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# Teaching Session

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## Assignment 12:

Let  $\{x_t\}$  be a zero-mean, unit-variance stationary process with autocorrelation function  $\rho_h$ . Suppose that  $\mu_t$  is a non-constant function and that  $\sigma_t$  is a positive-valued non-constant function. The observed series is formed as

$$y_t = \mu_t + \sigma_t \cdot x_t$$

(a) Find the mean and covariance function for the process  $\{y_t\}$

Mean:

$$\begin{aligned} E[y_t] &= E[\mu_t] + E[\sigma_t \cdot x_t] \\ &= \mu_t + \sigma_t \cdot E[x_t] \\ &= \mu_t + 0 \\ &= \mu_t \end{aligned}$$

Autocovariance:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{cov}(y_s, y_t) &= \text{cov}(\mu_s + \sigma_s \cdot x_s, \mu_t + \sigma_t \cdot x_t) \\ &= E[(\mu_s + \sigma_s x_s - E[\mu_s + \sigma_s x_s]) \cdot (\mu_t + \sigma_t x_t - E[\mu_t + \sigma_t x_t])] \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{We know that } E[\mu_t + \sigma_t \cdot x_t] = \mu_t = E[(\mu_s + \sigma_s \cdot x_s - \mu_s) \cdot (\mu_t + \sigma_t x_t) - \mu_t]$$

$$= (\sigma_s \cdot x_s) (\sigma_t \cdot x_t)$$

$$= \sigma_s \cdot \sigma_t \cdot E[x_s \cdot x_t]$$

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We know that  $E[X_s] = 0$  so we can add that in the above eq.

$$= \sigma_s \cdot \sigma_t \cdot [E[(X_s - E[X_s])(X_t - E[X_t])]]$$

$$= \sigma_s \cdot \sigma_t \cdot \text{cov}(X_s, X_t) \quad \text{--- ①}$$

Now, given autocorrelation function  $\rho_h$

we assume  $s = t-h$

$$\therefore \text{auto covariance} = \sigma_t \cdot \sigma_{t-h} \cdot \text{cov}(X_t, X_{t-h}) \quad \text{--- ②}$$

We know: 
$$\rho(t, t-h) = \frac{\gamma(t, t-h)}{\sqrt{(\gamma(t, t) \cdot \gamma(t-h, t-h))}}$$

Given:

$$\gamma(t, t) = \text{var}(X_t) = 1$$

$$\therefore \rho(t, t-h) = \gamma(t, t-h)$$

using this in equation ② we get

$$\text{auto covariance} = \sigma_t \cdot \sigma_{t-h} \cdot \rho_h$$

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① Show that the autocorrelation function for the  $\{y_t\}$  process depends only on the time lag. Is the  $\{y_t\}$  process stationary?

Autocorrelation function ~~is~~

$$\rho(s, t) = \frac{r(s, t)}{\sqrt{r(s, s) \cdot r(t, t)}}$$

$$\rho(s, t) = \frac{r(y_s, y_t)}{\sqrt{\text{var}(y_s) \text{var}(y_t)}}$$

~~From~~ From solution ④ we know that  $r(s, t) = \text{cov}(y_s, y_t) = \sigma_s \cdot \sigma_t \cdot \rho_h$

assume  $s = t - h$

$$r(t, t-h) = \text{cov}(y_t, y_{t-h}) = \sigma_t \cdot \sigma_{t-h} \cdot \rho_h$$

$$\text{var}(y_t) = \text{var}(\mu_t + \sigma_t \cdot X_t)$$

$$= \sigma_t^2 \cdot \text{var}(X_t)$$

$$= \sigma_t^2$$

$$\therefore \text{var}(y_{t-h}) = \sigma_{t-h}^2$$

$$\therefore \rho(t, t-h) = \frac{\sigma_t \cdot \sigma_{t-h} \cdot \rho_h}{\sqrt{\sigma_t^2 \cdot \sigma_{t-h}^2}} = \rho_h$$

with this, we can say that the autocorrelation function

depends only on the lag.

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© Is it possible to have a time series with a constant mean and with  $\text{cov}(Y_t, Y_{t+h})$  free of  $t$  but with  $\{Y_t\}$  not stationary?

Assuming constant mean  $E[Y_t] = E[\mu + \sigma_t \cdot X_t] = \mu$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{cov}(Y_s, Y_t) &= \text{cov}(\mu + \sigma_s \cdot X_s, \mu + \sigma_t \cdot X_t) \\ &= E[(\mu + \sigma_s \cdot X_s - \mu)(\mu + \sigma_t \cdot X_t - \mu)]\end{aligned}$$

Assuming  $s = t-h$

$$\begin{aligned}&= E[(\sigma_t \cdot X_t)(\sigma_{t-h} \cdot X_{t-h})] \\ &= \sigma_t \cdot \sigma_{t-h} \text{cov}(X_t, X_{t-h})\end{aligned}$$

This is same as equation ① from exercise ②

hence from the above proof.

$$\gamma(h) = \sigma_t \cdot \sigma_{t-h} \cdot \rho_h \quad \text{--- ③}$$

Even though the mean is constant, and autocorrelation depends only on lag, the autocovariance depends on time  $t$  and hence the process is not stationary.

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Assignment 18

For each of the following ARMA models, find the roots of the AR and MA polynomials, identify the values of  $p$  and  $q$  for which they are ARMA( $p, q$ ) (be careful of parameter redundancy), determine whether they are ~~con~~ causal and determine whether they are invertible. In each case,  $\omega_t \sim \text{wn}(0, 1)$

$$\textcircled{a} \quad x_t - 3x_{t-1} = \omega_t + 2\omega_{t-1} - 8\omega_{t-2}$$

$$\Rightarrow x_t - 3Bx_t = \omega_t + 2B\omega_t - 8B^2\omega_t$$

$$\Rightarrow x_t(1-3B) = \omega_t(1+2B-8B^2)$$

$$\Rightarrow \phi(B)x_t = \theta(B)\omega_t$$

$$\text{roots of } \phi(B) \Rightarrow 1-3B=0$$

$$\Rightarrow B = \frac{1}{3}$$

The root is not greater than 1 hence not causal

$$\text{roots of } \theta(B) \Rightarrow 1+2B-8B^2=0$$

$$\text{using } \Rightarrow \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a} \quad \text{to find roots.}$$

$$\text{where } a = -8, b = 2, c = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{-2 \pm \sqrt{4+32}}{16} = \frac{(-2 \pm 6)}{16} = 0.25, -0.5$$

The roots do not lie outside the unit circle,  $\therefore$  not invertible.

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$$\textcircled{6} \quad x_t - 2x_{t-1} + 2x_{t-2} = w_t - \frac{8}{9} \cdot w_{t-1}$$

$$x_t - 2Bx_t + 2B^2 \cdot x_t = w_t - \frac{8}{9} B \cdot w_t$$

$$x_t (1 - 2B + 2B^2) = w_t (1 - \frac{8}{9} B)$$

$$\phi(B)x_t = \theta(B)w_t$$

$$\text{roots of } \phi(B) \Rightarrow 1 - 2B + 2B^2 = 0$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{using } \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a} \quad \text{where } a=2, b=-2, c=1 \\ = \frac{2 \pm \sqrt{4-8}}{4} = \frac{(2 \pm 2i)}{4} = (0.5 + 0.5i), (0.5 - 0.5i) \end{aligned}$$

The roots are not greater than 1, hence not consol.

$$\text{roots of } \theta(B) \Rightarrow 1 - \frac{8}{9}B = 0$$

$$B = \frac{9}{8}$$

The root lies outside unit circle,  $\therefore$  invertible.

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$$x_t - 4x_{t-2} = w_t - w_{t-1} + 0.5w_{t-2}$$

$$x_t - 4B^2x_t = w_t - Bw_t + 0.5B^2w_t$$

$$x_t(1 - 4B^2) = w_t(1 - B + 0.5B^2)$$

$$\phi(B)x_t = \theta(B) \cdot w_t$$

$$\text{roots of } \phi_R(B) \Rightarrow 1 - 4B^2 = 0$$

$$B = \pm \frac{1}{2}$$

Roots are not greater than 1, hence not causal

$$\text{roots of } \theta(B) \quad \text{using } \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$$

$$\text{where } a = 0.5, b = -1, c = 1$$

$$= \frac{1 \pm \sqrt{1-2}}{1} = \frac{1 \pm i}{1} = (1+i)(1-i)$$

The roots lie outside unit circle. Hence invertible.

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$$x_t - \frac{q}{4} x_{t-1} - \frac{q}{4} x_{t-2} = w_t$$

$$x_t - \frac{q}{4} B x_t - \frac{q}{4} B^2 x_t = w_t$$

$$x_t (1 - \frac{q}{4} B - \frac{q}{4} B^2) = w_t$$

$$\phi(B) x_t = \theta(B) w_t$$

roots of  $\phi(B)$  using  $\frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$

where  $a = -\frac{q}{4}$ ,  $b = -\frac{q}{4}$ ,  $c = 1$

$$\frac{\frac{q}{4} \pm \sqrt{(\frac{q}{4})^2 + q}}{2 \times -\frac{q}{4}} = 0.33 ; -1.33$$

The roots are not greater than 1, hence not causal.

roots of  $\theta(B) = 1$

The roots lie on unit circle. Hence invertible.