### TIME SERIES ANALYSIS LECTURE 1

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## Stationarity: Example 3

#### 3. Moving Average Model of Order 1:

MA(1) An textitMA(1) model takes the form

$$x_t = w_t + \beta w_{t-1}$$

where  $w_t$  is a white noise series with mean zero and variance  $\sigma_w^2$ .

The expected value of  $x_t$  is

$$E(x_t) = E(w_t + \beta w_{t-1})$$

$$= \alpha E(w_t) + E(w_{t-1})$$

$$= 0$$

since  $E(w_t) = 0 \forall t$ 

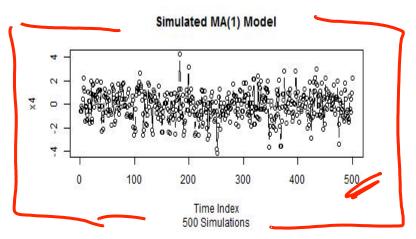
It is straight-forward (left as an exercise) to derive the autocorrelation function for the MA(1) model:

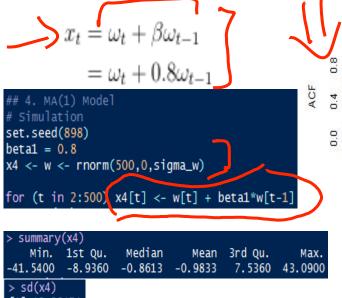
$$\rho_k = \begin{cases}
1 & \text{if } k = 0 \\
\frac{\sum_{i=0}^{q-k} \beta_i \beta_{i+k}}{\sum_{i=0}^{q} \beta_i^2} & \text{if } k = 1 \dots q \\
0 & \text{if } k > q
\end{cases}$$

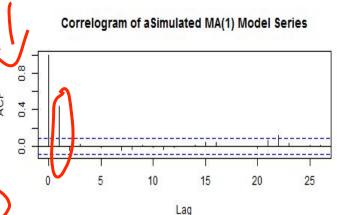
#### 3. Moving Average Process: Simulations (1)

As seen in various places in the course, a useful way to learn about the empirical patterns of a econometric model is to use simulate to simulate realizations from a theoretical model.

• In this example, we simulated from a MA(1) model 500 realization:

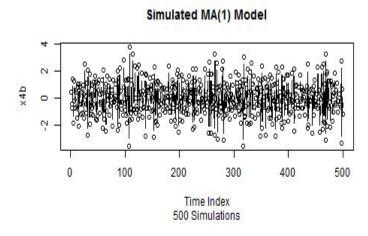


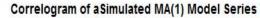


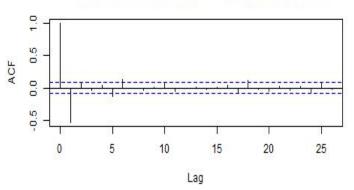


#### 3. Moving Average Process: Simulations (2)

- A distinguish property of a MA(q) model is that its ACF drops off abruptly at q lags.
- In the case of MA(1)
  model, the ACF drops off
  to almost zero after the
  first lag, as shown in the
  correlogram.







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