

The Backshift Operator

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Discrete Time Series Analysis

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Proposition 2.2.1

Three horizontal lines of varying shades of brown extend from the left edge of the slide. The top line is dark brown and ends with a dark brown dot. The middle line is a medium brown and ends with a medium brown dot. The bottom line is a light brown and ends with a light brown dot.

Proposition 2.2.1 | Statement

$\{\psi_j\}$: Linear filter

$\{Y_t\}$: Input





-  Stationary
-  Zero-mean
-  ACVF: $\gamma_Y(h)$

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$$X_t = \sum_{j=-\infty}^{\infty} \psi_j Y_{t-j}$$

$\{X_t\}$: Output

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-  ACVF $\gamma_X(h)$

$$= \sum_{j=-\infty}^{\infty} \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} \psi_j \psi_k \gamma_Y(h - k + j)$$

If input $\{Y_t\}$ is $\text{wn}(\sigma^2)$,

i.e.) $\{X_t\}$ is a linear process then $\gamma_X(h)$ reduces to

$$\gamma_X(h) = \sum_{j=-\infty}^{\infty} \psi_j \bar{\psi}_{j+h} \sigma^2$$

Proposition 2.2.1

Proving $E[X_t] = 0$



Stationarity 1)

time-invariant mean

$$E[X_t] = E\left[\sum_{j=-\infty}^{\infty} \psi_j Y_{t-j}\right]$$

$$= \sum_{j=-\infty}^{\infty} \psi_j E[Y_{t-j}]$$

$$= \sum_{j=-\infty}^{\infty} \psi_j \times 0$$
$$= 0$$

We can bring the E inside the sum because the sum (highlighted) is finite with probability 1

TLDR: Linearity of E

Proposition 2.2.1

Deriving $\gamma_X(h)$



Stationarity 2)

finite variance



Stationarity 3)

time-invariant ACVF

$$\begin{aligned}\gamma_X(h) &= E[\quad] & E[X_t] = E[X_{t+h}] = 0 \\ &= E \left[\begin{pmatrix} \Sigma & \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \Sigma & \end{pmatrix} \right] \\ &= \Sigma \Sigma & = \Sigma\end{aligned}$$



Covariance independent of t



Y_t is stationary $\rightarrow \gamma_Y(h)$ finite for all h \rightarrow Variance $\gamma_X(0)$ is finite

Absolute summability \nearrow

Proposition 2.2.1 | Linear Processes

If the input $\{Y_t\}$ is a $\text{wn}(\sigma^2)$ process,

$$\gamma_Y(h-k+j) = \begin{cases}$$

For each j :

Therefore:

$$\gamma_X(h) = \sum_{j=-\infty}^{\infty}$$

Why do we care? | Attacking AR(1) with Prop. 2.2.1





$\{X_t\}$ is a linear filter output

Nay, a linear process!

Is it causal?

Yes.





By Proposition 2.2.1, X_t is:

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-  Stationary
-  Linear Process
-  With known ACVF

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Why do we care? | Getting the ACVF with Prop. 2.2.1

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Why do we care? | Another reason we need $|\phi| < 1$

The ACF is then $\rho_X(h) = \phi^{|h|}$
What about the case when $|\phi| = 1$?

Then $X_t = \phi X_{t-1} + Z_t$ gives
 $\text{Var}(X_t) = \text{Var}(X_{t-1}) + \sigma^2$

If $\{X_t\}$ was stationary then $\text{Var}(X_t) = \text{Var}(X_{t-1})$
we would get $\sigma^2 = 0$. So, other than this trivial case,
this is a contradiction to $\sigma^2 > 0$. So $\{X_t\}$ is not
stationary.

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The **Backshift Operator**

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The Backshift Operator



Basic operation:



Powers

extend/contract timeshift

Why do we care?



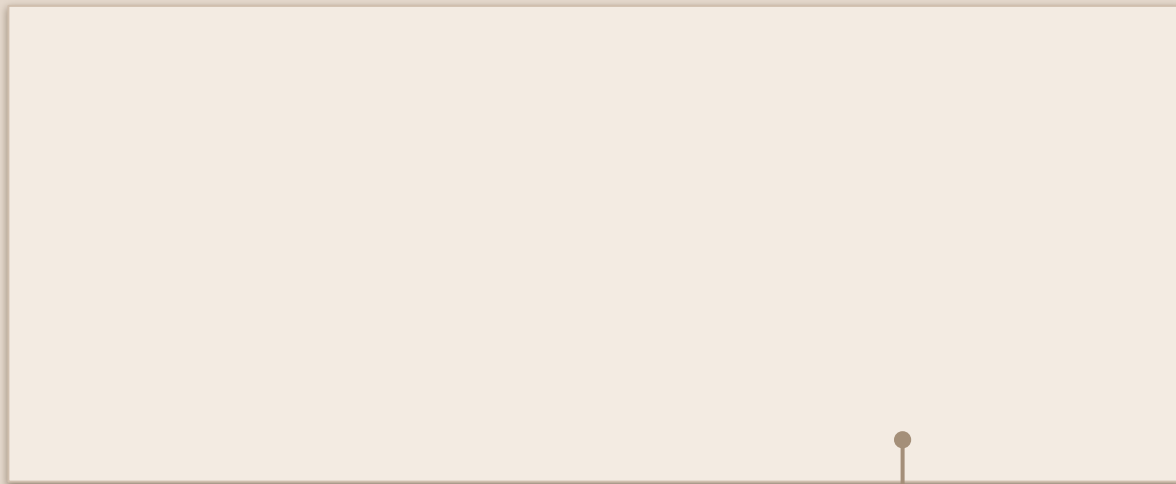
We can **express a linear filter** as a linear combo of powers of B



Expressions involving B can be **treated as regular expressions** and used strategically - let's revisit our AR(1) example.

Linear Filters in terms of B





A linear filter $\{a_j\}$ can be written as an operator in terms of B :



This is exactly the filter's output process, $\{X_t\}$

Example: AR(1)

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We learned something Today, in Time Series 🕒



What do we tell quin?