

Filtering and Autoregressive models of lag1

1. Technical details

- Complex numbers
 - $Z = a + bi$
 - $i = \sqrt{-1}$
 - complex conjugate: $z^* = a - bi$
 - $|z| = \sqrt{a^2 + b^2}$ — If $|z|$ is such that $|z| > 1$, it's outside unit circle

2. Linear Filters

- Filter out certain frequencies from a data set
 - Low-pass — Filter out higher-frequency — moving average smoother : $X_t = (Z_{-1} + Z_{-2} + Z_{-3} + Z_{-4} + Z_{-5})/5$
 - High-pass — Filter out lower-frequency — Difference: $X_t = Z_t - Z_{t-1}$
 - General linear process: A GLP is a linear filter with **white noise input** — $\sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \psi_j a_{t-j} = X_t - \mu$ — AR, MA and ARMA processes are special cases of GLP

3. Introduction and Stationarity

AR(p) $p = 1$
Autoregressive models

useful for describing stationary data that move forward in time

- AR(1)
 - $X_t = \beta + \phi_1 X_{t-1} + a_t$ where $\beta = (1 - \phi_1)\mu$ — Value of the process at t depends on the value of the process at time $t-1$ plus a random noise component (and a constant)
 - $X_t = (1 - \phi_1)\mu + \phi_1 X_{t-1} + a_t$ — **An AR(1) process is stationary if and only if $|\phi_1| < 1$.**
 - AR(1)
 - β is moving average constant

Conditions:

- Expected value
 - $E[X_t] = \mu$ — **Mean does not depend on t .**
- Variance
 - Condition 2: Variance**
 $\sigma_X^2 = \frac{\sigma_a^2}{1 - \phi_1^2}$ — **Note that the variance is finite as long as $|\phi_1| < 1$, and also note that it does not depend on t !**
- Autocorrelations
 - Condition 3: Autocorrelations**
 $\rho_k = \phi_1^k, k \geq 0$ — **Note that the ρ_k decreases exponentially with k and only depends on k and not t .**
- Spectral density
 - Bonus: Spectral density**
 $S_X(f) = \frac{\sigma_a^2}{\sigma_X^2} \left(\frac{1}{|1 - \phi_1 e^{-2\pi i f}|^2} \right)$ — **Monotonically increasing or decreasing in f depending on ϕ_1 .**

4. Phi Positive and Negative

- Positive
 - Realizations seem to be 'wandering', aperiodic in nature
 - Autocorrelations are damped exponentials.
 - Spectral densities have peaks at $f=0$, which is consistent with the behavior of the realizations.
- Negative
 - Realizations seem to be 'oscillating'. That is, if X_t is above the mean, then the strong tendency is for X_{t+1} to be below the mean and so on.
 - Autocorrelations are damped, oscillating exponentials.
 - Spectral density have peaks at $f=.5$. This is consistent with the up-and-down behavior in realizations.

5. Characteristic equation and stationarity

- Characteristic equation — $X_t = \phi_1 X_{t+1} + a_t$ — $1 - \phi_1 Z = 0$ — $r = Z = 1/\phi_1$ — $|r| > 1$ then stationary — $|\phi_1| < 1$ then stationary
- Backshift operator
 - $BX_t = X_{t-1}$
 - $Ba_t = a_{t-1}$

$(1 - \phi_1 B)X_t = a_t$