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In this section, we illustrate some concepts in the framework of stochastic processes. Let $\{X_t : t \in T\}$ be a stochastic process.

Definition 1.1 (ACVF and ACF)

For any $t_1, t_2 \in T$, $\gamma_{t_1,t_2} := \text{cov}(X_{t_1}, X_{t_2})$ is called the autocovariance function (ACVF) of $\{X_t : t \in T\}$. $\rho_{t_1,t_2} := \text{corr}(X_{t_1}, X_{t_2})$ is called the autocorrelation function (ACF) of $\{X_t : t \in T\}$.

Note: $E(X_t^2) < \infty$ is prerequisite for each fixed $t \in T$.

 $ACVF \ \gamma: T \times T \mapsto \mathbb{R},$

 $ACF \quad \rho: T \times T \mapsto [-1, 1].$



Example 1.1 (continuous ACVF and ACF)

 $\rho_{t,s} = \frac{t \wedge s}{\sqrt{ts}}, \quad s, t \in [0, \infty),$

Example 1.2 (discrete ACVF and ACF)

which both are continuous function of $(t, s) \in T \times T$.

 $\gamma_{t,s} = \text{cov}(X_t, X_s) = (t \wedge s)\sigma^2; \quad \rho_{t,s} = \frac{t \wedge s}{\sqrt{t_s}},$

which both are discrete function of $(t,s) \in \mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N}$.

 $\gamma_{t,s} = \operatorname{cov}(\mathbb{B}(t), \mathbb{B}(s)) = E(\mathbb{B}(t), \mathbb{B}(s)) = t \wedge s;$

Let $X_t = \sum_{i=1}^t \eta_i$, where $\{\eta_i\}$ is i.i.d. with mean 0 and finite variance σ^2 , and $t \in \mathbb{N}$. Then its ACVF and ACF are

 $s, t \in \mathbb{N},$

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Let $\{\mathbb{B}(t): t \in [0,\infty)\}$ be the standard Brownian motion, then its ACVF and ACF are

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Example 1.3 (continuous ACVF and ACF)

Let $X_t = \sin(\lambda t + U)$, $t \in [0, \infty)$, $\lambda \in (-\pi, \pi)$ is a real number, $U \sim \mathcal{U}(-\pi, \pi)$. Then its ACVF and ACF are

$$\gamma_{t,s} = \operatorname{cov}(X_t, X_s) = \frac{1}{2} \cos(\lambda(t-s)).$$

Example 1.4 (discrete ACVF)

Let $X_t = \eta_t + \theta \eta_{t-1}$, where $\{\eta_i\}$ is i.i.d. with mean 0 and finite variance σ^2 , and $t \in \mathbb{N}$. Then its ACVF is

$$\gamma_{t,s} = \operatorname{cov}(X_t, X_s) = \begin{cases} (1 + \theta^2)\sigma^2, & \text{if } |t - s| = 0, \\ \theta \sigma^2, & \text{if } |t - s| = 1, \\ 0, & \text{if } |t - s| \ge 2. \end{cases}$$

■ Decomposition of TS: $X_t = \underbrace{T_t}_{\text{trend}} + \underbrace{S_t}_{\text{seasonal}} + \underbrace{R_t}_{\text{stochastic part}}$



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Definition 1.2 (weak stationarity/covariance stationarity)

A TS $\{X_t : t \in T\}$ is weakly stationary if $EX_t^2 < \infty$ for each $t \in T$, and

- $EX_t \equiv \mu$ is a constant, independent of t,
- \clubsuit Write: $\gamma_k = \text{cov}(X_t, X_{t+k})$ and $\rho_k = \gamma_k/\gamma_0$.

Definition 1.3 (strict stationarity)

A TS $\{X_t : t \in T\}$ is strictly stationary if $(X_{t_1}, X_{t_2}, ..., X_{t_n})$ and $(X_{t_1+k}, X_{t_2+k}, ..., X_{t_n+k})$ have the same joint distribution for any integer $n \geq 1$ and any integer k.

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Example 1.5 (WS but not SS)

Let $\{X_t : t \in T\} = \{\varepsilon, \eta, \varepsilon, \eta, ...\}$, i.e., $X_{2t-1} = \varepsilon$, $X_{2t} = \eta$, where $\varepsilon \sim \mathcal{N}(0,1)$, $\eta \sim \mathcal{U}(-\sqrt{3}, \sqrt{3})$, and ε and η are independent. Then $\{X_t\}$ is WS, not SS.

Solution. Clearly, $EX_t = 0$, $EX_t^2 = 1 < \infty$, and

$$\gamma_{t,t+s} = \operatorname{cov}(X_t, X_{t+s}) = \begin{cases} \operatorname{cov}(X_t, X_t) = 1, & \text{if } s \text{ is even,} \\ \operatorname{cov}(\varepsilon, \eta) = 0, & \text{if } s \text{ is odd.} \end{cases}$$

Hence, $\gamma_{t,t+s}$ is independent of t and only depends on s.

Thus, $\{X_t\}$ is WS. However, $\{X_t\}$ is not SS since ε and η do not have the same distribution functions.



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Example 1.6 (SS but not WS)

A TS $\{X_t : t \in T\} = \{\varepsilon_t : t \in T\}$ is i.i.d. standard Cauchy distribution with density $f(x) = \frac{1}{\pi(1+x^2)}$. Then, $\{X_t\}$ is SS, not WS in that $EX_t^2 = \infty$.

♣: Can you give a TS with finite second moments such that it is SS not WS?



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Theorem 1.1

If a TS $\{X_t : t \in T\}$ is SS with $EX_t^2 < \infty$, then $\{X_t\}$ is WS.



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Example 1.7 (WS & SS)

A TS $\{X_t : t \in T\}$ is i.i.d. with $X_t \sim \mathcal{N}(0,1)$. Then $\{X_t : t \in T\}$ is both WS and SS.

Example 1.8 (neither SS nor WS)

A TS $\{\varepsilon, \eta, \xi_3, \xi_4, ...\}$, where $\varepsilon \sim \mathcal{N}(0,1)$, $\eta \sim t_1$, and $\{\xi_j : j = 3, 4, ...\}$ is i.i.d. $\sim \mathcal{E}(1)$. All of them are independent. Then it is neither SS nor WS.



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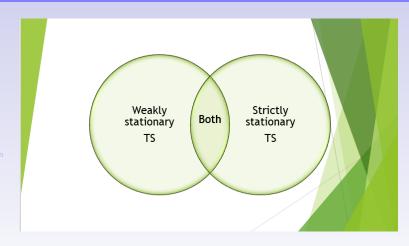
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■ For a WS process $\{X_t\}$, $\gamma_k = \text{cov}(X_t, X_{t+k})$ and ρ_k have the following properties.

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Property 1.1 (ACVF and ACF)

- \bullet $\gamma_0 = \text{var}(X_t); \quad \rho_0 = 1.$
- $|\gamma_k| \le \gamma_0; \qquad |\rho_k| \le 1.$
- They are positive semidefinite in the sense that

$$\sum_{i=1}^{n} \sum_{j=1}^{n} \alpha_i \alpha_j \gamma_{|t_i - t_j|} \ge 0, \quad \sum_{i=1}^{n} \sum_{j=1}^{n} \alpha_i \alpha_j \rho_{|t_i - t_j|} \ge 0,$$

for any $n \in \mathbb{N}$, any set of time point $\{t_1, t_2, ..., t_n\}$ and any real number $\alpha_1, ..., \alpha_n$.



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Theorem 1.2 (Characterization of ACVF)

A real-valued function $\gamma_{(\cdot)}$ defined on the integers is the ACVF of a stationary TS if and only if it is even and positive semidefinite in the sense that

$$\sum_{i=1}^{K} \sum_{j=1}^{K} \alpha_i \alpha_j \gamma_{|t_i - t_j|} \ge 0,$$

for any integer $n \ge 1$, any set of time point $\{t_1, t_2, ..., t_n\}$ and any real number $\alpha_1, ..., \alpha_n$.

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For WS TS, generally, the following matrix (a special Toeplitz matrix) is positive semidefinite.

$$\Gamma_n = \begin{pmatrix} \gamma_0 & \gamma_1 & \gamma_2 & \cdots & \gamma_{n-2} & \gamma_{n-1} \\ \gamma_1 & \gamma_0 & \gamma_1 & \cdots & \gamma_{n-3} & \gamma_{n-2} \\ \gamma_2 & \gamma_1 & \gamma_0 & \cdots & \gamma_{n-4} & \gamma_{n-3} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \gamma_{n-2} & \gamma_{n-3} & \gamma_{n-4} & \cdots & \gamma_0 & \gamma_1 \\ \gamma_{n-1} & \gamma_{n-2} & \gamma_{n-3} & \cdots & \gamma_1 & \gamma_0 \end{pmatrix}_{n \times n}$$

for any $n \ge 1$.

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Example 1.9

The real function on \mathbb{Z}

$$\kappa(h) = \left\{ \begin{array}{ll} 1, & \textit{if } h = 0, \\ \rho, & \textit{if } h = \pm 1, \\ 0, & \textit{otherwise}, \end{array} \right.$$

is an ACF if and only if $|\rho| \leq 1/2$.

Solution. If $|\rho| \le 1/2$, construct a process, that is okay. If $\rho > 1/2$, $\mathbf{K} = (\kappa(i-j))_{i,j=1}^n$ and \mathbf{a} is the *n*-component vector $\mathbf{a} = (1, -1, 1, -1, \ldots)'$, then

$$\mathbf{a}'\mathbf{K}\mathbf{a} = n - 2(n-1)\rho < 0 \text{ for } n > 2\rho/(2\rho - 1),$$

which shows that $\kappa(\cdot)$ is not positive semidefinite. If $\rho < -1/2$, using $\mathbf{a} = (1, 1, ...)'$ again shows that $\kappa(\cdot)$ is not positive semidefinite.

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 \clubsuit Alternative proof by the determinant of \mathbf{K}_n :

$$\mathbf{K}_{n} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \rho & 0 & \cdots & 0 & 0 \\ \rho & 1 & \rho & \cdots & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \rho & 1 & \cdots & 0 & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \cdots & 1 & \rho \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \cdots & \rho & 1 \end{pmatrix}_{n \times n}$$

for any $n \ge 1$. Clearly, $\det(\mathbf{K}_n) = \det(\mathbf{K}_{n-1}) - \rho^2 \det(\mathbf{K}_{n-2})$ with $\det(\mathbf{K}_1) = 1$, $\det(\mathbf{K}_2) = 1 - \rho^2$.

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■ Background. The correlation between X_t and X_{t+k} after their **mutual linear dependency** on the intervening variables $X_{t+1}, ..., X_{t+k-1}$ has been removed.

Definition 1.4 (PACF)

Let $\{X_t\}$ be WS with $EX_t = 0$. The partial autocorrelation function (PACF) is defined as $\phi_{11} = \rho_1$ and

$$\phi_{kk} = \operatorname{corr}(R_{t|t+1,\dots,t+k-1}, R_{t+k|t+1,\dots,t+k-1}) \quad \text{for } k \ge 2,$$

where $R_{j|t+1,...,t+k-1}$ is the residual from the linear regression of X_j on $(X_{t+1},...,X_{t+k-1})$, namely,

$$R_{j|t+1,\dots,t+k-1} = X_j - (\alpha_{j1}X_{t+1} + \dots + \alpha_{j,k-1}X_{t+k-1}),$$
and $(\alpha_{j1}, \dots, \alpha_{j,k-1})$

$$= \arg\min_{\beta_1,\dots,\beta_{k-1}} E\{X_j - (\beta_{j1}X_{t+1} + \dots + \beta_{j,k-1}X_{t+k-1})\}^2$$



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- \clubsuit In the definition above, we assume that $EX_t = 0$ to simplify the notation.
- ♣ For a Gaussian process, the PACF is in fact equal to $\phi_{kk} = \operatorname{corr}(X_t, X_{t+k} | X_{t+1}, ..., X_{t+k-1}).$

■ Formula for ϕ_{kk} :

$$\phi_{kk} = \frac{\gamma_k - \text{cov}(X_{t+k}, \mathbf{X}_{k-1:1}^{\tau}) \Sigma_{k-1:1}^{-1} \text{cov}(\mathbf{X}_{k-1:1}, X_{t+k})}{\gamma_0 - \text{cov}(X_t, \mathbf{X}_{k-1:1}^{\tau}) \Sigma_{k-1:1}^{-1} \text{cov}(\mathbf{X}_{k-1:1}, X_t)},$$

where $\mathbf{X}_{k-1:1} = (X_{t+k-1}, X_{t+k-2}, ..., X_{t+1})^{\tau}$ and $\Sigma_{k-1:1} = \operatorname{var}(\mathbf{X}_{k-1:1}) := \operatorname{cov}(\mathbf{X}_{k-1:1}, \mathbf{X}_{k-1:1})$.

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■ Simple formula for ϕ_{kk} :

$$\phi_{11} = \rho_{1},$$

$$\phi_{kk} = \frac{\begin{vmatrix} 1 & \rho_{1} & \rho_{2} & \cdots & \rho_{k-2} & \rho_{1} \\ \rho_{1} & 1 & \rho_{1} & \cdots & \rho_{k-3} & \rho_{2} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots & \vdots \\ \rho_{k-1} & \rho_{k-2} & \rho_{k-3} & \cdots & \rho_{1} & \rho_{k} \end{vmatrix}_{k \times k}}{\begin{vmatrix} 1 & \rho_{1} & \rho_{2} & \cdots & \rho_{k-2} & \rho_{k-1} \\ \rho_{1} & 1 & \rho_{1} & \cdots & \rho_{k-3} & \rho_{k-2} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots & \vdots \\ \rho_{k-1} & \rho_{k-2} & \rho_{k-3} & \cdots & \rho_{1} & 1 \end{vmatrix}_{k \times k}}, \quad k \geq 2.$$

Note: Because by definition $\rho_0 = \phi_{00} = 1$ for any process, when we talk about the ACF and PACF, we refer only to ρ_k and ϕ_{kk} for $k \neq 0$.

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Durbin's recursive formula for ϕ_{kk} :

$$\phi_{11}=\rho_1,$$

$$\phi_{k+1,k+1} = \frac{\rho_{k+1} - \sum_{j=1}^{k} \phi_{k,j} \rho_{k+1-j}}{1 - \sum_{j=1}^{k} \phi_{k,j} \rho_{j}},$$

$$\phi_{k+1,j} = \phi_{k,j} - \phi_{k+1,k+1}\phi_{k,k+1-j}, \quad j = 1, ..., k.$$

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Definition 2.1 (white noise)

Let $\{\varepsilon_t\}$ be a stationary TS. If for any $s, t \in \mathbb{N}$,

$$E\varepsilon_t = \mu, \quad \cos(\varepsilon_t, \varepsilon_s) = \begin{cases} \sigma^2, & t = s, \\ 0, & t \neq s, \end{cases} = \sigma^2 \delta_{t-s},$$

then $\{\varepsilon_t\}$ is called a white noise, write $\{\varepsilon_t\} \sim WN(\mu, \sigma^2)$.

- if $\{\varepsilon_t\}$ is independent, then call $\{\varepsilon_t\}$ independent white noise, write IWN (μ, σ^2) .
- ② if $\mu = 0$, then call $\{\varepsilon_t\}$ zero-mean white noise, write WN $(0, \sigma^2)$. (most commonly used)
- if $\mu = 0, \sigma^2 = 1$, then call $\{\varepsilon_t\}$ standard white noise, write WN(0, 1).
- For IWN(μ , σ^2), if ε_t is normal, then call $\{\varepsilon_t\}$ normal white noise. (i.e., $\{\varepsilon_t\}$ i.i.d. $\mathcal{N}(\mu, \sigma^2)$)



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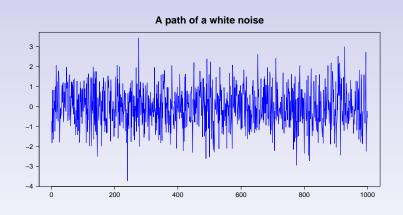
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■ In signal processing, WS is a random signal having equal intensity at different frequencies, giving it a constant power spectral density. WS refers to a statistical model for signals and signal sources, rather than to any specific signal.

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Definition 2.2 (Poisson process)

If a continuous-time stochastic process $\{N(t): t \in [0, \infty)\}$ satisfies for any $t > s \ge 0$ and any nonnegative integer k

- $N(0) = 0 \ a.s.$
- ② $\{N(t)\}$ has independent increments, i.e., for any n > 1 and $0 \le t_0 < t_1 < \cdots < t_n$, r.v.s $\{N(t_j) N(t_{j-1}) : j = 1, 2, ..., n\}$ are independent,

then $\{N(t): t \in [0,\infty)\}$ is called a **Poisson process** with jump rate λ .

■ Facts: $E\{N(t)\} = \lambda t$ and $var(N(t)) = \lambda t$.



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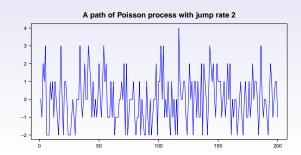
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Definition 2.3 (Poisson white noise)

Let $\{N(t): t \in [0,\infty)\}$ be a Poisson process with jump rate λ , define

$$\varepsilon_n = N(n+1) - N(n) - \lambda, \quad n = 1, 2, \dots$$

Clearly, $\{\varepsilon_n\}$ is an IWN $(0, \lambda)$ and is called a Poisson white noise.



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Definition 2.4 (Brownian motion/Wiener process)

If a continuous-time stochastic process $\{\mathbb{B}(t): t \in [0,\infty)\}$ satisfies

- **1** $\mathbb{B}(0) = 0$ a.s.
- ② $\mathbb{B}(t)$ has independent increments, i.e., $\mathbb{B}(t+u) \mathbb{B}(t)$ and $\{\mathbb{B}(s): s \leq t\}$ are independent for any $u \geq 0$,
- **1** $\mathbb{B}(t)$ has continuous paths: with probability 1, $\mathbb{B}(t)$ is continuous in t.

then $\{\mathbb{B}(t): t \in [0,\infty)\}$ is called a Brownian motion or Wiener process.

■ Facts: $E\mathbb{B}(t) = 0$ and $var(\mathbb{B}(t)) = \sigma^2 t$.



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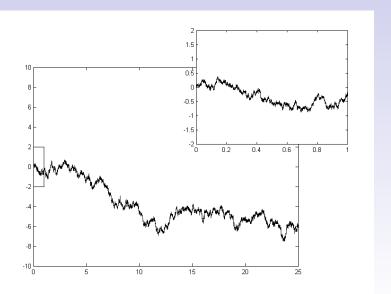
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Definition 2.5 (orthogonal TS)

For WS TS $\{X_t\}$ and $\{Y_t\}$, for any $t, s \in T$, if $E(X_sY_t) = 0$, then call $\{X_t\}$ and $\{Y_t\}$ are **orthogonal**. If $cov(X_s, Y_t) = 0$, then call $\{X_t\}$ and $\{Y_t\}$ are **uncorrelated**.

Definition 2.6 (Gaussian TS)

For a TS $\{X_t\}$, if for any $n \geq 1$ and any $t_1, ..., t_n \in T$, $(X_{t_1}, ..., X_{t_n})$ is multivariate normal, then $\{X_t\}$ is called Gaussian time series. Further, if it is stationary, then $\{X_t\}$ is called Gaussian stationary time series.



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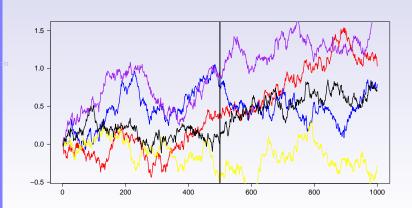
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■ A WS TS is characterized by its mean μ , variance σ^2 , ACF ρ_k and PACF ϕ_{kk} . The exact values of these parameters can be calculated if the ensemble of all possible realizations is known.



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Question 1

Assume only one realization $\{X_1, X_2, ..., X_n\}$ is available for a WS TS $\{X_t\}$, how to estimate μ , σ^2 , ρ_k , γ_k and ϕ_{kk} ?

■ Sample mean: $\bar{X}_n = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{t=1}^n X_t$.

Property 3.1 (\bar{X}_n)

- Unbiasedness: $E(\bar{X}_n) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{t=1}^n E(\bar{X}_t) = \mu$.
- **2** Consistency: if $var(\bar{X}_n) \to 0$, then $\bar{X}_n \to \mu$ in L_2 .

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Note that

$$\operatorname{var}(\bar{X}_n) = \frac{1}{n^2} \sum_{t=1}^n \sum_{s=1}^n \operatorname{cov}(X_t, X_s) = \frac{\gamma_0}{n^2} \sum_{t=1}^n \sum_{s=1}^n \rho_{t-s}$$
$$= \frac{\gamma_0}{n} \sum_{k=-(n-1)}^{n-1} \left(1 - \frac{|k|}{n}\right) \rho_k.$$

If $\rho_k \to 0$, then $var(\bar{X}_n) \to 0$ by L'Hôpital's rule, which implies that

 $X_n \to \mu$, in L_2 .

Theorem 3.1 (The mean square ergodic theorem)

Suppose $\{X_t\}$ is WS, then,

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \rho_k = 0 \Longleftrightarrow \lim_{n \to \infty} E[|\bar{X}_n - \mu|^2] = 0.$$



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Theorem 3.2 (General mean square ergodic theorem)

Suppose $\{X_t\}$ is WS. Then there exists a random variable X^* such that

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} E[|\bar{X}_n - X^*|^2] = 0.$$

Theorem 3.3 (Strong ergodic theorem)

Suppose $\{X_t\}$ is SS with $E|X_1| < \infty$. Then there exists a random variable X^* such that

$$\bar{X}_n \to X^*$$
 a.s.

♣ Reference: Chapter 9 in the book 《A First Course in Stochastic Processes》 (2nd) by Samuel Karlin and Howard M. Taylor.

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■ Stationarity and Ergodicity

Theorem 3.4

If $\{X_t\}$ is strictly stationary and ergodic with $E|X_1| < \infty$, then the strong law of large numbers still holds, i.e.,

$$\frac{1}{n} \sum_{t=1}^{n} X_t \to \mu, \quad a.s.$$

Illustration:

$$\frac{1}{n} \sum_{t=1}^{n} X_{t} \xrightarrow{SS} Y^{*}$$

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■ Sample ACVF:

$$\widehat{\gamma}_k = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{t=1}^{n-k} (X_t - \bar{X}_n)(X_{t+k} - \bar{X}_n)$$

or

$$\widehat{\widehat{\gamma}}_k = \frac{1}{n-k} \sum_{t=1}^{n-k} (X_t - \bar{X}_n)(X_{t+k} - \bar{X}_n).$$

By a simple calculation, we have

$$E(\widehat{\gamma}_k) \approx \gamma_k - \frac{k}{n} \gamma_k - \left(1 - \frac{k}{n}\right) \operatorname{var}(\bar{X}_n),$$

$$E(\widehat{\widehat{\gamma}}_k) \approx \gamma_k - \operatorname{var}(\bar{X}_n).$$

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Consider the asymptotic limiting distribution of the joint $\{\widehat{\gamma}_k\}$ or $\{\widehat{\rho}_k\}$:

$$\sqrt{n} \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} \widehat{\gamma}_0 \\ \widehat{\gamma}_1 \\ \widehat{\gamma}_2 \\ \vdots \\ \widehat{\gamma}_m \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} \gamma_0 \\ \gamma_1 \\ \gamma_2 \\ \vdots \\ \gamma_m \end{pmatrix} \right\} \Longrightarrow ?$$

$$\sqrt{n} \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} \widehat{\rho}_1 \\ \widehat{\rho}_2 \\ \vdots \\ \widehat{\rho}_m \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} \rho_1 \\ \rho_2 \\ \vdots \\ \rho_m \end{pmatrix} \right\} \Longrightarrow ?$$



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Further, if $\{X_t\}$ is Gaussian, Bartlett (1946) has shown

$$\operatorname{cov}(\widehat{\gamma}_{k}, \widehat{\gamma}_{k+j}) \approx \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=-\infty}^{\infty} (\gamma_{i} \gamma_{i+j} + \gamma_{i+k+j} \gamma_{i-k}),$$
$$\operatorname{var}(\widehat{\gamma}_{k}) \approx \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=-\infty}^{\infty} (\gamma_{i}^{2} + \gamma_{i+j} \gamma_{i-k}).$$

Similarly,

 $\operatorname{cov}(\widehat{\widehat{\gamma}}_{k}, \widehat{\widehat{\gamma}}_{k+j}) \approx \frac{1}{n-k} \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} (\gamma_{i} \gamma_{i+j} + \gamma_{i+k+j} \gamma_{i-k}),$

In practice, $\widehat{\gamma}_k$ is better than $\widehat{\widehat{\gamma}}_k$ since $\operatorname{var}(\widehat{\gamma}_k) < \operatorname{var}(\widehat{\widehat{\gamma}}_k)$. ■ More importantly, $\{\widehat{\gamma}_k : k = 0, \pm 1, ...\}$ is positive semidefinite, however, $\{\widehat{\gamma}_k : k = 0, \pm 1, ...\}$ is not.

 $\operatorname{var}(\widehat{\widehat{\gamma}}_k) \approx \frac{1}{n-k} \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} (\gamma_i^2 + \gamma_{i+j} \gamma_{i-k}).$



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■ Sample ACF:

$$\widehat{\rho}_k = \frac{\widehat{\gamma}_k}{\widehat{\gamma}_0} = \frac{\sum_{t=1}^{n-k} (X_t - \bar{X}_n)(X_{t+k} - \bar{X}_n)}{\sum_{t=1}^{n} (X_t - \bar{X}_n)^2}.$$

Further, if $\{X_t\}$ is Gaussian, Bartlett (1946) has shown

$$cov(\widehat{\rho}_k, \widehat{\rho}_{k+j}) \approx \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=-\infty}^{\infty} (\rho_i \rho_{i+j} + \rho_{i+k+j} \rho_{i-k} - 2\rho_k \rho_i \rho_{i-k-j} - 2\rho_{k+j} \rho_i \rho_{i-k} + 2\rho_k \rho_{k+j} \rho_i^2)$$

for k > 0 and k + j > 0.

For large n, $\sqrt{n}(\widehat{\rho}_k - \rho_k) \stackrel{d}{\to} \mathcal{N}(0, \sigma^2)$, where

$$\sigma^{2} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=-\infty}^{\infty} (\rho_{i}^{2} + \rho_{i+k}\rho_{i-k} - 4\rho_{k}\rho_{i}\rho_{i-k} + 2\rho_{k}^{2}\rho_{i}^{2}). \quad (\approx \operatorname{var}(\widehat{\rho}_{k})).$$

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For processes in which $\rho_k = 0$ for k > q, (e.g. MA(q) model), Bartlett's approximation becomes

$$\operatorname{var}(\widehat{\rho}_k) \approx \frac{1}{n} (1 + 2\rho_1^2 + \dots + 2\rho_q^2).$$

In practice, $\rho_i(i=1,...,q)$ are unknown and are replaced by their sample estimates $\hat{\rho}_i$ and we have the following large-lag standard error of $\hat{\rho}_k$:

$$s_{\widehat{\rho}_k} \approx \sqrt{\frac{1}{n}(1+2\widehat{\rho}_1^2+\ldots+2\widehat{\rho}_q^2)}.$$

Particularly, to test a white noise process, we use

$$s_{\hat{\rho}_k} \approx \sqrt{1/n}$$
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■ Sample PACF: Formula for $\widehat{\phi}_{kk}$:

$$\widehat{\phi}_{11} = \widehat{\rho}_1,$$

$$\widehat{\phi}_{kk} = \frac{\begin{vmatrix} 1 & \widehat{\rho}_1 & \widehat{\rho}_2 & \cdots & \widehat{\rho}_{k-2} & \widehat{\rho}_1 \\ \widehat{\rho}_1 & 1 & \widehat{\rho}_1 & \cdots & \widehat{\rho}_{k-3} & \widehat{\rho}_2 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ \widehat{\rho}_{k-1} & \widehat{\rho}_{k-2} & \widehat{\rho}_{k-3} & \cdots & \widehat{\rho}_1 & \widehat{\rho}_k \end{vmatrix}_{k \times k}}{\begin{vmatrix} 1 & \widehat{\rho}_1 & \widehat{\rho}_2 & \cdots & \widehat{\rho}_{k-2} & \widehat{\rho}_{k-1} \\ \widehat{\rho}_1 & 1 & \widehat{\rho}_1 & \cdots & \widehat{\rho}_{k-3} & \widehat{\rho}_{k-2} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ \widehat{\rho}_{k-1} & \widehat{\rho}_{k-2} & \widehat{\rho}_{k-3} & \cdots & \widehat{\rho}_1 & 1 \end{vmatrix}_{k \times k}}, \quad k \ge 2.$$



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Durbin's recursive formula for $\widehat{\phi}_{kk}$:

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 $\widehat{\phi}_{k+1,k+1} = \frac{\widehat{\rho}_{k+1} - \sum\limits_{j=1}^{k} \widehat{\phi}_{k,j} \widehat{\rho}_{k+1-j}}{1 - \sum\limits_{j=1}^{k} \widehat{\phi}_{k,j} \widehat{\rho}_{j}},$

 $\hat{\phi}_{k+1} = \hat{\phi}_{k,j} - \hat{\phi}_{k+1,k+1} \hat{\phi}_{k,k+1-j}, \quad j = 1, ..., k.$

It was shown by Quenouille (1949) that on the hypothesis

that underlying process is a white noise sequence,

 $\operatorname{var}(\widehat{\phi}_{kk}) \approx \frac{1}{2}$.



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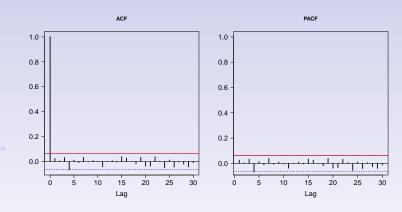
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R code:

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par(mfrow=c(1,2))
x=rnorm(1000)
acf(x cox lab=1.5 c
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acf(x,cex.lab=1.5,cex.axis=1.5,las=1,main="ACF",ylab="",lwd=3) abline(h=2/sqrt(n),col="red",lwd=2)

pacf(x,cex.lab=1.5,cex.axis=1.5,las=1,main="PACF",ylim=c(-0.05,1),ylab="",lwd=3)

abline(h=2/sqrt(n),col="red",lwd=2)

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 \blacksquare MA(∞) representation

 X_t as a linear combination of a sequence of uncorrelated r.v.s:

$$X_t = \mu + \varepsilon_t + \psi_1 \varepsilon_{t-1} + \psi_2 \varepsilon_{t-2} + \dots := \mu + \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \psi_j \varepsilon_{t-j},$$

where $\psi_0 = 1$, $\{\varepsilon_t\}$ is a zero mean white noise process, and $\sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \psi_i^2 < \infty$.

 \clubsuit Backshift operator $B: B^k X_t = X_{t-k}$.

In compact form:

$$X_t - \mu = \psi(B)\varepsilon_t,$$

where $\psi(B) = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \psi_j B^j$.

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Property 4.1 (some mathematical characteristics)

$$var(X_t) = \sigma_{\varepsilon}^2 \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \psi_j^2;$$



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Definition 4.1 (autocovariance generating function)

For a given sequence of ACVF $\{\gamma_k\}$, the autocovariance generating function is defined as

$$\gamma(B) = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} \gamma_k B^k.$$

Then

$$\gamma(B) = \sigma_{\varepsilon}^{2} \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \psi_{i} \psi_{i+k} B^{k}$$

$$= \sigma_{\varepsilon}^{2} \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \psi_{i} \psi_{j} B^{j-i}$$

$$= \sigma_{\varepsilon}^{2} \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \psi_{j} B^{j} \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \psi_{i} B^{-i}$$

$$= \sigma_{\varepsilon}^{2} \psi(B) \psi(B^{-1}),$$



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Definition 4.2 (autocorrelation generating function)

For a given sequence of ACF $\{\rho_k\}$, the autocorrelation generating function is defined as

$$\rho(B) = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} \rho_k B^k = \frac{\gamma(B)}{\gamma_0}.$$

 \blacksquare AR(∞) representation

$$X_t - \mu = \pi_1(X_{t-1} - \mu) + \pi_2(X_{t-2} - \mu) + \dots + \varepsilon_t$$

or $\pi(B)(X_t - \mu) = \varepsilon_t$, where $\pi(B) = 1 - \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \pi_j B^j$, and $\sum_{j=1}^{\infty} |\pi_j| < \infty$.

- **&** Explanation:
 - \bullet Regard the value of X at time t on its own past values plus a random shock.
 - \circ The random shock can be recovered by the values of X's.
- ♣ Usefulness: understanding the mechanism of forecasting.
- Invertibility if it can be written in this $AR(\infty)$ form.



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■ optional material: Linear difference equation. See the textbook(page 26-30).

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Definition 6.1 (ARMA(p,q) model)

The TS/process $\{y_t: t=0,\pm 1,\pm 2,...\}$ is said to be an autoregressive and moving average model/process if it satisfies

$$y_t - \phi_1 y_{t-1} - \dots - \phi_p y_{t-p} = \varepsilon_t + \theta_1 \varepsilon_{t-1} + \dots + \theta_q \varepsilon_{t-q},$$
 (1)

where $\{\varepsilon_t\} \sim WN(0, \sigma^2)$, $p, q \geq 0$ are integers, and (p, q) are called the order of the model. Write $\{y_t\} \sim ARMA(p, q)$.

Say that $\{y_t\}$ is an ARMA(p,q) with mean μ if $\{y_t - \mu\} \sim$ ARMA(p,q).

■ B denotes the backshift operator: $B^k y_t = y_{t-k}$, and $\phi(\cdot)$ and $\theta(\cdot)$ are polynomials defined as

$$\phi(z) = 1 - \phi_1 z - \dots - \phi_p z^p, \quad \theta(z) = 1 + \theta_1 z + \dots + \theta_q z^q.$$

Then $\phi(B)y_t = \theta(B)\varepsilon_t$ if $\{y_t\} \sim ARMA(p,q)$.

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- The first-order autoregressive model: AR(1) $\{y_t\} \sim AR(1)$, i.e., $y_t = \phi y_{t-1} + \varepsilon_t$.
- ♣ Invertibility: AR(1) process is always invertible.
- ♣ Stationarity ???

Consider four cases:

- if $|\phi| < 1$, then $y_t = \varepsilon_t + \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \phi^j \varepsilon_{t-j}$.
- 2 if $\phi = 1$, then $y_t = \varepsilon_t + \varepsilon_{t-1} + ... + \varepsilon_1 + y_0$.
- **3** if $\phi = -1$, then $y_t = \varepsilon_t + \sum_{i=1}^{t-1} (-1)^i \varepsilon_{t-j} + (-1)^t y_0$.
- $\bullet \text{ if } |\phi| > 1, \text{ then } y_t = -\frac{\varepsilon_{t+1}}{\phi} + \frac{y_{t+1}}{\phi} = -\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \frac{\varepsilon_{t+j}}{\phi^j}.$

Thus, AR(1) model is weak stationary if and only if $|\phi| \neq 1$.



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■ Noncausal autoregressive model

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Local explosion modelling by non-causal process

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Summary. The non-causal auto-regressive process with heavy-tailed errors has non-linear causal dynamics, which allow for local explosion or asymmetric cycles that are often observed in economic and financial time series. It provides a new model for multiple local explosions in a strictly stationary framework. The causal predictive distribution displays surprising features, such as higher moments than for the marginal distribution, or the presence of a unit root in the Cauchy case. Aggregating such models can yield complex dynamics with local and global explosion as well as variation in the rate of explosion. The asymptotic behaviour of a vector of sample auto-correlations is studied in a semiparametric non-causal AR(1) framework with Pareto-like tails, and diagnostic tests are proposed. Empirical results based on the Nasdaq composite price index are provided.

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Definition 6.2 (Causal TS)

A TS/process $\{y_t: t=0,\pm 1,\pm 2,...\}$ is causal if for all t

$$y_t = f(\varepsilon_{t-j} : j \ge 0)$$

where f is a measurable function.

- Causality means that y_t is caused by the white noise process (from the past) up to time t. For ARMA (p,q) process defined in (1), causality is equivalent to the condition that $\phi(z) \neq 0$ for all $|z| \leq 1$, and therefore it implies stationarity, but the converse is not true.
- In fact, the model (1) admits a unique stationary solution if and only if $\phi(z) \neq 0$ for all complex numbers z on the unit cycle |z| = 1.



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 \blacksquare under the condition $\phi(z) \neq 0$ for all |z| > 1, the stationary solution of (1) with q=0, for example, is of the form

$$y_t = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} d_k \varepsilon_{t+k},$$

which is not causal. One may argue whether such a process should be called a time series since y_t depends on 'future' noise ε_{t+k} for $k \geq 1$. Representation

■ However, any stationary noncausal ARMA process can be represented as a causal ARMA process (with the same orders) in terms of a newly defined white noise, and both processes have identical first two moments (Proposition 3.5.1 of Brockwell and Davis 1991).

■ Reference: p.82-83 & 105 in 《Time Series: Theory and Methods (2nd) by P.J. Broackwell and R. A. Davis.

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Theorem 6.1

Let $\{y_t\}$ be the ARMA(p,q) process satisfying the equations $y_t - \phi_1 y_{t-1} - \dots - \phi_p y_{t-p} = \varepsilon_t + \theta_1 \varepsilon_{t-1} + \dots + \theta_q \varepsilon_{t-q},$

where $\phi(z) \neq 0$ and $\theta(z) \neq 0$ for all $z \in \mathbb{C}$ such that |z| = 1. Then there exist polynomials, $\tilde{\phi}(z)$ and $\tilde{\theta}(z)$, nonzero for $|z| \leq 1$, of degree p and q respectively, and a white noise sequence $\{\varepsilon_t^*\}$ such that $\{y_t\}$ satisfies the causal invertible equations

$$\tilde{\phi}(B)y_t = \tilde{\theta}(B)\varepsilon_t^*.$$

■ Therefore, we lose no generality by restricting our attention to the subset of causal processes in the class of stationary ARMA processes. But we should be aware of the fact that even if the original process is defined in terms of an i.i.d. process $\{\varepsilon_t\}$, the white noise in the new representation is no longer i.i.d.



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■ Claim: In what following, we only discuss causal TS.



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