

# Autoregressive (AR) Models

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Lecture 5b

## Announcements

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- ▶ Midterm 1 grades coming soon.
- ▶ Project checkpoint 2 is due Wednesday March 10 (next week).
- ▶ Homework 4 is due Wednesday March 17, will be posted soon.

Recap

## Definition of Moving Average Models

Let  $\dots, W_{-2}, W_{-1}, W_0, W_1, W_2, \dots$  be a double infinite white noise sequence. The **moving average model** of order  $q$  or **MA( $q$ )** model is defined as

$$X_t = W_t + \theta_1 W_{t-1} + \theta_2 W_{t-2} + \dots + \theta_q W_{t-q}$$

where  $\theta_1, \dots, \theta_q$  are parameters, with  $\theta_q \neq 0$ .

## Autocovariance function of an MA(q) time series:

- ▶ The MA(q) model can be concisely written as  $X_t = \sum_{j=0}^q \theta_j W_{t-j}$  where we take  $\theta_0 = 1$ .
- ▶ The mean of  $X_t$  is clearly 0.
- ▶ For  $h \geq 0$ , the covariance between  $X_t$  and  $X_{t+h}$  is given by

$$\gamma_X(h) = \begin{cases} \sigma^2 \sum_{j=0}^{q-h} \theta_j \theta_{j+h} & h = 0, 1, \dots, q \\ 0 & h > q. \end{cases}$$

## Autocorrelation function of an MA(q) time series (brief in recap)

For the autocorrelation function we thus get

$$\rho_X(h) = \begin{cases} \frac{\sum_{j=0}^{q-h} \theta_j \theta_{j+h}}{\sum_{j=0}^q \theta_j^2} & h = 0, 1, \dots, q \\ 0 & h > q \end{cases}$$

Note that the autocovariance and the autocorrelation functions *cut off* after lag  $q$ .

## Theorem: Stationarity of MA(q)

- ▶ Theorem: Let  $\dots, X_{-2}, X_{-1}, X_0, X_1, X_2, \dots$  be a time series which follows an MA(q) model. Then  $\{X_t\}$  is weakly stationary.
- ▶ Why? Because the mean is always 0 and
- ▶  $\text{cov}(X_t, X_{t+h})$  does not depend on  $t$ , only  $h$ .



## Backshift Notation

- ▶ A convenient piece of notation avoids the trouble of writing huge expressions!
- ▶ Let  $B$  denote the **backshift operator** defined by

$$BW_t = W_{t-1}, B^2W_t = W_{t-2}, B^3W_t = W_{t-3}, \dots$$

## Moving Average Operator

- ▶ Definition: for parameters  $\theta_1, \dots, \theta_q$  with  $\theta_q \neq 0$  define the **moving average operator** of order  $q$  as

$$\theta(B) = 1 + \theta_1 B + \dots \theta_q B^q.$$

- ▶ MA(2):

$$\begin{aligned} X_t &= W_t + \theta_1 W_{t-1} + \theta_2 W_{t-2} \\ &= (1 + \theta_1 B + \theta_2 B^2) W_t \end{aligned}$$

such that  $\theta(B) = (1 + \theta_1 B + \theta_2 B^2)$

- ▶ Then we can write the MA( $q$ ) model as

$$X_t = \theta(B) W_t,$$

for a white noise process  $\{W_t\}$ .

## Invertibility (brief in recap)

- ▶ The MA(1) process  $X_t = W_t + \theta W_{t-1}$  can be written as

$$X_t = \theta(B)W_t$$

for the polynomial  $\theta(z) = 1 + \theta_1 z$ .

- ▶ Consider the case of the MA(1) model whose ACVF is given by

$$\gamma_X(0) = \sigma_W^2(1 + \theta^2)$$

$$\gamma_X(1) = \theta\sigma_W^2$$

$$\gamma_X(h) = 0 \text{ for all } h \geq 2.$$

- ▶ Let's say  $\theta = 5, \sigma_W^2 = 1$
- ▶ But we'd get the same ACVF as for  $\theta = 1/5, \sigma_W^2 = 25$ .
- ▶ In other words, there exist different parameter values that give the same ACVF.
- ▶ This implies that one **cannot uniquely** estimate the parameters of an MA(1) model from data.

## Invertibility (brief in recap)

$$X_t = W_t + \theta W_{t-1}$$

- ▶ A natural fix is to consider only those MA(1) for which  $|\theta| < 1$ :
- ▶ This condition is called **invertibility**.
- ▶  $|\theta| < 1$  for the MA(1) model is equivalent to stating:
- ▶  $\theta(z) = 1 + \theta z$  has all roots of magnitude strictly larger than one.

## Definition

An MA(q) model  $X_t = \theta(B)W_t$  is said to be **invertible**, if  $\theta(z) \neq 0$  for  $|z| \leq 1$ .

## Equivalence of Idea and Definition

► For  $\theta(z) = 1 + \theta z$ , force  $|\theta| < 1$

► Then for its roots:

if  $\theta(z) = 0$ , then  $|z| > 1$

► The converse carries the same meaning

if  $|z| \leq 1$ , then  $\theta(z) \neq 0$

## Alternate Definition via Theorem

An MA(q) model  $X_t = \theta(B)W_t$  is invertible if and only if the time series  $\{X_t\}$  and the white noise  $\{W_t\}$  can be written as

$$W_t = \pi(B)X_t = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \pi_j X_{t-j},$$

where  $\pi(B) = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \pi_j B^j$  and  $\sum_{j=0}^{\infty} |\pi_j| < \infty$  and  $\pi_0 = 1$ .

## Example

- ▶ Is the following process invertible?

$$X_t = W_t - \frac{11}{8}W_{t-1} + \frac{7}{16}W_{t-2}$$

- ▶ Operator notation:  $X_t = (1 - \frac{11}{8}B + \frac{7}{16}B^2)W_t$
- ▶ Factor:  $X_t = (1 - \frac{1}{2}B)(1 - \frac{7}{8}B)W_t$
- ▶ Roots are 2 and  $\frac{8}{7}$ , which are greater than 1.
- ▶ Yes! It's invertible.



## Example 2: from Problem 5b on Tomorrow's Lab

- ▶ What is the autocovariance function  $\gamma_Y(h)$  of  $Y_t = W_t + 2W_{t-1} - 2W_{t-4}$ ?
- ▶ First, is  $h = 0$

$$\gamma_Y(0) = \text{Var}(Y_t) = \text{Var}(W_t + 2W_{t-1} - 2W_{t-4}) = 1 + 2^2 + 2^2 = 9$$

- ▶  $h = 1$  uses bilinearity of the covariance:

$$\begin{aligned}\gamma_Y(1) &= \text{Cov}(Y_t, Y_{t-1}) = \text{Cov}(W_t + 2W_{t-1} - 2W_{t-4}, W_{t-1} + 2W_{t-2} - 2W_{t-5}) \\ &= 2\text{Cov}(W_{t-1}, W_{t-1}) = 2\end{aligned}$$

## Example 2: from Problem 5b on Tomorrow's Lab

► For  $h \geq 2$ , we'll use a different, more generic, approach:

$$\begin{aligned}\gamma_Y(h) &= \text{Cov}(Y_t, Y_{t-h}) = \text{Cov}(W_t + 2W_{t-1} - 2W_{t-4}, W_{t-h} + 2W_{t-1-h} - 2W_{t-4-h}) \\&= \text{Cov}(W_t, W_{t-h}) + \text{Cov}(W_t, 2W_{t-1-h}) + \text{Cov}(W_t, -2W_{t-4-h}) \\&\quad + \text{Cov}(2W_{t-1}, W_{t-h}) + \text{Cov}(2W_{t-1}, 2W_{t-1-h}) + \text{Cov}(2W_{t-1}, -2W_{t-4-h}) \\&\quad + \text{Cov}(-2W_{t-4}, W_{t-h}) + \text{Cov}(-2W_{t-4}, 2W_{t-1-h}) + \text{Cov}(-2W_{t-4}, -2W_{t-4-h}) \\&= \text{Cov}(W_t, W_{t-h}) + 2\text{Cov}(W_t, W_{t-1-h}) - 2\text{Cov}(W_t, W_{t-4-h}) \\&\quad + 2\text{Cov}(W_{t-1}, W_{t-h}) + 4\text{Cov}(W_{t-1}, W_{t-1-h}) - 4\text{Cov}(W_{t-1}, W_{t-4-h}) \\&\quad - 2\text{Cov}(W_{t-4}, W_{t-h}) - 4\text{Cov}(W_{t-4}, W_{t-1-h}) + 4\text{Cov}(W_{t-4}, W_{t-4-h}) \\&= \gamma_W(h) + 2\gamma_W(h+1) - 2\gamma_W(h+4) \\&\quad + 2\gamma_W(h-1) + 4\gamma_W(h) - 4\gamma_W(h+3) \\&\quad - 2\gamma_W(h-4) - 4\gamma_W(h-3) + 4\gamma_W(h)\end{aligned}$$

## Example 2: from Problem 5b on Tomorrow's Lab

$$\begin{aligned}\gamma_Y(h) = & -2\gamma_W(h-4) - 4\gamma_W(h-3) + 2\gamma_W(h-1) + 9\gamma_W(h) \\ & + 2\gamma_W(h+1) - 4\gamma_W(h+3) - 2\gamma_W(h+4)\end{aligned}$$

► Recall  $\gamma_W(h) = \sigma_W^2$  when  $h = 0$ , and 0 otherwise. Thus

$$\gamma_Y(h) = \begin{cases} 9\sigma_W^2 & h = 0 \\ 2\sigma_W^2 & |h| = 1 \\ 0 & |h| = 2 \\ -4\sigma_W^2 & |h| = 3 \\ -2\sigma_W^2 & |h| = 4 \\ 0 & |h| \geq 5. \end{cases}$$

$$MA(\infty)$$

# Infinite Order Moving Average

- ▶ This is an  $MA(\infty)$  model:

$$X_t = W_t + \theta_1 W_{t-1} + \theta_2 W_{t-2} + \cdots + \theta_q W_{t-q} + \theta_{q+1} W_{t-q-1} + \dots$$

with  $\{W_t\}$  as white noise with mean zero and variance  $\sigma^2$ .

- ▶ We will write this expression succinctly via

$$X_t = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \theta_j W_{t-j}$$

with  $\theta_0$  taken to be 1.

## Infinite Order Moving Average

- ▶ Infinite sums have convergence issues!
- ▶ Note the sum of the infinite geometric series, for  $|r| < 1$ :

$$a + ar + ar^2 + ar^3 + \dots = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} ar^k = \frac{a}{1-r}$$

- ▶ A sufficient condition which ensures that the infinite sum is finite (almost surely) is  $\sum_j |\theta_j| < \infty$ .
- ▶ In this class, we will always assume this condition when talking about the infinite series  $\sum_{j \geq 0} \theta_j W_{t-j}$ .

## Infinite Order Moving Average

It turns out that  $X_t = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \theta_j W_{t-j}$  is a stationary process because

$$EX_t = E \left( \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \theta_j W_{t-j} \right) = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \theta_j EW_{t-j} = 0$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Cov}(X_t, X_{t+h}) &= \text{Cov} \left( \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \theta_j W_{t-j}, \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \theta_k W_{t+h-k} \right) \\ &= \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \theta_j \theta_k \text{Cov}(W_{t-j}, W_{t+h-k}) = \sigma^2 \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \theta_j \theta_{j+h}. \end{aligned}$$

We could freely interchange the expectation and covariance operators above with the infinite sum because of the condition  $\sum_j |\theta_j| < \infty$ .

## Infinite Order Moving Average

- Note that the expectation  $EX_t$  and the covariance  $Cov(X_t, X_{t+h})$  do not depend on  $t$  and the autocovariance is given by

$$\gamma_X(h) = \sigma^2 \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \theta_j \theta_{j+h}.$$

In particular, we get the following

- Theorem: Let  $\dots, X_{-2}, X_{-1}, X_0, X_1, X_2, \dots$  be a time series which follows an  $MA(\infty)$  model. Then  $\{X_t\}$  is weakly stationary.



## An Interesting $MA(\infty)$

- ▶ Fix  $\phi$  with  $|\phi| < 1$ .
- ▶ Choose weights  $\theta_j = \phi^j$  in  $MA(\infty)$
- ▶  $X_t = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \phi^j W_{t-j}$
- ▶ ACVF:

$$\gamma(h) = \sigma^2 \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \phi^j \phi^{j+h} = \sigma^2 \phi^h \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \phi^{2j} = \frac{\phi^h \sigma^2}{1 - \phi^2} \text{ for } h \geq 0$$

- ▶ ACF:  $\rho(h) = \phi^h$  for  $h \geq 0$ .
- ▶ Unlike the  $MA(1)$ , this ACF is strictly non-zero for all lags! But, since  $\rho(h)$  drops exponentially as lag increases, this is effectively a stationary time series with short range dependence.
- ▶ Note that if  $\phi$  is negative, the ACF  $\rho(h)$  oscillates as  $h$  increases.

## An Interesting $MA(\infty)$

- ▶ Here is an important property of this process  $X_t$ :

$$\begin{aligned}X_t &= W_t + \phi W_{t-1} + \phi^2 W_{t-2} + \dots \\&= W_t + \phi \left( W_{t-1} + \phi W_{t-2} + \phi^2 W_{t-3} + \dots \right) \\&= W_t + \phi X_{t-1} \text{ for every } t = \dots, -1, 0, 1, \dots\end{aligned}$$

- ▶ Thus  $X_t$  satisfies the following first order *difference equation*:

$$X_t = \phi X_{t-1} + W_t.$$

- ▶ For this reason,  $X_t = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \phi^j W_{t-j}$  is called the **Stationary Autoregressive Process of order one**.

## Autoregressive Model

## Definition of AR(p)

Let  $\dots, W_{-2}, W_{-1}, W_0, W_1, W_2, \dots$  be a double infinite white noise sequence. The **autoregressive model** of order  $p$  or **AR(p)** model is of the form

$$X_t = W_t + \phi_1 X_{t-1} + \phi_2 X_{t-2} + \dots + \phi_p X_{t-p},$$

where  $\phi_1, \dots, \phi_p$  with  $\phi_p \neq 0$  are parameters.

# Autoregressive Operator

We can write the AR(p) model as

$$\phi(B)X_t = W_t,$$

for a white noise process  $\{W_t\}$ .

## Definition of Autoregressive Operator

For parameters  $\phi_1, \dots, \phi_p$  with  $\phi_p \neq 0$  define the **autoregressive operator** of order  $p$  as

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

## AR(1) Process

- ▶ We will first look at AR(1) processes which satisfy the difference equation

$$X_t - \phi X_{t-1} = W_t.$$

or equivalently

$$X_t = \phi X_{t-1} + W_t.$$

- ▶ Previously seen that when  $|\phi| < 1$  the MA( $\infty$ ) process  $X_t = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \phi^j W_{t-j}$  solves this difference equation.
- ▶ Is it the only solution to the difference equation above?
- ▶ No!

## What do we mean by solution?

- ▶ In practice (empirically/with data), we consider  $X_t$  as our residuals.
- ▶ Theoretically, however, we're looking at an equation that involves white noise (whose properties we understand) and a sequence of unknown random variables,

$$\dots, X_{t-1}, X_t, X_{t+1}, \dots$$

- ▶ Thus, we're solving for  $X$ , similar to high school algebra class.



## Another Solution to $X_t = \phi X_{t-1} + W_t$

- ▶ Define  $X_0$  to be an arbitrary random variable that is uncorrelated with the white noise series  $\{W_t\}$  and define  $X_1, X_2, \dots$  as well as  $X_{-1}, X_{-2}, \dots$  using the difference equation  $X_t = \phi X_{t-1} + W_t$ .
- ▶ The resulting sequence surely satisfies  $X_t = \phi X_{t-1} + W_t$ . Is it stationary?
- ▶ NO! Because  $X_{-1} = X_0/\phi - W_0/\phi$  and since  $|\phi| < 1$  and  $X_0$  and  $W_0$  are uncorrelated, this would give  $\text{var}(X_{-1}) > \text{var}(X_0)$ , contradicting stationarity.
- ▶  $X_t = \phi X_{t-1} + W_t$  with  $|\phi| < 1$  has many solutions but only one stationary solution.

Stationarity of AR (break here :)

## Theorem on AR Stationarity

For some white noise process  $\{W_t\}$  and fixed parameter  $|\phi| \neq 1$  there exists exactly one time series process  $\{X_t\}$  with mean zero which is stationary and solves the difference equation

$$X_t - \phi X_{t-1} = W_t.$$

## Sidebar

- ▶ Before we prove this theorem, let us analyze what the unique stationary solution of the difference equation is in a rather more heuristic way.
- ▶ The difference equation  $X_t - \phi X_{t-1} = W_t$  can be rewritten as  $\phi(B)X_t = W_t$  where  $\phi(B)$  is given by the polynomial  $\phi(z) = 1 - \phi z$ . Therefore, it is natural that the solution of this equation is

$$X_t = \frac{1}{\phi(B)} W_t.$$

- ▶ First consider  $|\phi| < 1$ . From the formula for the sum of a geometric series, we have

$$\frac{1}{\phi(z)} = (1 - \phi z)^{-1} = 1 + \phi z + \phi^2 z^2 + \phi^3 z^3 + \dots$$

- As a result, we expect as a stationary solution

$$\begin{aligned} X_t &= \frac{1}{\phi(B)} W_t \\ &= \left( I + \phi B + \phi^2 B^2 + \dots \right) W_t \\ &= W_t + \phi W_{t-1} + \phi^2 W_{t-2} + \dots \\ &= \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \phi^j W_{t-j}. \end{aligned}$$

## Sidebar

- Second consider  $|\phi| > 1$ . Here, we can write

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{1}{\phi(z)} &= \frac{1}{1 - \phi z} \\ &= \frac{-1}{\phi z} \left(1 - \frac{1}{\phi z}\right)^{-1} \\ &= -\frac{1}{\phi z} - \frac{1}{\phi^2 z^2} - \frac{1}{\phi^3 z^3} - \dots \\ &= -\frac{z^{-1}}{\phi} - \frac{z^{-2}}{\phi^2} - \frac{z^{-3}}{\phi^3} - \dots\end{aligned}$$

- ▶ As a result, we expect as a stationary solution

$$\begin{aligned} X_t &= \left( -\frac{B^{-1}}{\phi} - \frac{B^{-2}}{\phi^2} - \frac{B^{-3}}{\phi^3} - \dots \right) W_t \\ &= -\frac{W_{t+1}}{\phi} - \frac{W_{t+2}}{\phi^2} - \frac{W_{t+3}}{\phi^3} - \dots \end{aligned}$$

- ▶ This is indeed true and we will prove this in the following. The strange part about the equation above is that  $X_t$  depends on only future white noise values:  
 $W_{t+1}, W_{t+2}, \dots$
- ▶ As a result, autoregressive processes of order 1 for  $|\phi| > 1$  are rarely used in time series modelling.

## Proof

- ▶ We only present the proof for  $|\phi| < 1$ . The case for  $|\phi| > 1$  is analog.
- ▶ We have seen that  $X_t = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \phi^j W_{t-j}$  is one stationary solution of the difference equation.
- ▶ Suppose  $\{Y_t\}$  is any other stationary sequence which also satisfies the difference equation, so that we want to show  $X_t = Y_t$  is the unique stationary solution.  
i.e.  $Y_t = \phi Y_{t-1} + W_t$ .
- ▶ In that case, by successively using this equation, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} Y_t &= W_t + \phi Y_{t-1} \\ &= W_t + \phi W_{t-1} + \phi^2 Y_{t-2} \\ &= W_t + \phi W_{t-1} + \phi^2 W_{t-2} + \phi^3 Y_{t-3} \\ &= W_t + \phi W_{t-1} + \phi^2 W_{t-2} + \phi^3 W_{t-3} + \phi^4 Y_{t-4} \\ &= \vdots \end{aligned}$$



## Proof (continued)

- ▶ In general, for every  $k$ , one would have

$$Y_t = \left[ \sum_{i=0}^k \phi^i W_{t-i} \right] + \phi^{k+1} Y_{t-k-1}$$

- ▶ The idea is now to let  $k$  approach  $\infty$ .
- ▶ The first term on the right hand side is

$$\sum_{i=0}^k \phi^i W_{t-i}$$

which we have argued converges to  $X_t = \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \phi^i W_{t-i}$  as  $k$  goes to infinity.

- ▶ If the second term,  $\phi^{k+1} Y_{t-k-1}$ , goes to 0 as  $k \rightarrow \infty$ , then  $Y_t = X_t$  and we're done. We'll do this with **mean-square convergence**.

## Proof (continued) - Mean-Square Convergence

- We want to show

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} E \left[ \left( \phi^{k+1} Y_{t-k-1} - 0 \right)^2 \right] = 0$$

- First note that  $E \left[ \left( \phi^{k+1} Y_{t-k-1} \right)^2 \right] = \phi^{2k+2} E Y_{t-k-1}^2$
- We assumed  $\{Y_t\}$  is stationary, which means it has time-invariant (constant) mean and variance, implying  $E(Y_t^2)$  is time-invariant too as  $\text{Var}(Y_t) = E(Y_t^2) - [E(Y_t)]^2$ . Hence  $E Y_{t-k-1}^2 = E Y_a^2$  for any fixed integer  $a$ . Let  $a = 0$  :

$$\phi^{2k+2} E Y_{t-k-1}^2 = \phi^{2k+2} E Y_0^2$$

- As  $E Y_0^2$  is a constant and  $|\phi| < 1$ :

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} E \left[ \left( \phi^{k+1} Y_{t-k-1} - 0 \right)^2 \right] = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \phi^{2k+2} E Y_0^2 = 0$$

- It follows therefore that  $Y_t$  and  $X_t$  are the same.

## Proof (continued)

- ▶ Finally, consider the case  $|\phi| = 1$
- ▶ Here the difference equation becomes  $X_t - X_{t-1} = W_t$  for  $\phi = 1$  and  $X_t + X_{t-1} = W_t$  for  $\phi = -1$ .
- ▶ These difference equations have **no** stationary solutions.
- ▶ Let us see this for  $\phi = 1$  (the  $\phi = -1$  case is similar).
- ▶ Note that  $X_t = X_{t-1} + W_t$  means that

$$\text{var}(X_t) = \text{var}(X_{t-1}) + \text{var}(W_t)$$

as  $X_{t-1}, W_t$  are uncorrelated.}

- ▶ If  $\text{var}(W_t) > 0$ , then  $\text{var}(X_t) > \text{var}(X_{t-1})$ . This cannot happen if  $\{X_t\}$  were stationary.

## AR(1) Summary

1. If  $|\phi| < 1$ , the difference equation has a unique stationary solution given by  $X_t = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \phi^j W_{t-j}$ . The solution clearly only depends on the present and past values of  $\{W_t\}$ . It is hence called **causal**.
2. If  $|\phi| > 1$ , the difference equation has a unique stationary solution given by  $X_t = -\sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \phi^{-j} W_{t+j}$ . This is **non-causal**.
3. If  $|\phi| = 1$ , no stationary solution exists.

## Reinterpreted Summary

This summary can be reinterpreted in terms of the polynomial  $\phi(z) = 1 - \phi z$ . The root of this polynomial is  $1/\phi$ .

1. If the magnitude of the root of  $\phi(z)$  is strictly larger than 1, then  $\phi(B)X_t = W_t$  has a unique **causal** stationary solution.
2. If the magnitude of the root of  $\phi(z)$  is strictly smaller than 1, then  $\phi(B)X_t = W_t$  has a unique stationary solution which is **non-causal**.
3. If the magnitude of the root of  $\phi(z)$  is exactly equal to one, then  $\phi(B)X_t = W_t$  has no stationary solution.

# Causality

# Causality

- ▶ Akin to the invertibility condition for  $MA(q)$ , we can define the causality condition for general  $AR(p)$  processes.
- ▶ Definition: An  $AR(p)$  model  $\phi(B)X_t = W_t$  is said to be **causal**, if  $\phi(z) \neq 0$  for  $|z| \leq 1$ .
- ▶ Analog to the invertibility theorem, one gets the following equivalent definition.

## Thorem on Causality

An AR(p) model  $\phi(B)X_t = W_t$  is causal if and only if the time series  $\{X_t\}$  and the white noise  $\{W_t\}$  can be written as

$$X_t = \psi(B)W_t = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \psi_j W_{t-j},$$

where  $\psi(B) = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \psi_j B^j$  and  $\sum_{j=0}^{\infty} |\psi_j| < \infty$  and  $\psi_0 = 1$ .



ARMA (if time, else next time!)

## ARMA(p,q)

Definition: A (zero mean) *autoregressive moving average* model of order  $p$  and  $q$  is of the form

$$\phi(B)X_t = \theta(B)W_t$$

where  $\phi(B)$  is the AR operator,  $\theta(B)$  is the MA operator, and  $\{W_t\}$  is white noise.

## ARMA(p,q)

Rearranged for forecasting:

$$X_t = \phi_1 X_{t-1} + \dots + \phi_p X_{t-p} + W_t + \theta_1 W_{t-1} + \dots + \theta_q W_{t-q}$$

## Basic ARMA Models

1. White noise ( $X_t = W_t$ ) is ARMA(0,0), with  $\phi(z) = \theta(z) = 1$
2. Moving Average is ARMA(0,q), with  $\phi(z) = 1$  and  $\theta(z) = 1 + \theta_1 z + \theta_2 z^2 + \dots + \theta_q z^q$
3. Autoregression is ARMA(p,0), with  $\theta(z) = 1$  and  $\phi(z) = 1 + \phi_1 z + \phi_2 z^2 + \dots + \phi_q z^q$

## Example (TSA4e 3.8)

- ▶ Is the following process causal and/or invertible?

$$X_t = .4X_{t-1} + .45X_{t-2} + W_t + W_{t-1} + .25W_{t-2}$$

- ▶ Move like terms:  $X_t - .4X_{t-1} - .45X_{t-2} = W_t + W_{t-1} + .25W_{t-2}$
- ▶ Put in operator form:  $(1 - .4B - .45B^2)X_t = (1 + B + .25B^2)W_t$

## Example (TSA4e 3.8)

- ▶ Factor polynomials:  $(1 + .5B)(1 - .9B)X_t = (1 + .5B)^2W_t$
- ▶ Cancel common factors:  $(1 - .9B)X_t = (1 + .5B)W_t$
- ▶ Turns out the original process can be reduced!! To

$$X_t = .9X_{t-1} + W_t + .5W_{t-1}$$

## Example (TSA4e 3.8)

- ▶ Cancel common factors:  $(1 - .9B)X_t = (1 + .5B)W_t$
- ▶  $\theta(z) = 1 + .5B$  has root -2, so it's invertible!
- ▶  $\phi(z) = 1 - .9B$  has root  $\frac{10}{9}$ , so it's causal!

## Code

- ▶ ARMAacf()
- ▶ arima.sim()