# CS 660: Mathematical Foundations of Analytics

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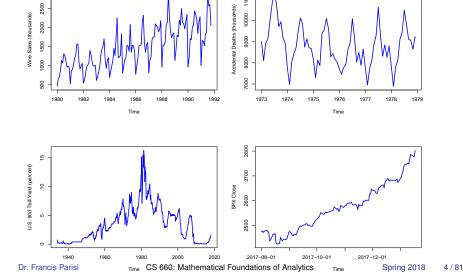
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Time Series and Stochastic Processes Basics

- 1. A **time series** is a sequence of data recorded in time
- 2. Examples of time series
  - Australian Red Wine Sales
  - Monthly Accidental Deaths
  - U.S. Interest Rates
  - Stock Prices

#### Examples of time series

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#### Time series may

- Be random noise
- Have a trend
- Have a seasonal component
- Have both a trend and a seasonal component

- Modeling for time series is conceptually similar to other modeling problems
- One major distinction is that usually the next value of the series is highly related to the most recent values
- ► This dependence decays with time

- When we model a time series we first try simplify it as much as possible
- If the series has properties that change over time (like the mean or the variance), we preprocess the series to make it stationary (statistical properties constant in time)
- First we note that often there are both trends and seasonality in many data sets
- Linear trends are removed by doing a first difference on the time series, where one models the differences between the values at each time step instead of the value at each time step

- Seasonality can be identified and removed as follows
- ► First one identifies the natural periodicity of the data. This can be done in a variety of ways, such as
  - (1) through expert understanding of the dynamics
  - (2) through statistical analysis using different window lengths or
  - (3) through frequency analysis looking for the fundamental frequency of frequencies
- Once we identify the seasonal component we subtract it from the data

- Most time series modeling handles many of these processes via the Autoregressive Integrated Moving Average (ARIMA) methodology
- The partial autocorrelation function explicitly accounts for the simple statistical linear correlation to the past values
- The ARIMA model training is to learn the not so obvious relationships
- ► The moving average process helps mitigate noise

- The ARIMA methodology is inherently linear
- Most mainline forecasting limits itself to linear modeling
- Much like the widespread use of linear regressions
- ► The Generalized Autoregressive Conditional Heteroscedastic (GARCH) methodology is essentially built around autocorrelation and a moving average

- We often deal with multiple time series problems
- One simultaneously predicts the output of multiple time series using all the time series as inputs
- This category of problems is a straightforward extension of the single time series prediction methodology
- Multiple time series are the inputs to each of the single prediction models for each separate time series
- This is known as multivariate time series analysis, also vector autoregressive or VAR

General form of a time series is

$$X_t = m_t + S_t + Y_t \tag{7.1}$$

where  $m_t$  is the trend,  $S_t$  is the seasonal component, and  $Y_t$  is a mean 0 **stationary** series

Our goal: Estimate  $m_t$ ,  $S_t$  and eliminate them to get a mean 0, stationary series

#### Definition

Let  $\{X_t\}$  be a time series with  $\mathbb{E} X_t^2 < \infty$ . The **mean function** of  $\{X_t\}$  is

$$\mu_X(t) = \mathbb{E}(X_t)$$

The **covariance function** of  $\{X_t\}$  is

$$\gamma_X(r,s) = \operatorname{Cov}(X_r, X_s) = \mathbb{E}[(X_r - \mu_X(r))(X_s - \mu_X(s))]$$

for all  $r, s, t \in \mathbb{Z}$ .

#### Definition (2)

- $\{X_t\}$  is (weakly) stationary if
  - (i)  $\mu_X(t)$  is independent of t and
  - (ii)  $\gamma_X(t+h,t)$  is independent of t for each h
    - ▶ **Strict stationarity** of a time series  $\{X_t, t = 0, \pm 1, \ldots\}$  is defined by the condition that  $(X_1, \ldots, X_n)$  and  $(X_{1+h}, \ldots, X_{n+h})$  have the same joint distributions for all integers h and h > 0
    - ▶ It is easy to check that if  $\{X_t\}$  is strictly stationary and  $\mathbb{E} X_t^2 < \infty$  for all t, then  $\{X_t\}$  is also weakly stationary

Given condition (ii), whenever we we use covariance function with reference to a stationary series, we'll mean the function  $\gamma_X$  of one variable defined by

$$\gamma_X(h) := \gamma_X(h,0) = \gamma_X(t+h,t)$$

The function  $\gamma_X(h)$  is the autocovariance function at lag h

#### Definition

Let  $\{X_t\}$  be a stionary time series. the **autocovariance** function (ACVF) of  $\{X_t\}$  is

$$\gamma_X(h) = \operatorname{Cov}(X_{t+h}, X_t)$$

The autocorrelation function (ACF) of  $\{X_t\}$  is

$$\rho_X(h) \equiv \frac{\gamma_X(h)}{\gamma_X(0)} = \operatorname{Cor}(X_{t+h,X-t})$$

iid Noise

If  $\{X_t\}$  is *iid* noise and  $\mathbb{E}(X_t^2) = \sigma^2 < \infty$ , then  $\mathbb{E}(X_t) = 0$  for all t. By the assumed independence,

$$\gamma_X(t+h,h) = \begin{cases} \sigma^2, & \text{if } h = 0, \\ 0, & \text{if } h \neq 0 \end{cases}$$
 (7.2)

which does not depend on t

Therefore *iid* noise with finite second moment is stationary and we denote it as

$$\{X_t\} \sim \mathrm{IID}(0, \sigma^2)$$

to indicate that the random variables  $X_t$  are independent and identically distributed random variables, each with mean 0 and variance  $\sigma^2$ .

White Noise

If  $\{Xt\}$  is a sequence of uncorrelated random variables, each with zero mean and variance  $\sigma^2$ , then  $\{X_t\}$  is stationary with the same covariance function as the *iid* noise

Such a sequence is referred to as **white noise** with mean 0 and variance  $\sigma^2$ 

This is indicated by the notation

$$\{X_t\} \sim WN(0, \sigma^2)$$

Every  $\mathrm{IID}(0,\sigma^2)$  sequence is  $\mathrm{WN}(0,\sigma^2)$  but not the converse

First-order Moving Average -MA(1) process

Consider the series defined by the equation

$$X_t = Z_t + \theta Z_{t1}, t = 0, \pm 1, \dots$$

where  $\{Z_t\} \sim WN(0, \sigma^2)$  and  $\theta$  is a real-valued constant

We see that  $\mathbb{E} X_t = 0, \mathbb{E} X_t^2 = \sigma^2 (1 + \theta^2) < \infty$ , and

$$\gamma_X(h+t,t) = \begin{cases} \sigma^2(1+\theta^2), & \text{if } h = 0, \\ \sigma^2\theta, & \text{if } h = \pm 1, \\ 0, & \text{if } |h| > 1. \end{cases}$$

Definition 2 is satisfied, and  $\{Xt\}$  is stationary

The autocorrelation function of  $\{Xt\}$  is

$$ho_X(h) = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } h = 0, \\ \theta/(1 + \theta^2), & \text{if } h = \pm 1, \\ 0, & \text{if } |h| > 1. \end{cases}$$

First-order Autoregession -AR(1) process

Let's assume now that  $\{Xt\}$  is a stationary series satisfying the equation

$$X_t = \phi X_{t-1} + Z_t, t = 0, \pm 1, \dots$$

where  $\{Z_t\} \sim \text{WN}(0, \sigma^2), |\phi| < 1$ , and  $Z_t$  is uncorrelated with  $X_s$  for each s < t.

By taking expectations on each side and using the fact that  $\mathbb{E} Z_t = 0$ , we see that  $\mathbb{E} X_t = 0$ 

To find the autocorrelation function of  $\{X_t\}$  we multiply each side of the equation by  $X_{t-h}$ , (h>0) and then take expectations, lastly observing that  $\gamma(h)=\gamma(-h)$  we get

$$\rho_X(h) = \frac{\gamma_X(h)}{\gamma_X(0)} = \phi^{|h|}, \ h = 0, \pm 1, \dots$$

It follows from the linearity of the covariance function in each of its arguments and the fact that  $Z_t$  is uncorrelated with  $X_{t-1}$ , that

$$\gamma_X(0) = \text{Cov}(X_t, X_t) = \text{Cov}(\phi X_{t-1} + Z_t, \phi X_{t-1} + Z_t) = \phi^2 \gamma_X(0) + \sigma^2$$

and so

$$\gamma_X(0) = \frac{\sigma^2}{1 - \phi^2}$$

Sample ACF

- Normally we don't start with a model but with data
- To determine the degree of dependence among the observed data we use the sample ACF
- ► The sample ACF provides an estimate of the ACF of {X<sub>t</sub>}

#### Definition

Let  $x_1, \ldots, x_n$  be observations of a time series. The **sample mean** of  $x_1, \ldots, x_n$  is

$$\bar{x} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^{n} x_i.$$

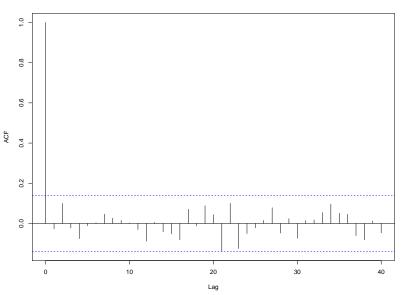
The sample autocovariance function is

$$\hat{\gamma}(h) := n^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^{n-|h|} (x_{t+|h|-\bar{x}})(x_t - \bar{x}), \qquad -n < h < n.$$

The sample autocorrelation function is

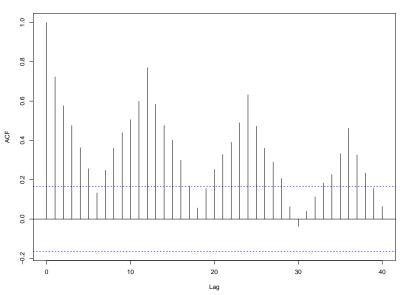
$$\hat{\rho} = \frac{\hat{\gamma}(h)}{\hat{\gamma}(0)}, \qquad -n < h < n.$$

#### **ACF Plot 200 Standard Normal RV**



- For data containing a trend,  $|\hat{\rho}(h)|$  will exhibit slow decay as h increases
- For data with a substantial deterministic periodic component,  $|\hat{\rho}(h)|$  will exhibit similar behavior with the same periodicity





- Recall the general form of our time series (7.1) with a trend, seasonal component and noise
- To analyze the time series we first need to plot the data and inspect the series
- If the series displays a trend and or seasonal component, we teansform the data before further modeling

A common way to de-trend a series without seasonality is by differencing

We define the lag-1 difference operator  $\nabla$  by

$$\nabla X_t = X_t - X_{t-1} = (1 - B)X_t$$

where *B* is the backard shift operator

$$BX_t = X_{t-1}$$

Powers of the operators B and  $\nabla$  are defined in the obvious way, i.e.,  $B^j(X_t) = X_{t-j}$  and  $\nabla^j(X_t) = \nabla(\nabla^{j-1}(X_t)), j \geq 1$ , with  $\nabla^0(X_t) = X_t$ 

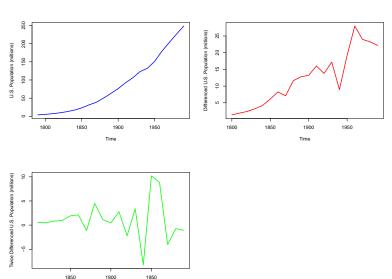
Polynomials in B and  $\nabla$  are manipulated in precisely the same way as polynomial functions of real variables

For example,

$$\nabla^2 X_t = \nabla(\nabla(X_t)) = (1 - B)(1 - B)X_t = (1 - 2B + B^2)X_t$$
  
=  $X_t - 2X_{t-1} + X_{t-2}$ 

is how we would create a twice-differenced series

Figure 7.1: U.S. Population data twice-differenced to remove trend



Stationary Processes

Earlier we introduced and defined the **autocovariance** function  $\gamma(h)$ , and the **autocorrelation** function  $\rho(h)$ 

#### Basic Properties of $\gamma(\cdot)$ :

$$\begin{split} \gamma(0) &\geq 0, \\ |\gamma(h)| &\leq \gamma(0) \text{ for all } h, \end{split}$$

and  $\gamma(\cdot)$  is even, i.e.,

$$\gamma(h) = \gamma(-h)$$
 for all  $h$ 

We also talked about (weakly) stationary time series and now look at **strictly** stationary time series

 ${X_t}$  is a strictly stationary time series if

$$(X_1,\ldots,X_n)'\stackrel{d}{=}(X_{1+h},\ldots,X_{n+h})'$$

for all integers h and  $n \ge 1$ . (The symbol  $\stackrel{d}{=}$  means the two random vectors are equal in distribution, or have the same joint distribution function)

Properties of s Strictly Stationary Time Series

- (a) The random variables  $X_t$  are identically distributed
- (b)  $(X_t, \ldots, X_{t+h})' \stackrel{d}{=} (X_1, \ldots, X_{1+h})'$  for all integers t and h
- (c)  $\{X_t\}$  is weakly stationary if  $\mathbb{E} X_t^2 < \infty$  for all t
- (d) Weak stationary does *not* imply strict stationary (but the other way around)
- (e) An iid sequence is strictly stationary

We've looked at  $\mathrm{AR}(p)$  and  $\mathrm{MA}(q)$  processes and now consider the  $\mathrm{ARMA}(p,q)$  process

#### **Definition**

The time series  $\{X_t\}$  is an **ARMA**(1,1) **process** if it is stationary and satisfies the following for all t

$$X_t - \phi X_{t-1} = Z_t + \theta Z_{t-1}, \tag{7.3}$$

where  $\{Z_t\} \sim WN(0, \sigma^2)$  and  $\phi + \theta \neq \theta$ .

Using the backward shift operator B, we can rewrite (7.3) as

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

where  $\phi(B)$  and  $\theta(B)$  are the linear filters

$$\phi(B) = 1 - \phi B$$
 and  $\theta(B) = 1 + \theta B$ ,

respectively.

#### Extending to p, q > 1

#### Definition

 $\{X_t\}$  is an ARMA(p,q) process if  $\{X_t\}$  is stationary and if for every t,

$$X_t - \phi_1 X_{t1} - \dots - \phi_p X_{t-p} = Z_t + \theta_1 Z_{t1} + \dots + \theta_q Z_{t-q},$$
 (7.4)

where  $\{Z_t\} \sim \text{WN}(0, \sigma^2)$  and the polynomials  $(1-\phi_1z-\cdots-\phi_pz^p)$  and  $(1+\theta_1z+\cdots+\theta_qz^q)$  have no common factors

The process  $\{Xt\}$  is said to be an ARMA(p,q) process with mean  $\mu$  if  $\{X_t - \mu\}$  is an ARMA(p,q) process It is convenient to use the more concise form

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

where the  $\phi(\cdot)$  and  $\theta(\cdot)$  are the  $p^{\text{th}}$  and  $q^{\text{th}}$  degree polynomials

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

and

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

Existence and Uniqueness

A stationary solution  $\{X_t\}$  of (7.4) exists (and is also the unique stationary solution) if and only if

$$\phi(z) = 1 - \phi_1 z - \dots - \phi_p z^p \neq 0$$
, for all  $|z| = 1$ 

Causality

An ARMA(p,q) process  $\{X_t\}$  is **causal**, or a **causal function** of  $\{Z_t\}$ , if there exist constants  $\{\psi_j\}$  such that  $\sum_{j=0}^{\infty} |\psi_j| < \infty$  and

$$X_t = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \psi_j Z_{t-j}, \quad \text{for all } t.$$

Causality is equivalent to the condition

$$\phi(z) = 1 - \phi_1 z - \dots - \phi_p z^p \neq 0$$
, for all  $|z| \leq 1$ 

We can write a causal model as an infinite-order moving average model  $\mathrm{MA}(\infty)$ 

Invertibility

An ARMA(p,q) process  $\{X_t\}$  is **invertible** if there exist constants  $\{\pi_j\}$  such that  $\sum_{j=0}^{\infty} |\pi_j| < \infty$  and

$$Z_t = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \pi_j X_{t-j}$$
 for all  $t$ .

Invertibility is equivalent to the condition

$$\theta(z) = 1 + \theta_1 z + \dots + \theta_q z^q \neq 0$$
 for all  $|z| \leq 1$ 

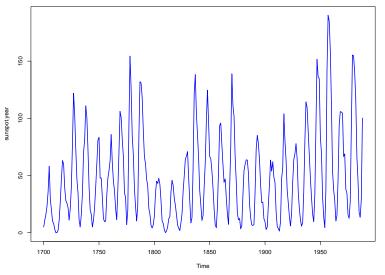
We can write a invertible model as an infinite-order autoregressive model  $\text{AR}(\infty)$ 

Earlier we introduced the autocorrelation function

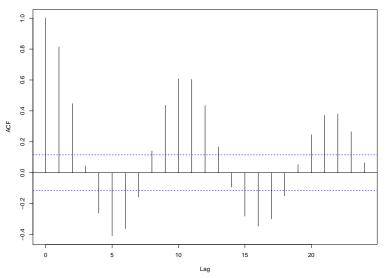
The **partial** ACF measures the correlation between the residuals of  $X_t$  and  $X_{t+k}$  after the regressions on  $X_{t+1}, \ldots, X_{t+k-1}$ 

The PACF of a causal  ${\rm AR}(p)$  process is zero for lags greater than p so the PACF is helpful in identifying the order of the process

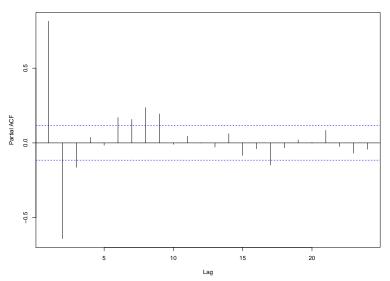
ts.plot(sunspot.year, col="blue", lwd=2)



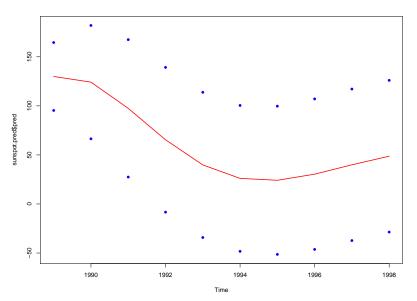
acf(sunspot.year, main="")



acf(sunspot.year, type = "partial", main="")



```
sunspot.ar <- ar(sunspot.year, order.max = 2)</pre>
sunspot.pred <- predict(sunspot.ar, n.ahead = 10)</pre>
ylow = min(sunspot.pred$pred-1.96*sunspot.pred$se)
yhigh = max(sunspot.pred$pred+1.96*sunspot.pred$se)
plot(sunspot.pred$pred, type="1", col="red", lwd=2,
    vlim = c(vlow, vhigh))
points(sunspot.pred$pred+1.96*sunspot.pred$se,
     col="blue", pch=16)
points(sunspot.pred$pred-1.96*sunspot.pred$se,
     col="blue", pch=16)
```



Deriving the Autocovariance for an AR(1)

Recall the AR(1) model has the form

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

where  $\{Z_t\} \sim WN(0, \sigma^2)$ 

We can write this as

$$X_{t} = \phi(\phi X_{t-2} + Z_{t-1}) + Z_{t} = \phi^{2} X_{t-2} + \phi Z_{t-1} + Z_{t}$$

Recursive substitution leads to

$$X_t = Z_t + \phi Z_{t-1} + \phi^2 Z_{t-2} + \phi^3 Z_{t-3} + \cdots$$

Taking expectations on both sides we get  $\mathbb{E}X_t = 0$ 

$$\gamma(h) = \text{Cov}(X_{t}, X_{t-h}) = \mathbb{E}[X_{t}X_{t-h}] - \mathbb{E}[X_{t}] \, \mathbb{E}[X_{t-1}] \\
= \mathbb{E}[X_{t}X_{t-h}] \text{ since } \mathbb{E}X_{t} = 0, \forall t \\
= \mathbb{E}[(\phi X_{t-1} + Z_{t})X_{t-h}] = \phi \, \mathbb{E}[X_{t-1}X_{t-h}] \\
= \phi \, \mathbb{E}[(\phi X_{t-2} + Z_{t-1})X_{t-h}] = \phi^{2} \, \mathbb{E}[X_{t-2}X_{t-h}] \\
\vdots \\
= \phi^{h} \, \mathbb{E}[X_{t-h}X_{t-h}] = \phi^{h} \text{Var}(X_{t-h}) = \phi^{h} \frac{\sigma^{2}}{1 - \sigma^{2}}$$

Nonstationary and Seasonal Time Series

Most real world time series are not stationary Oftentimes, differencing the data can help to achieve stationarity This leads to the class of autoregressive integrated moving average models, or ARIMA

#### Definition

If d is a nonnegative integer, then  $\{X_t\}$  is an ARIMA(p,d,q) process if  $Y_t := (1-B)^d X_t$  is a causal ARMA(p,q) process. General form of the difference equation is

$$\phi * (B)X_{y} \equiv \phi(B)(1-B)^{d}X_{t} = \theta(B)Z_{t},$$

where  $Z_t \sim WN(0, \sigma^2)$ 

#### Example

Suppose  $\{X_t\}$  is ARIMA(1,1,0)

$$(1 - \phi B)(1 - B)X_t = Z_t$$

which gives us  $(1 - \phi B - B + \phi B^2)X_t = Z_t$  or

$$X_t - \phi X_{t-1} - X_{t-1} + \phi X_{t-2} = Z_t \tag{7.5}$$

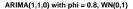
If we let  $Y_t = X_t - X_{t-1}$  then (7.5) becomes

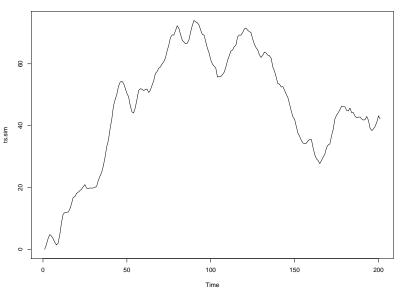
$$Y_t = \phi Y_{t-1} + Z_t$$

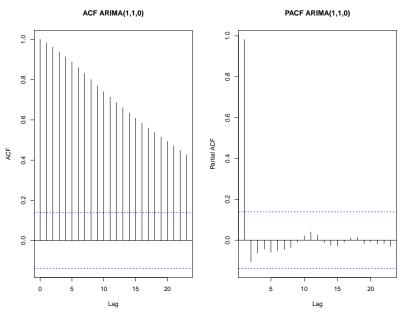
which we recognize as an AR(1) model

# Simulate an ARIMA(1,1,0) process, and plot the data, ACF and PACF

```
ts.sim \leftarrow arima.sim(list(order = c(1,1,0),
                      ar = 0.8), n = 200, sd=1)
ts.plot(ts.sim,
        main="ARIMA(1,1,0) with phi = 0.8,
        WN(0,1)")
par(mfrow=c(1,2))
tmp <- acf(ts.sim, main="ACF ARIMA(1,1,0)")</pre>
tmp <- acf(ts.sim, type="partial",</pre>
            main="PACF ARIMA(1,1,0)")
par(mfrow=c(1,1))
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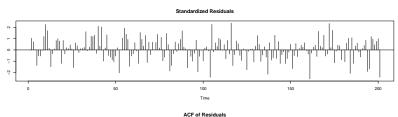




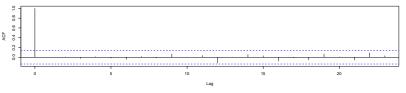


#### Fitting an ARIMA model to the data

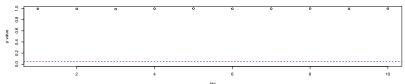
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#fitting an ARIMA model to data
arima.out <- arima(ts.sim, order=c(1,1,0))
tsdiag(arima.out)</pre>
```







#### p values for Ljung-Box statistic



Dealing with Non-stationarity

- Visualization plot the data
- Classical decomposition breaks out trend, seasonal, and random components
- Differencing the data to remove trend and seasonality

- Inspect the ACF and PACF for estimating the order(s) of the model
- Try several models and select the one with the lowest Akaike Information Criterion Corrected, or AICC

$$AICC = -2\log \mathcal{L} + \frac{2(p+q+1)n}{n-p-q-2}$$

- Once we fit the model we need to check the assumptions such as white noise residuals
- ▶ Try to keep p + q reasonable; avoid large models

#### Multivariate Time Series

- Some time series are best treated as components of a vector valued (or multivariate) time series, {X<sub>t</sub>}
- In such cases, we have both serial dependence and interdependence between series
- ► The mean vector is given by

$$\mu = \mathbb{E} \mathbf{X}$$

and the covariance matrix by

$$\Gamma(h) = \mathbb{E}[\mathbf{X}_{t+h}\mathbf{X}_t^T] - \boldsymbol{\mu}\boldsymbol{\mu}^T$$

- The problem of identifying the MV ARMA model can be avoided is we consider the MV AR model, or the Vector AR (VAR) model
- For a bivariate time series we have

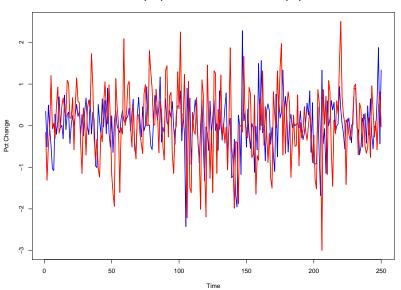
$$\boldsymbol{\mu} = \mathbb{E} \mathbf{X} = \left[ \begin{array}{c} \mathbb{E} X_{t1} \\ \mathbb{E} X_{t2} \end{array} \right]$$

and the covariance matrix by

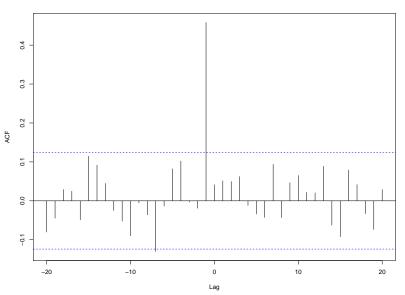
$$\Gamma(t+h,t) = \operatorname{Cov}(\mathbf{X}_{t+h},\mathbf{X}_t) \begin{bmatrix} \operatorname{Cov}(X_{t+h,1}X_{t1}) & \operatorname{Cov}(X_{t+h,1}X_{t2}) \\ \operatorname{Cov}(X_{t+h,2}X_{t1}) & \operatorname{Cov}(X_{t+h,2}X_{t2}) \end{bmatrix}$$

#### Fitting a bivariate model DJIA and AAOI

DJIA (blue) and Austalian All-ordinaries Index (red)







```
dj.ar \leftarrow ar(djaopc2, order.max = 10)
dj.ar
Call:
ar(x = djaopc2, order.max = 10)
$ar
        DJTA AAOT
DJTA = 0.0148 0.0357
AAOI 0.6589 0.0998
dj.ar$aic
54.94030 0.00000 1.68532 8.45426 13.10385
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In the R output the matrix labeled \$ar gives us the AR coefficients  $(\phi_{ij})$  for the bivariate model

$$\left[\begin{array}{c} Y_{t1} \\ Y_{t2} \end{array}\right] = \left[\begin{array}{cc} \phi_{11} & \phi_{12} \\ \phi_{21} & \phi_{22} \end{array}\right] \left[\begin{array}{c} Y_{t-1,1} \\ Y_{t-1,2} \end{array}\right] + \left[\begin{array}{c} Z_{t1} \\ Z_{t2} \end{array}\right]$$

**Exponentially Weighted Moving Average** 

- Moving averages are often used to smooth volatility in data display an overall trend
- For example we may see a 60-day moving average overlaid on a chart of daily closing stock prices
- These are typically equally weighted so that the value for each day contributes equally
- Equally weihted moving averages are sensitive to extreme values

- To mitigate the effects of extremes we can weight the observations differently often putting more weight on the most recent observations
- The exponentially weighted moving average, EWMA, does this by using weights that decay exponentially
- ▶ An *n*-period EWMA of a series  $\{X_t\}$  is

$$\tilde{\mu}_t(n) = \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} w_i y_{i-1}, \qquad w_i = \frac{\lambda^{i-1}}{\sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \lambda^{i-1}}$$

where  $0 < \lambda < 1$  is the decay parameter and  $y_t$  is the observation at time t

The closer λ is to 1, the more weight on the more recent observations

▶ As  $n \to \infty$ ,  $\lambda^n \to 0$ ,  $w_n \to 0$  and  $\tilde{\mu}_t(n)$  approaches

$$\tilde{\mu}_t(\lambda) = (1 - \lambda) \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \lambda^i y_{t-i}$$

EWMA can be computed recursively

$$\tilde{\mu}_t(\lambda) = (1 - \lambda)y_t + \lambda \tilde{\mu}_{t-1}(\lambda)$$

• One often uses the first value of the series or an average over some small window as a starting value for  $\tilde{\mu}_0(\lambda)$ 

- ARMA and ARIMA models focus on modeling and predicting the conditional mean of a time series
- In some areas, especially financial markets, it is important to model the volatility of the series
- Volatility is key to risk management, portfolio selection, and pricing derivatives, for example
- The class of models for time varying volatility is the generalized autoregressive heteroscedasticity (GARCH) models (also spelled heteroskedasticity)

- ▶ We can model the serial correlation in squared returns using a simple AR(p) model
- Assuming the returns are stationary and have iid errors with mean zero
- And the assumed variance is time dependent

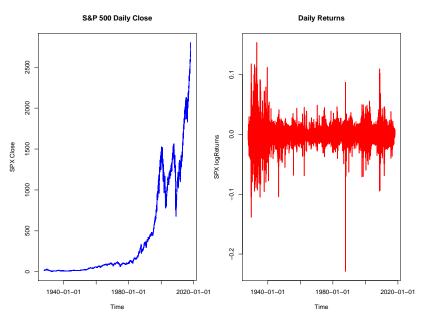
$$\sigma_t^2 = a_0 + a_1 \epsilon_{t-1}^2 + \dots + a_p \epsilon_{t-p}^2$$

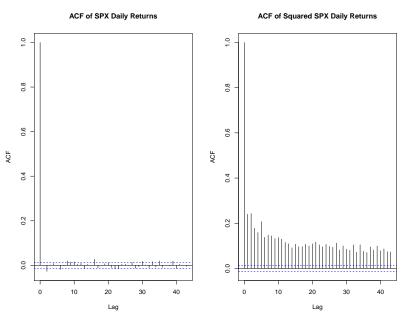
We have an ARCH(p) model and we can test for ARCH effects

- If the ARCH test is significant we can model the volatility but this is impractical
- ▶ The GARCH(p, q) model extends ARCH(p), and when q = 0 we have the latter
- ▶ Under GARCH(p,q) the conditional variance  $\sigma_t^2$  depends on the squared residuals in the p previous periods, and the conditional variance of the q previous periods

$$y_t = c + \epsilon_t,$$
  $\sigma_t^2 = a_0 + \sum_{i=1}^p a_i \epsilon_{t-i}^2 + \sum_{j=1}^q b_j \sigma_{t-j}^2$ 

► For financial time series data, a GARCH(1,1) model is usually adequate





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library(MTS)
archTest(spx.ret)

Q(m) of squared series(LM test):
Test statistic: 7117 p-value: 0
Rank-based Test:
Test statistic: 7254.98 p-value: 0
archTest is significant so we move onto GARCH
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library(tseries)
spx.gar <- garch(spx.ret)
summary(spx.gar)</pre>
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Model:
GARCH(1,1)
Residuals:
Min 10 Median 30
                                 Max
-10.9355 -0.5108 0.0565 0.6222 6.5912
Coefficient(s):
   Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
a0 8.50e-07 5.37e-08
                           15.8 <2e-16 ***
a1 8.80e-02 1.53e-03 57.4 <2e-16 ***
61 \quad 9.09e-01 \quad 1.79e-03 \quad 508.4 \quad <2e-16 \, ***
Signif. codes: 0 *** 0.001 ** 0.01 * 0.05 . 0.1
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Based on the above results our model for the conditional variance is

$$\sigma_t^2 = 0.00000085 + 0.088\epsilon_{t-1}^2 + 0.909\sigma_{t-1}^2$$

The variance at time t relies on the squred errors from the prior period plus the variance from the prior period

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