

Time Series Analysis - STAT 478 - Final Exam - Part 1 Q4

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Part 1: Problem 4

Consider the following models where $\{e_t\}$ is a 0 mean white noise process with variance σ^2 .

- i $Y_t = 1.9Y_{t-1} - 0.9Y_{t-2} + e_t - 0.5e_{t-1}$
- ii $Y_t = 0.5Y_{t-1} + e_t - 0.2e_{t-1} - 0.15e_{t-2}$

Part (a)

Write each model above using backshift notation.

- (i) $(1 - 1.9B + 0.9B^2)Y_t = (1 - 0.5B)e_t$.

Working on both sides of the equation simultaneously, we use the following sequence of transformations to arrive at a canonical form.

$$\begin{aligned}(1 - 1.9B + 0.9B^2)Y_t &= (1 - 1/2B)e_t \\ 1/10(10 - 19B + 9B^2)Y_t &= (1 - 1/2B)e_t \\ 1/10(1 - B)(10 - 9B)Y_t &= (1 - 1/2B)e_t \\ 1/100(1 - B)(1 - 9/10B)Y_t &= (1 - 1/2B)e_t \\ (1 - B)(1 - 9/10B)Y_t &= (1 - 1/2B)100e_t\end{aligned}$$

We let $\eta_t = 10^2 e_t$, which is white noise with a mean 0 and variance $10^4 \sigma^2$, thus

$$(1 - B)(1 - 9/10B)Y_t = (1 - 1/2B)\eta_t.$$

- (ii) $(1 - 0.5B)Y_t = (1 - 0.2B - 0.15B^2)e_t$. Working on both sides of the equation simultaneously, we use the following sequence of transformations to arrive at a canonical form.

$$\begin{aligned}(1 - 0.5B)Y_t &= (1 - 0.2B - 0.15B^2)e_t \\ (1 - 1/2B)Y_t &= (1 - 1/5B - 3/20B^2)e_t \\ (1 - 1/2B)Y_t &= (1 - 1/2B)(1 + 3/10B)e_t \\ Y_t &= (1 + 3/10B)e_t\end{aligned}$$

Part (b)

Characterize these models as models in the ARIMA(p, d, q) family, that is, identify p , d and q .

- (i) By the form, $\{Y_t\}$ is an ARIMA(1, 1, 1) process, or equivalently, $\{\nabla Y_t\}$ is an ARMA(1, 1) process.
- (ii) By the form, $\{Y_t\}$ is an ARIMA(0, 0, 1) process, or equivalently, MA(1) process.

Part (c)

Determine if each model corresponds to a stationary process or not.

- (i) $\{Y_t\}$ is an ARIMA(1, 1, 1) process, which means that its characteristic function has a unit root. Recall that ARIMA(1, 1, 1) denotes a $\{Y_t\}$ is therefore a non-stationary process.¹
- (ii) $\{Y_t\}$ is an MA(1) process, which are necessarily stationary.

¹ $\nabla\{Y_t\}$ is a stationary ARMA(1, 1) process since it does not have a unit root.