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## Recap

- $\{Y_t\} \sim AR(p)$  if  $Y_t = \phi_1 Y_{t-1} + \phi_2 Y_{t-2} + \dots + \phi_p Y_{t-p} + \varepsilon_t$   
 $\Rightarrow \Phi(B) Y_t = \varepsilon_t$   
where  $\Phi(z) = 1 - \phi_1 z - \phi_2 z^2 - \dots - \phi_p z^p$
- $\{Y_t\} \sim MA(q)$  if  $Y_t = \varepsilon_t + \theta_1 \varepsilon_{t-1} + \theta_2 \varepsilon_{t-2} + \dots + \theta_q \varepsilon_{t-q}$   
 $\Rightarrow Y_t = \Theta(B) \varepsilon_t$   
where  $\Theta(z) = 1 + \theta_1 z + \theta_2 z^2 + \dots + \theta_q z^q$
- $\Phi(z)$  and  $\Theta(z)$  are called "generating functions" aka "characteristic polynomials".  
↳ Necessary to prove stationary and invertibility conditions.

## Mathematical Prerequisites

- A Power series is an infinite sum representation of a function.

$$f(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n$$

Example:

1.  $e^x = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^n}{n!}$  Exponential series

2.  $\frac{1}{1-x} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} x^n$  Geometric series  
Converges for  $|x| < 1$

$$3. f(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{f^{(n)}(a)(x-a)^n}{n!} \quad \text{Taylor's theorem}$$

- Complex numbers

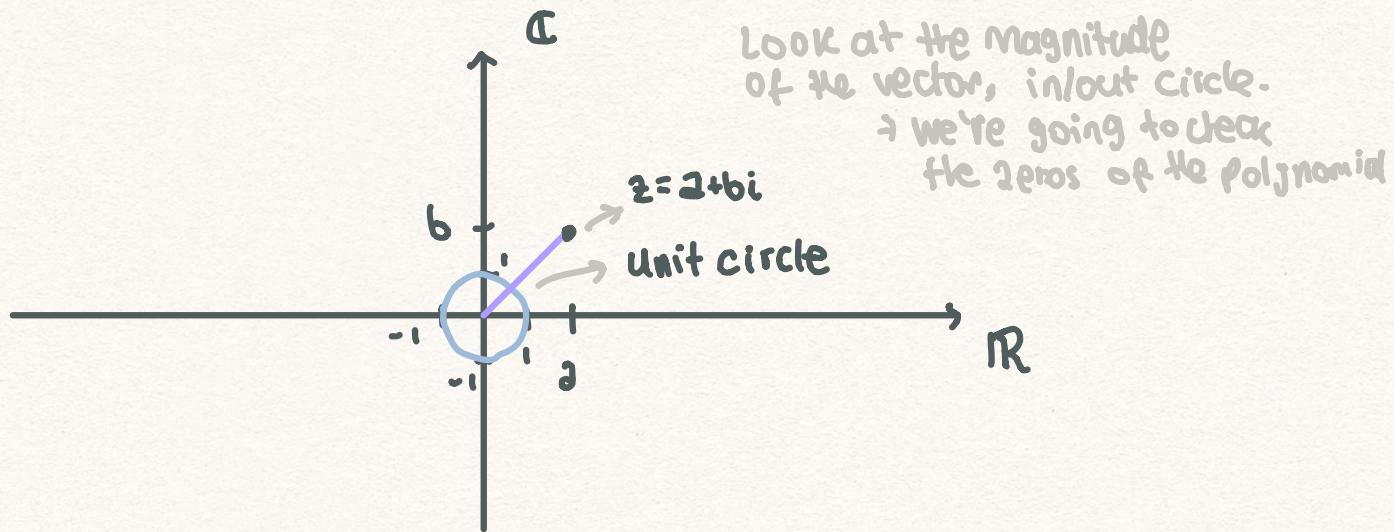
Imaginary number:  $\sqrt{-1} \equiv i$ .

A complex number can be represented generally as:

$$z = a+bi \in \mathbb{C}$$

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where  $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$ .



$|z|$ : modulus (magnitude)

$$= \sqrt{a^2 + b^2}$$

If  $|z| > 1$ , then  $z$  lies outside the unit circle.

If  $|z| \leq 1$ , then  $z$  lies on or inside the unit circle.

# Remarks:

- MA( $q$ ) is stationary for all  $q$ .
- AR( $p$ ) = MA( $\infty$ ), if "stationary conditions" hold.
- MA( $q$ ) = AR( $p$ ), if "invertibility conditions" hold.

## Stationarity conditions

Goal:  $AR(p) \rightarrow MA(\infty)$

$$\Phi(B) Y_t = \varepsilon_t$$

$$Y_t = \frac{1}{\Phi(B)} \varepsilon_t \quad (1)$$

Since any function can be written as a power series, let's do that for  $\frac{1}{\Phi(B)}$ :

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{\Phi(B)} &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \Psi_n B^n \equiv \Psi(B) \\ &= \Psi_0 + \Psi_1 B + \Psi_2 B^2 + \Psi_3 B^3 + \dots \end{aligned}$$

Plugging this back into (1) yields:

$$\begin{aligned} Y_t &= \Psi(B) \varepsilon_t \\ &= (\Psi_0 + \Psi_1 B + \Psi_2 B^2 + \dots) \varepsilon_t \\ &= \Psi_0 \varepsilon_t + \Psi_1 \varepsilon_{t-1} + \Psi_2 \varepsilon_{t-2} + \dots \end{aligned}$$

If  $\Psi_0 = 1$ , then we see that  $Y_t$  looks like an MA( $\infty$ ) process.



Fire drill!

For  $\Psi_0 \varepsilon_t + \Psi_1 \varepsilon_{t-1} + \Psi_2 \varepsilon_{t-2} + \dots$  to converge, we require that the zeros of  $\Phi(z)$  lie strictly outside the unit circle in the complex plane.

Thus, an AR(p) model is stationary if the zeros of its generating function lie outside the unit circle in complex plane:

$\Phi(z) \neq 0$  for any  $z$  such that  $|z| \leq 1$

Equivalently,

$\Phi(z) = 0$  only for  $z$  such that  $|z| \geq 1$

## AR Stationarity condition ↑

## Invertibility condition

Goal: MA(q)  $\rightarrow$  AR( $\infty$ )

$$y_t = \theta(B) \varepsilon_t$$

$$\frac{1}{\theta(B)} y_t = \varepsilon_t \quad (2)$$

Using the fact that any function has a power series representation, we can write

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{\theta(B)} &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \lambda_n B^n \equiv \lambda(B) \\ &= \lambda_0 + \lambda_1 B + \lambda_2 B^2 + \dots \end{aligned}$$

Plugging this back into (2) yields:

$$\lambda(B) y_t = \varepsilon_t$$

$$(\lambda_0 + \lambda_1 B + \lambda_2 B^2 + \dots) y_t = \varepsilon_t$$

$$\lambda_0 y_t + \lambda_1 y_{t-1} + \lambda_2 y_{t-2} + \dots = \varepsilon_t$$

This looks, if  $\lambda_0 = 1$ , like an AR( $\infty$ ) model).

For  $\lambda_0 Y_t + \gamma_1 Y_{t-1} + \lambda_2 \gamma_{t-2} + \dots$  to converge, we require that the zeros of  $\Theta(z)$  lie outside the unit circle in the complex plane.

In this case we say the MA(q) process is "invertible".

$\Theta(z) \neq 0$  for any  $z$  such that  $|z| \leq 1$

Equivalently,

$\Theta(z) = 0$  only for  $z$  such that  $|z| > 1$

## ↑ MA invertibility condition ↑

### Consequences of:

- $AR(p) = MA(\infty)$ 
  - ↳ ACF of an AR(p) process shows exponential decay because the ACF for  $MA(q)$  "shuts off" for  $h > q$ . But here  $q = \infty$ , and so  $AR(q)$  never "shuts off" on an ACF plot.
- $MA(q) = AR(\infty)$ 
  - ↳ PACF of an  $MA(q)$  shows exponential decay because a PACF for  $AR(p)$  "shuts off" for  $h > p$ . But here  $p = \infty$  and so  $MA(q)$  never "shuts off" on a PACF plot.

Example:  $\{Y_t\} \sim AR(2)$

$$\text{with } Y_t = 0.75 Y_{t-1} - 0.5625 Y_{t-2} + \varepsilon_t$$

is  $\{Y_t\}$  stationary?

$$\text{SOLN: } Y_t - 0.75 Y_{t-1} + 0.5625 Y_{t-2} = \varepsilon_t$$

$$Y_t - 0.75 B Y_t + 0.5625 B^2 Y_t = \varepsilon_t$$

$$(1 - 0.75B + 0.5625B^2) Y_t = \varepsilon_t$$

$$\therefore \phi(z) = 1 - 0.75z + 0.5625z^2$$

For what values of  $z$  is  $\phi(z) = 0$ ?

$$\phi(z) = 0 \text{ if}$$

$$z = \frac{-(-0.75) \pm \sqrt{(-0.75)^2 - 4(1)(0.5625)}}{2(0.5625)}$$

$$= 2 \left( \frac{1 \pm \sqrt{-3}}{3} \right)$$

$$= \frac{2 \pm \sqrt{3}i}{3}$$

$$\Rightarrow z_1 = \frac{2}{3} - \frac{2\sqrt{3}}{3}i$$

$$z_2 = \frac{2}{3} + \frac{2\sqrt{3}}{3}i$$

$$\Rightarrow |z| = \sqrt{\left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^2 + \left(-\frac{2\sqrt{3}}{3}\right)^2}$$

$$= \frac{4}{3} > 1$$

Both roots lie outside the unit circle.

$\therefore \{Y_t\}$  is stationary.

Example:  $\{Y_t\} \sim MA(1)$

with  $Y_t = \varepsilon_t + 1.25\varepsilon_{t-1}$

Is it invertible?

SOLN: 
$$\begin{aligned} Y_t &= \varepsilon_t + 1.25\varepsilon_{t-1} \\ &= \varepsilon_t + 1.25B\varepsilon_t \\ &= (1 + 1.25B)\varepsilon_t \\ \therefore \theta(z) &= 1 + 1.25z \end{aligned}$$

For what values of  $z$  is  $\theta(z) = 0$ ?

$$\theta(z) = 0 \text{ if}$$

$$1 + 1.25z = 0$$

$$z = -\frac{1}{1.25} = -0.8$$

$$\Rightarrow |z| = 0.8 < 1$$

$\therefore \{Y_t\}$  is not invertible.