The Innovations Algorithm

Introduction

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Innovations | RVs representing noise in a time series model

- The Yt in our classical decomp.
- The Zt in our AR(1) models
- Prediction residuals, in the innovations algorithm's context
- The jth innovation is (X_j X̂_j)

Innovations Algorithm

recursively computes:

$$-\hat{X}_{N+1}$$

+ corresponding MMSEs
$$\{\nu_i\}_{i=0}^N$$

MMSE of \hat{X}_{N+1} :

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Algorithm expresses \hat{X}_{N+1} as a linear combo of innovations 1 to N

Note:

we can write \hat{X}_{N+1} in this form because \hat{X}_j , for $j \leq N$, is some linear combo of X_N , ... X_1

Innovations Algorithm

recursively computes:

$$P_0X_1, P_1X_2, \dots, P_NX_{N+1}$$
 \hat{X}_{N+1}

+ corresponding MMSEs $\{\nu_i\}_{i=0}^N$

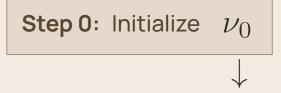
$$\nu_0, \hat{X}_1, \nu_1, \hat{X}_1, \nu_1, \dots, \nu_N, \hat{X}_{N+1}$$

MMSE of \hat{X}_{N+1} :

$$\nu_N \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \mathrm{E}[(X_{N+1} - \hat{X}_{N+1})^2]$$

THE ALGORITHM

$$\hat{X}_{N+1} = \theta_{N,1}(X_N - \hat{X}_N) + \dots + \theta_{N,N}(X_1 - \hat{X}_1)$$



THE ALGORITHM

Step 0: Initialize $\nu_0 =$

Step i: For i in (1, ..., N): $\theta_{1,1}$ ν_1 $\theta_{2,1}$ $\theta_{2,2}$ $\theta_{3,1}$ $\theta_{3,2}$ ν_2 ν_3

Psst... What does this look like?

Remark 1 | Why do we initialize with Var(X1)?

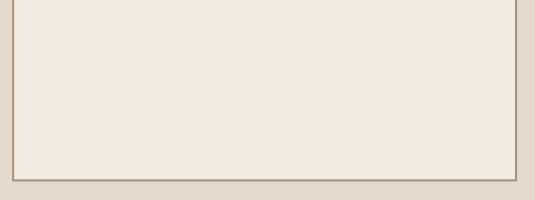
$$\nu_0 = \operatorname{Var}(X_1) = \gamma_X(0)$$

In step 0, the best LP of X1 based on no predictors - i.e.) PoX1

is the constant a which minimizes

$$E[(X_1 - a)^2]$$

Differentiate w.r.t. a, set equal to 0



Remark 2 | Wait, we don't input the actual series, {Xt}?

Only input to the algorithm: ACVF at lags {h = 0, ..., N-1}

Sample ACVF is unreliable at lags near N

- Not good as input for this algorithm : (
- Limited to prediction for time series where a parametric model is assumed

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ACVF either **assumed known** at all lags, or reliably estimated through **estimation of the model parameters**

Remark 3 | So the algorithm only works for stationary series?

We've been working in a stationary framework, this whole time.

There is a more general version, applicable to non-stationary series...

- Required input: covariance function (2 variables: t1 and t2)
- The text gives the version of this algorithm in section 2.5.4

This version is limited, however:

It's often infeasible to estimate $\gamma_X(t_1,t_2)$ without strict assumptions.