

Prob Set I. C. Stochastic D.E.s ①

Problem 1 (a) We have w_t - mean - zero r.v.

$$y_t = \underline{c} + \phi_1 y_{t-1} + \phi_2 y_{t-2} + w_t \quad (1)$$

Define $\mu \equiv E(y_t)$ and assume that

$$E(y_t) = E(y_{t-1}) = E(y_{t-2}). \quad (\text{We provide a}$$

Basis for this assumption a bit later in the course.) Taking Expectations of (1) we have

$$E(y_t) = c + \phi_1 E y_{t-1} + \phi_2 E y_{t-2} + E w_t$$

This gives

$$(1 - \phi_1 - \phi_2) \mu = c \quad (3)$$

Substitute for \underline{c} in (1) using (3) and write the result as

$$(y_t - \mu) = \phi_1 (y_{t-1} - \mu) + \phi_2 (y_{t-2} - \mu) + w_t \quad (4)$$

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 $y_t = \mu + \epsilon_t + \phi_1 \epsilon_{t-1}$

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(2)

write (4) as

$$\begin{bmatrix} (y_t - \mu) \\ (y_{t-1} - \mu) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \phi_1 & \phi_2 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} (y_{t-1} - \mu) \\ (y_{t-2} - \mu) \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} w_t \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

or as

$$\boxed{\bar{y}_t = F \bar{y}_{t-1} + V_t \quad (2)}$$

where

$$\bar{y}_t \equiv \begin{bmatrix} y_t - \mu \\ y_{t-1} - \mu \end{bmatrix}_{(2 \times 1)}, \quad F \equiv \begin{bmatrix} \phi_1 & \phi_2 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}_{(2 \times 2)} \quad \text{and} \quad V_t \equiv \begin{bmatrix} w_t \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}_{(2 \times 1)}$$

(b) Consider again the 2nd order DE in (1). To find the roots of this DE using C+ W's method and notation we examine the homogeneous part of the DE which in C+ W is typically written as

$$y_{t+2} + a_1 y_{t+1} + a_2 y_t = 0 \quad (5)$$

We then solve for the roots of the 2nd order DE in (5), b_1 and b_2 , by solving the



(3)

Characteristics equation

$$b^2 + a_1 b + a_2 = 0 \quad (6)$$

Now, Re-write (1) as

$$y_t - \phi_1 y_{t-1} - \phi_2 y_{t-2} = c + w_t \quad (1')$$

Comparing the LHS of (1') to (5) it is clear that

$$a_1 = -\phi_1 \quad \text{and} \quad a_2 = -\phi_2 \quad (7)$$

The Eigenvalues of F solve $\text{Det}(F - rI) = 0$

$$\text{or } \text{Det} \begin{bmatrix} \phi_1 - r & \phi_2 \\ 1 & -r \end{bmatrix} = -r(\phi_1 - r) - \phi_2 = 0 \quad \text{or}$$

$$r^2 - \phi_1 r - \phi_2 = 0 \quad (8)$$

Using (7) This Becomes



$$\boxed{r^2 + a_1 r + a_2 = 0} \quad (9)$$

Comparing (9) to (6) we have that the eigenvalues of F , Γ_1 and Γ_2 , are the same as the roots of the 2nd order DE, b_1 and b_2 .

Problem 2: Begin From

$$1 - \phi_1 z - \phi_2 z^2 = 0 \quad (1)$$

Multiply Through by z^{-2} to get

$$z^{-2} - \phi_1 z^{-1} - \phi_2 = 0 \quad (2)$$

Define $\boxed{\lambda \equiv z^{-1}}$ and (2) becomes

$$\lambda^2 - \phi_1 \lambda - \phi_2 = 0 \quad (3)$$

So, if z_1 and z_2 solve (1) then $\lambda_1 = \frac{1}{z_1}$,
and $\lambda_2 = \frac{1}{z_2}$ solve (3)

QED

Problem 3: we have

$$-C_t = -C_{t+1} + a_1 K_{t+1} + a_2 e_{t+1} \quad (1a)$$

$$K_{t+1} = b_1 K_t + b_2 w_{t+1} + b_3 C_t \quad (1b)$$

(a) write (1b) as

$$C_t = b_3^{-1} [K_{t+1} - b_1 K_t - b_2 w_{t+1}] \quad (4)$$

Use (4) to eliminate C_t and C_{t+1} in (1a):

$$-b_3^{-1} [K_{t+1} - b_1 K_t - b_2 w_{t+1}] - b_3^{-1} [K_{t+2} - b_1 K_{t+1} - b_2 w_{t+2}] + a_1 K_{t+1} + a_2 e_{t+1}$$

or, multiplying through by b_3

$$-K_{t+1} + b_1 K_t + b_2 w_{t+1} = -K_{t+2} + b_1 K_{t+1} + b_2 w_{t+2} + b_3 a_1 K_{t+1} + b_3 a_2 e_{t+1}$$

or, collecting,

$$K_{t+2} = (1 + b_1 + a_1 b_3) K_{t+1} - b_1 K_t + \gamma_{t+2} \quad (5)$$

where

$$\gamma_{t+2} = [b_2 w_{t+2} - b_2 w_{t+1} + a_2 b_3 e_{t+1}] \quad (6)$$

Lag All variables in (4) 2 periods to get

$$K_t = \phi_1 K_{t-1} - b_1 K_{t-2} + \gamma_t \quad (5')$$

where

$$\phi_1 \equiv (1 + b_1 + a_1 b_3) \quad (7)$$

$$\text{and } \gamma_t \equiv [b_2 w_t - b_2 w_{t-1} + a_2 b_3 e_{t-1}] \quad (6')$$

Eqn (4) can be written as

$$\begin{bmatrix} K_t \\ K_{t-1} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \phi_1 & -b_1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} K_{t-1} \\ K_{t-2} \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} \gamma_t \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad (8)$$

which gives

$$\tilde{z}_t = F \tilde{z}_{t-1} + V_t \quad (2)$$

$$\text{where } \tilde{z}_t \equiv \begin{bmatrix} K_t \\ K_{t-1} \end{bmatrix}, F \equiv \begin{bmatrix} \phi_1 & -b_1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \text{ and } V_t \equiv \begin{bmatrix} \gamma_t \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

and where ϕ_1 and γ_t are given by (7) and (6'), respectively.

(b) Re-write (1a, b) as

$$a_1 K_{t+1} - C_{t+1} = -C_t - a_2 e_{t+1} \quad (1a')$$

$$K_{t+1} = b_1 K_t + b_3 C_t + b_2 w_{t+1} \quad (1b')$$

$$\text{or } \begin{bmatrix} a_1 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} K_{t+1} \\ C_{t+1} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ b_1 & b_3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} K_t \\ C_t \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} -a_2 & 0 \\ 0 & b_2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} e_{t+1} \\ w_{t+1} \end{bmatrix} \quad (9)$$

Note that $\begin{bmatrix} a_1 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & a_1 \end{bmatrix}$. So, multiplying (9)

Through by $\begin{bmatrix} a_1 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}^{-1}$ gives

$$\begin{bmatrix} K_{t+1} \\ C_{t+1} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & a_1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ b_1 & b_3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} K_t \\ C_t \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -a_2 \\ -1 & a_1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} e_{t+1} \\ w_{t+1} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{or } \begin{bmatrix} K_{t+1} \\ C_{t+1} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} b_1 & b_3 \\ a_1 b_1 & (b_3 a_1 + 1) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} K_t \\ C_t \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 & b_2 \\ a_2 a_1 & a_1 b_2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} e_{t+1} \\ w_{t+1} \end{bmatrix} \quad (10)$$

$$\text{or } X_{t+1} = A X_t + B u_{t+1} \quad (3)$$

where

$$X_t = \begin{bmatrix} K_t \\ C_t \end{bmatrix}, \quad A = \begin{bmatrix} b_1 & b_3 \\ a_1 b_1 & (b_3 a_1 + 1) \end{bmatrix}, \quad u_{t+1} = \begin{bmatrix} e_{t+1} \\ w_{t+1} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{and } B = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & b_2 \\ a_2 & a_1 b_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

(c) The Eigenvalues of F solve

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Det}(F - rI_2) &= 0 \quad \text{or} \\ (\phi_1 - r)(-r) + b_1 &= 0 \quad \text{or, using} \\ r^2 - (1 + b_1 + a_1 b_3)r + b_1 &= 0 \quad (11) \end{aligned}$$

The Eigenvalues of A solve

$$\text{Det}(A - \lambda I_2) = 0 \quad \text{or}$$

$$(b_1 - \lambda)[(b_3 a_1 + 1) - \lambda] - a_1 b_1 b_3 = 0 \quad \text{or}$$

$$\lambda^2 - [(b_3 a_1 + 1) + b_1]\lambda - a_1 b_1 b_3 + b_1(b_3 a_1 + 1) = 0 \quad \text{or}$$

$$\lambda^2 - [1 + b_1 + a_1 b_3]\lambda + b_1 = 0 \quad (12)$$

Comparing (11) and (12) we see that the Eigenvalues of F , r_1 and r_2 , are the same as the Eigenvalues of A , λ_1 and λ_2 .