average order**

- Alternative form

$$\phi(B)x_t = \theta(B)w_t$$

- **Note**:  $x_t = \phi^{-1}(B)\theta(B)w_t = \sum_{j=-\infty}^{\infty} \psi_j w_{t-j}$   
– But series might be non-convergent

## 1.4 Causality / invertibility

A stationary process is **causal** if it is only dependent on the past values of the process

**Def:** A linear process is **nonexplosive** and **causal** if it can be written as a one-sided sum:

$$x_t = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \psi_j w_{t-j} = \psi(B)w_t$$

where  $\psi(B) = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \psi_j B^j$  and  $\sum_{j=0}^{\infty} |\psi_j| < \infty$ .

**Def:** An MA process is **invertible** if it has a causal AR representation,

$$w_t = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \pi_j x_{t-j}$$

**Def:** Linear process is **causal** and **nonexplosive** if

- $x_t = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \psi_j w_{t-j}$  (depends on the past only)
- $\sum_{j=0}^{\infty} |\psi_j| < \infty$
- We set  $\psi_0 = 1$  by convention.

**Property:** ARMA(p,q) is **causal** iff roots  $\phi(z') = 0$  are outside unit circle, i.e.  $|z'| > 1$

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