MATH 8090: ARMA Models: Prediction and Forecasting, Modeling Case Study

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NOAA wind data example

This example is taken from Don Percival's time series course (UW Stat 519).

The one-step-ahead forecast of an AR(1) process is:

$$P_nX_{n+1}=\hat{\mu}+\hat{\phi}(X_n-\hat{\mu}),$$

where $\hat{\phi}$ is our estimate of ϕ , and $\hat{\mu}$ is an estimate of μ .

Load and plot the data

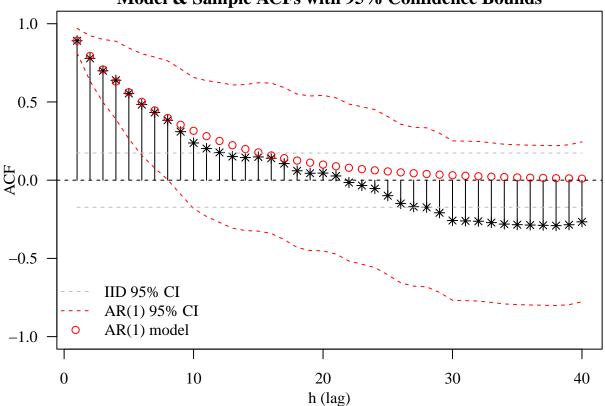
"Estimate" ϕ using sample ACF and center the data

```
# --- Quick AR(1) coefficient from lag-1 ACF -----
acf.ws <- acf(ws, lag.max = 40, plot = FALSE) acf # includes lag 0
phi.ws <- acf.ws[2] # lag-1 sample ACF as a quick AR(1) phi estimate
# --- Bartlett variance factor for AR(1): w_hh(phi) ------
# Var( rho hat[h] ) w hh(phi) / n
gen.whh.ar <- function(h, phi){</pre>
 p2 <- phi^2
 p2h <- p2^h
  -2 * h * p2h + (1 - p2h) * (1 + p2) / (1 - p2)
# --- Plot Sample ACF, AR(1) Model ACF, and 95% CIs (Bartlett & IID) ------
plot.ACFbartlettAR <- function(ts, n.lags = 40){</pre>
  stopifnot(is.numeric(ts), length(ts) > 5)
 n.ts <- length(ts)
 lags <- 1:n.lags</pre>
  # Sample ACF for lags 1..n.lags (remove lag 0)
  acf.full <- acf(ts, lag.max = n.lags, plot = FALSE)$acf
  acf.est <- acf.full[-1]</pre>
  # AR(1) model ACF using phi hat = sample acf at lag 1
  phi.hat <- acf.est[1]</pre>
  acf.model <- phi.hat^lags</pre>
  # Plot the sample ACF (stems + points)
  plot(lags, acf.est, type = "h",
      xlab = "h (lag)", ylab = "ACF",
      ylim = c(-1, 1),
       main = "Model & Sample ACFs with 95% Confidence Bounds",
      las = 1)
  points(lags, acf.est, pch = 8) # star
  # Add AR(1) model ACF
  points(lags, acf.model, col = "red")
  # Bartlett 95% CI under AR(1)
  CI.AR <- 1.96 * sqrt(sapply(lags, function(h) gen.whh.ar(h, phi.hat))) / sqrt(n.ts)
  lines(lags, acf.est + CI.AR, col = "red", lty = 2)
  lines(lags, acf.est - CI.AR, col = "red", lty = 2)
  # IID 95% CI for comparison: ±1.96/sqrt(n)
  CI.IID \leftarrow rep(1.96 / sqrt(n.ts), n.lags)
  lines(lags, -CI.IID, col = "gray", lty = 2)
  lines(lags, CI.IID, col = "gray", lty = 2)
  abline(h = 0, lty = "dashed")
  legend("bottomleft",
         legend = c("IID 95% CI", "AR(1) 95% CI", "AR(1) model"),
        lty
              = c(2, 2, NA),
             = c(NA, NA, 1),
        pch
              = c("gray", "red", "red"),
         col
```

```
bty = "n")
}

# --- Plot styling-----
par(mgp = c(2, 1, 0), mar = c(3.5, 3.5, 1.4, 0.6), family = "serif")
plot.ACFbartlettAR(ws)
```

Model & Sample ACFs with 95% Confidence Bounds



```
# --- Alternatively: estimate phi via MLE ----
phi_hat_mle <- arima(ws, order = c(1, 0, 0)) # AR(1) fit by MLE
phi_hat_mle</pre>
```

```
##
## Call:
## arima(x = ws, order = c(1, 0, 0))
##
## Coefficients:
## ar1 intercept
## 0.906 -1.1136
## s.e. 0.037 0.6035
##
## sigma^2 estimated as 0.4615: log likelihood = -132.99, aic = 271.99
```

```
# --- Center the series if you need a mean-zero version ------
ws.centered <- ws - mean(ws)
```

One-step-ahead forecast

```
# -- One-step-ahead predictions and errors
# Predictions available for t = 2..n using x_{t-1}
ws.hat <- phi.ws * ws.centered[1:(n - 1)] + xbar_ws
                                                            # hat{x}_t
zt.ws <- ws.hat - ws[2:n]</pre>
                                                             \# e_t = \hat{x}_t - x_t
## plot it
par(las = 1, mgp = c(2, 1, 0), mar = c(3.5, 3.5, 1.2, 0.6))
plot(ws, col = "blue", xlab = "Time", type = "b", ylab = expression(x[t]),
     main = "One-Step-Ahead Prediction", cex = 0.75)
points(2:n, ws.hat, pch = 8, col = "red", cex = 0.375)
lines(2:n, zt.ws, col = "gray")
legend("bottomright", legend = expression(x[t], hat(x)[t], hat(x)[t] - x[t]),
      col = c("blue", "red", "gray"), pch = c(1, 8, NA),
      lty = c(NA, NA, "solid"), pt.cex = c(0.75, 0.375, 1), inset = 0.01,
      bty = "n")
```



```
# -- Variance comparison (smaller error variance suggests better predictive fit)
cat("\nQuick AR(1) estimate (lag-1 ACF): phi_hat =", round(phi.ws, 4), "\n")
```

```
##
## Quick AR(1) estimate (lag-1 ACF): phi hat = 0.8911
```

```
cat("Var(prediction errors) =", round(var(zt.ws), 4), "\n")

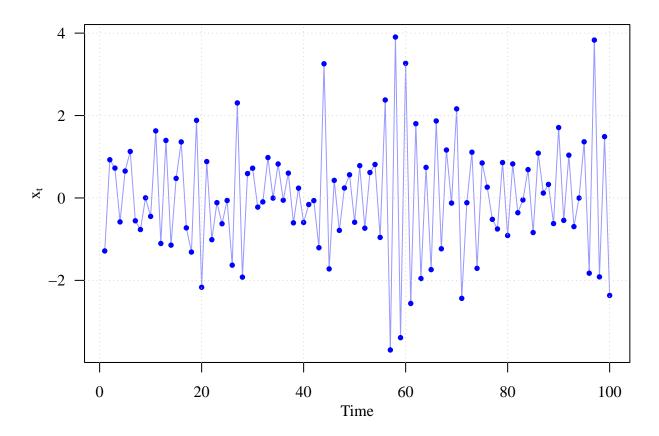
## Var(prediction errors) = 0.4629

cat("Var(series) =", round(var(ws), 4), "\n")

## Var(series) = 2.5025
```

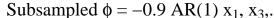
Fill in missing value example

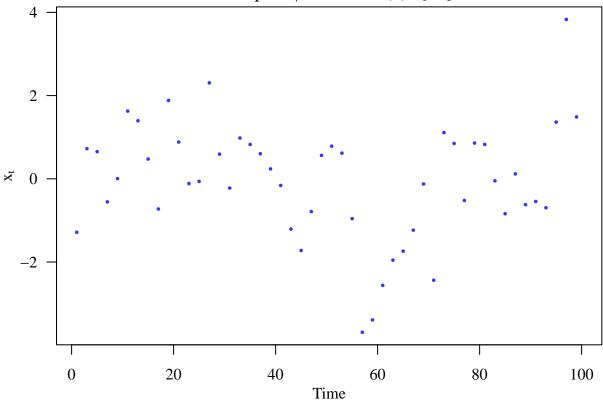
Simulate an AR(-0.9)



Let's remove some data to illustrate how to fill in missing values using forecasting algorithm

```
ar1.ts.subsampled <- ar1.ts
ar1.ts.subsampled[seq(2, 100, 2)] <- NA
par(las = 1, mgp = c(2, 1, 0), mar = c(3.5, 3.5, 1.4, 0.6), family = "serif")
plot(ar1.ts.subsampled, xlab = "Time", type = "b", ylab = expression(x[t]),
    main = expression(paste("Subsampled ", phi, " = -0.9 AR(1) ", x[1], ", ",x[3], ",.")),
    cex = 0.5, col = alpha("blue", 0.8), pch = 16)</pre>
```





Fill in "missing" values

$$\begin{split} \hat{X}_2 &= \phi(X_1 + X_3)/(1+\phi^2) \\ \text{MSPE} &= \frac{\sigma^2}{1+\phi^2} \end{split}$$

```
ar1.ts.predicted <- ar1.ts
# Fill in even indices (2, 4, ..., 98) with prediction based on neighbors.
# Formula comes from conditional expectation of AR(1) with phi = -0.9
ar1.ts.predicted[seq(2, 98, 2)] <-
    -0.9 * (ar1.ts[seq(1, 97, 2)] + ar1.ts[seq(3, 99, 2)]) / 1.81

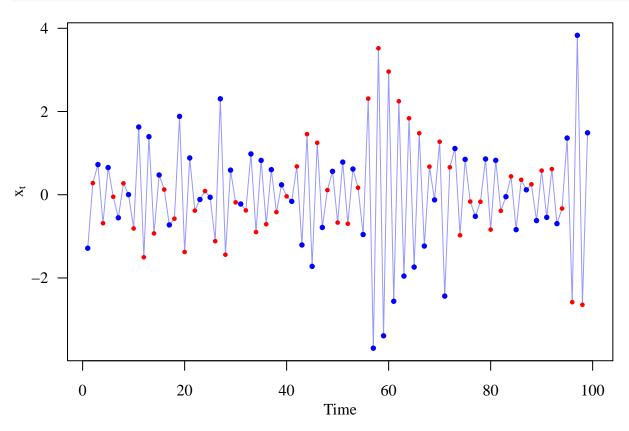
# Last element (t=100) set to NA since it has no neighbor on the right
ar1.ts.predicted[100] <- NA

# Plot styling
par(las = 1, mgp = c(2, 1, 0), mar = c(3.5, 3.5, 1.4, 0.6), family = "serif")

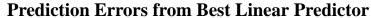
# Base plot: predicted series in light blue
plot(ar1.ts.predicted, col = alpha("blue", 0.4), xlab = "Time", type = "l",
    ylab = expression(x[t]), cex = 0.5)

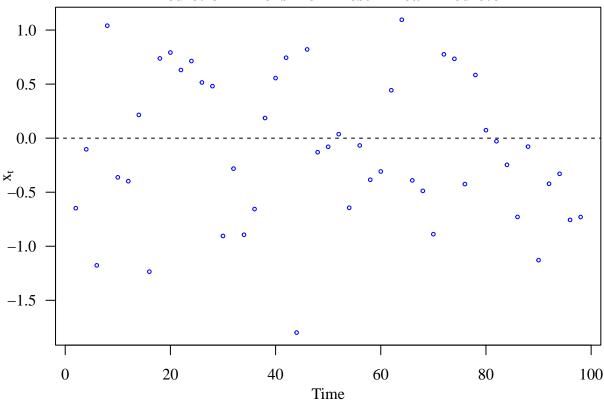
# Mark predicted even-indexed points (red)
xs <- seq(2, 98, 2)
points(xs, ar1.ts.predicted[xs], pch = 19, col = "red", cex = 0.5)</pre>
```

```
# Mark observed odd-indexed points (blue)
xo <- seq(1, 99, 2)
points(xo, ar1.ts.subsampled[xo], col = "blue", cex = 0.75, pch = 16)</pre>
```



Prediction Errors from Best Linear Predictor

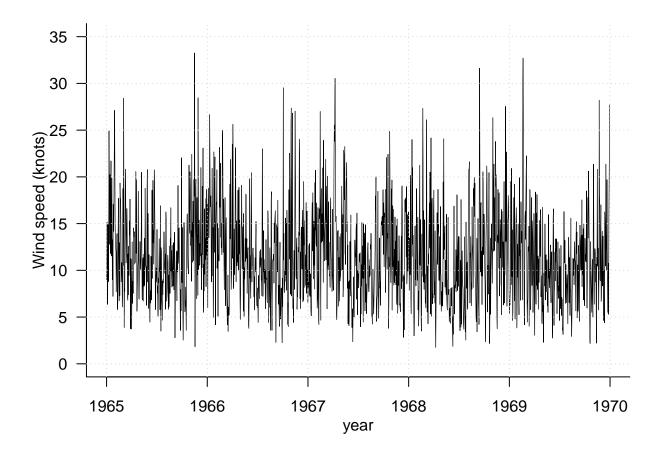




Ireland wind data case study

Load and plot the data

In this case study, we use the data at the Rosslare station from 1965 to 1969.



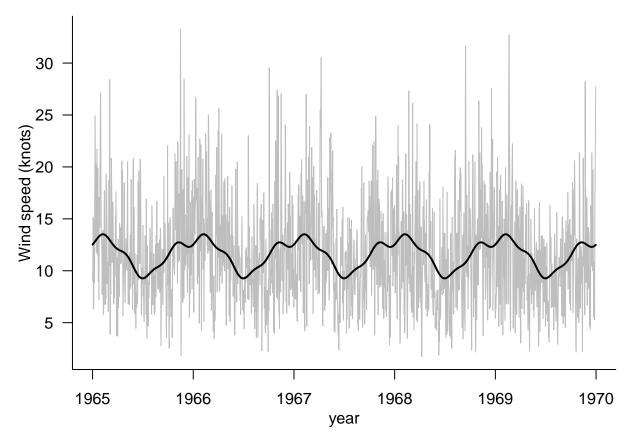
Deseasonalization: Harmonic Regression

We use harmonic regression with 4 harmonics per year to model the seasonal components.

```
## create harmonic terms
Harmonic <- function(year, K){
    t <- outer(2 * pi * year, 1:K)
    return(cbind(apply(t, 2, cos), apply(t, 2, sin)))
}
harmonics <- Harmonic(year, 4)
## fit a harmonic regression
harm.model <- lm(rosslare ~ harmonics)
summary(harm.model)</pre>
```

```
##
## Call:
  lm(formula = rosslare ~ harmonics)
##
##
##
  Residuals:
##
        Min
                       Median
                                     3Q
                                             Max
                  1Q
##
   -10.8538 -3.3813
                      -0.4892
                                 2.8395
                                         20.8290
##
## Coefficients:
##
                Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
## (Intercept) 11.584141
                            0.112377 103.083
                1.687468
                            0.158936
                                     10.617
## harmonics1
```

```
## harmonics2
               -0.435273
                           0.158936
                                     -2.739 0.00623 **
                           0.158936
## harmonics3
               -0.060047
                                     -0.378
                                             0.70562
## harmonics4
               -0.251396
                           0.158936
                                     -1.582
                                             0.11388
                0.412363
## harmonics5
                           0.158915
                                      2.595
                                             0.00954
## harmonics6
                0.003874
                           0.158915
                                      0.024
                                             0.98055
                0.107245
                           0.158915
                                             0.49985
## harmonics7
                                      0.675
## harmonics8
                0.217870
                           0.158915
                                      1.371
                                             0.17055
## ---
## Signif. codes:
                   0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
##
## Residual standard error: 4.802 on 1817 degrees of freedom
## Multiple R-squared: 0.06771,
                                    Adjusted R-squared: 0.06361
## F-statistic: 16.5 on 8 and 1817 DF, p-value: < 2.2e-16
par(bty = "L", mar = c(3.6, 3.6, 0.5, 0.6), mgp = c(2, 1, 0), las = 1)
plot(year, rosslare, type = "1",
     xlab = "year", ylab = "Wind speed (knots)", col = "grey")
lines(year, fitted(harm.model), lwd = 2)
```

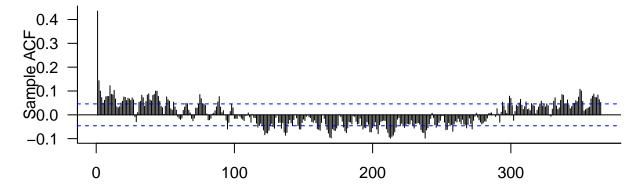


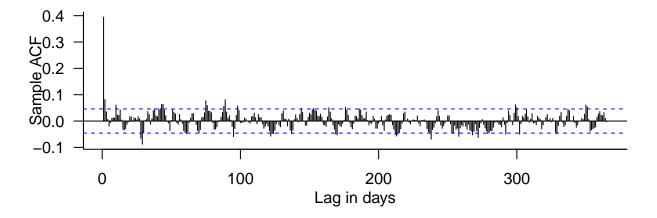
ACF Plots: Original and Deseasonalized Series

Let's plot the ACF and PACF plots to investigate the possible order for the ARMA model.

```
library(forecast)
```

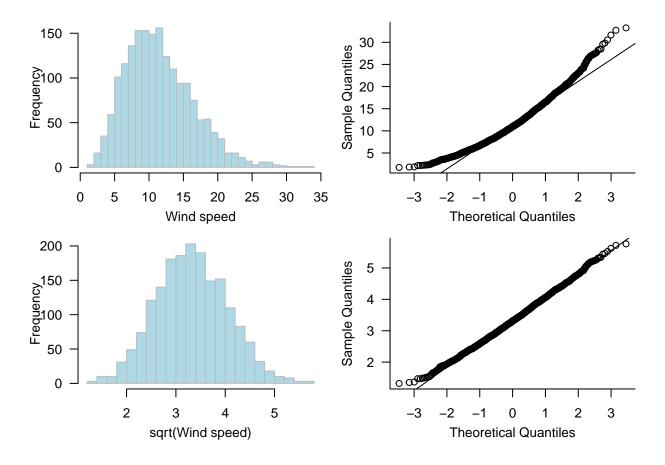
Registered S3 method overwritten by 'quantmod':





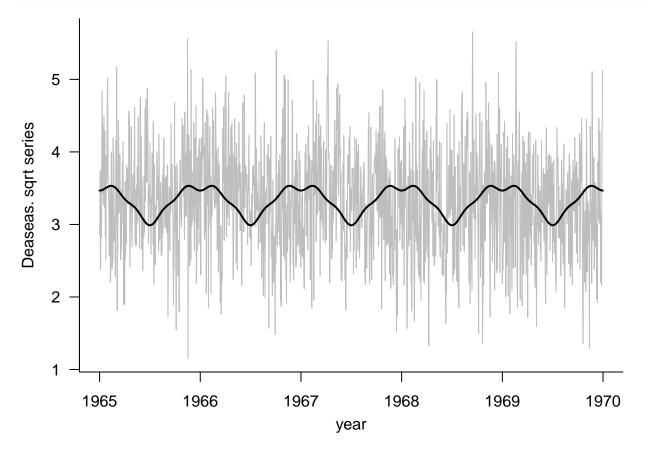
Apply transformation to make wind speed more Gaussian like

Now look at a histogram of the values, along with the normal quantile-quantile plot.



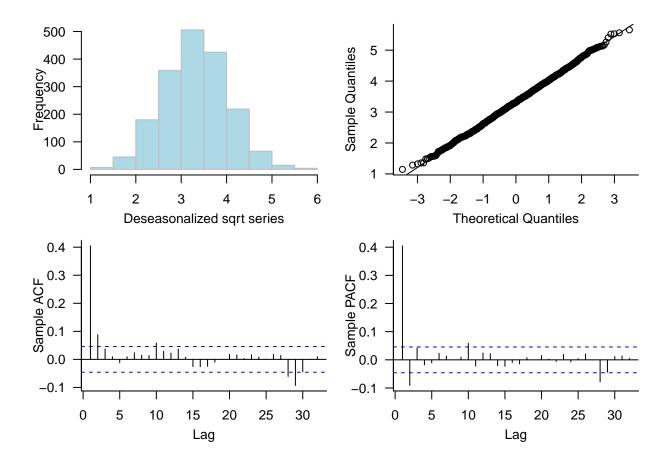
Now take square roots of the original data and deseasonalizeagain!

```
## now we start again from the beginning with a sqrt transformation
sqrt.rosslare <- sqrt(rosslare)</pre>
## refit the periodicity, without the intercept term
harm.model <- lm(sqrt.rosslare ~ harmonics[, 1:4] - 1)</pre>
summary(harm.model)
##
## lm(formula = sqrt.rosslare ~ harmonics[, 1:4] - 1)
##
## Residuals:
##
      Min
              1Q Median
                            3Q
                                  Max
   1.146 2.848 3.316 3.799
                                5.656
##
##
## Coefficients:
##
                       Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
## harmonics[, 1:4]1 0.2391111
                                 0.1126203
                                              2.123
                                                      0.0339 *
## harmonics[, 1:4]2 -0.0606520
                                                      0.5903
                                 0.1126203
                                             -0.539
## harmonics[, 1:4]3 -0.0001588
                                 0.1126203
                                             -0.001
                                                      0.9989
## harmonics[, 1:4]4 -0.0363877
                                 0.1126202
                                             -0.323
                                                      0.7467
##
## Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
```



Checking Normality ACF/PACF

##



Model identification, fitting, and selection

Let's first fit an AR(1) Fit an AR(1) model

```
ar1.model <- arima(sqrt.rosslare.ds, order = c(1, 0, 0))</pre>
```

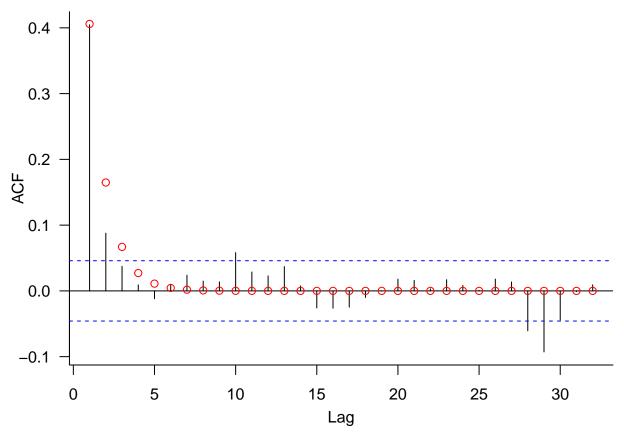
Summarize the fitted model

ar1.model

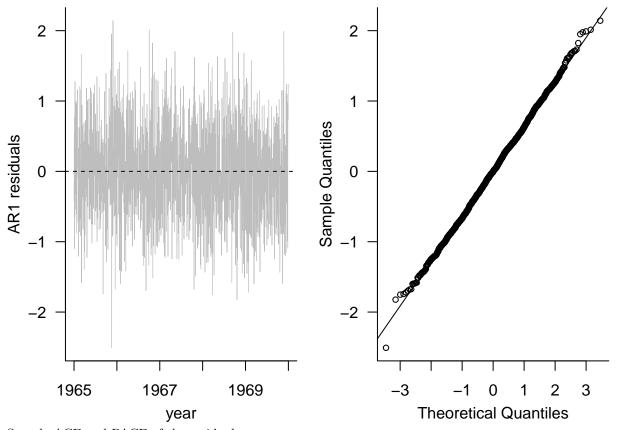
```
##
## Call:
## arima(x = sqrt.rosslare.ds, order = c(1, 0, 0))
##
## Coefficients:
## ar1 intercept
## 0.4060 3.3257
## s.e. 0.0214 0.0254
##
## sigma^2 estimated as 0.4148: log likelihood = -1787.72, aic = 3581.43
```

Sample and fitted ACF

```
par(bty = "L", mar = c(3.6, 3.6, 0.5, 0.6), las = 1, mgp = c(2.2, 1, 0))
Acf(sqrt.rosslare.ds, main = "")
acf_true <- ARMAacf(ar = c(ar1.model$coef[1]), lag.max = 32)[-1]
points(1:32, acf_true, col = "red")</pre>
```

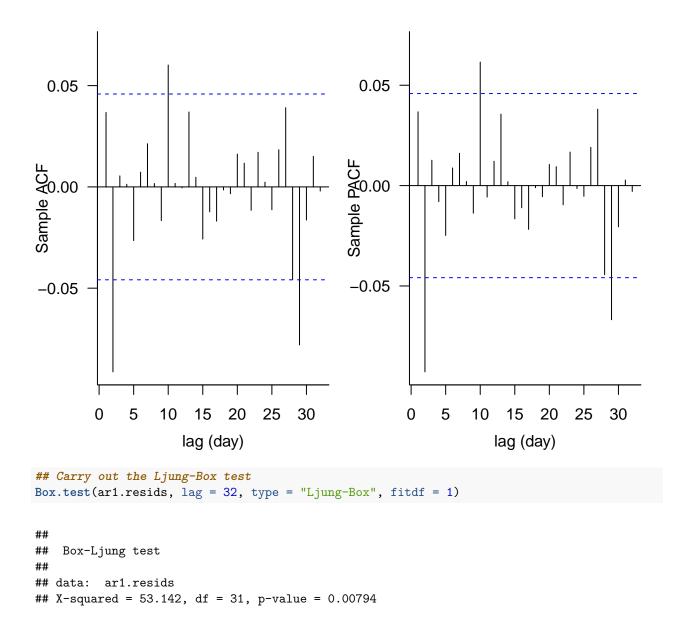


Extract residuals



Sample ACF and PACF of the residuals

```
par(bty = "L", mar = c(3.6, 3.6, 0.5, 0.6), las = 1, mgp = c(2.4, 1, 0), mfrow = c(1, 2))
Acf(ar1.resids, ylab = "Sample ACF", xlab = "lag (day)", main = "")
Acf(ar1.resids, ylab = "Sample PACF", type = "partial", xlab = "lag (day)")
```

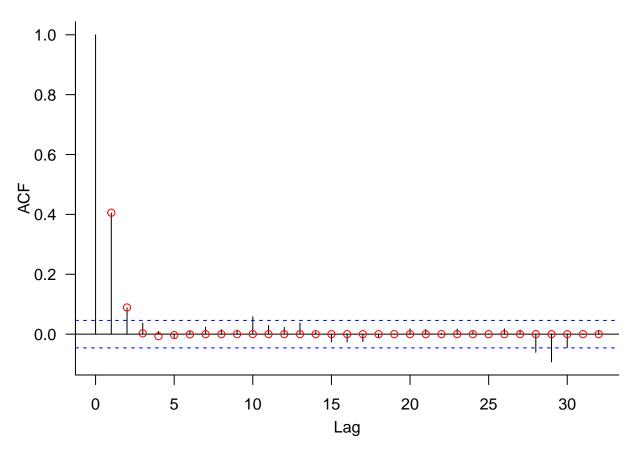


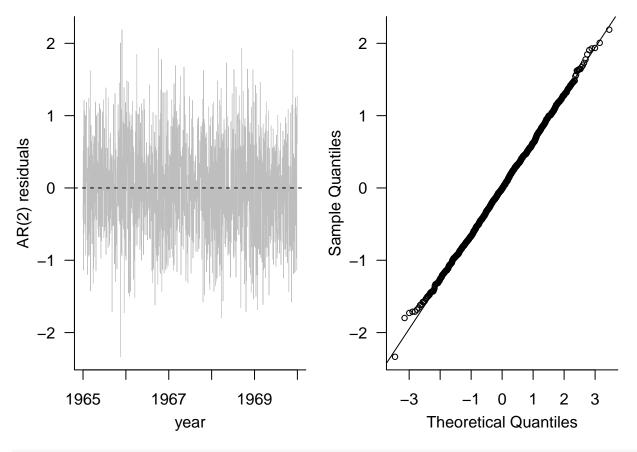
```
(ar2.model <- arima(sqrt.rosslare.ds, order = c(2, 0, 0)))</pre>
```

Fit an AR(2) model

```
##
## Call:
## arima(x = sqrt.rosslare.ds, order = c(2, 0, 0))
##
##
  Coefficients:
##
                          intercept
            ar1
                     ar2
##
         0.4425
                 -0.0905
                             3.3254
## s.e. 0.0233
                  0.0233
                             0.0232
## sigma^2 estimated as 0.4114: log likelihood = -1780.23, aic = 3568.46
```

```
par(bty = "L", mar = c(3.6, 3.6, 0.5, 0.6), las = 1, mgp = c(2.2, 1, 0))
acf(sqrt.rosslare.ds, main = "")
acf_true <- ARMAacf(ar = c(ar2.model$coef[1:2]), lag.max = 32)[-1]
points(1:32, acf_true, col = "red")</pre>
```





```
## Sample ACF and PACF of the residuals
par(bty = "L", mar = c(3.6, 3.6, 0.5, 0.6), las = 1, mgp = c(2.4, 1, 0), mfrow = c(1, 2))
Acf(ar2.resids, ylab = "Sample ACF", xlab = "lag (day)", main = "")
pacf(ar2.resids, ylab = "Sample PACF", xlab = "lag (day)")
```

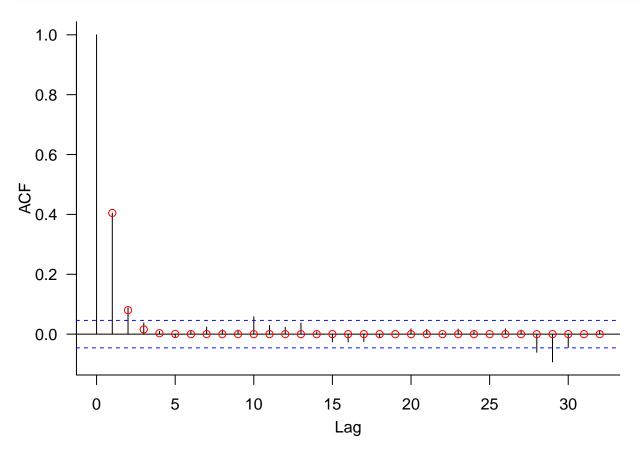
```
0.06
 0.06
                                                  0.04
  0.04
                                                Sample PACF
0.00
0.00
0.02
0.02

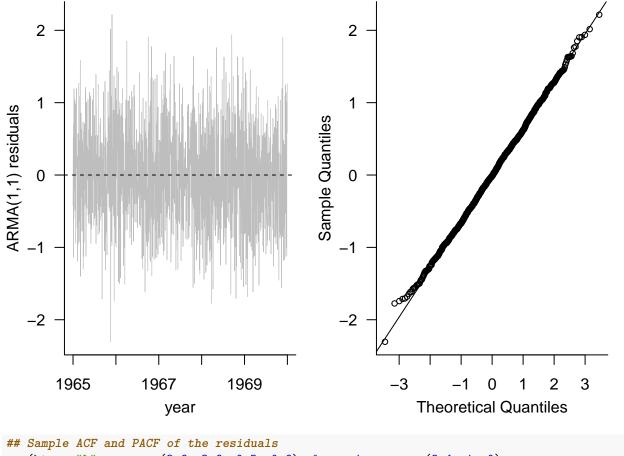
90.00

00.00

00.02
                                                 -0.04
-0.04
-0.06
                                                -0.06
                             20
              5
                        15
                                        30
         0
                                   25
                                                              5
                                                                              20
                                                                                   25
                                                                                         30
                   10
                                                         0
                                                                   10
                                                                        15
                      lag (day)
                                                                      lag (day)
## Carry out the Ljung-Box test
Box.test(ar2.resids, lag = 32, type = "Ljung-Box", fitdf = 2)
##
##
    Box-Ljung test
##
## data: ar2.resids
## X-squared = 36.548, df = 30, p-value = 0.1907
(arma11.model <- arima(sqrt.rosslare.ds, order = c(1, 0, 1)))</pre>
Fit an ARMA(1,1) model
##
## Call:
## arima(x = sqrt.rosslare.ds, order = c(1, 0, 1))
##
##
   Coefficients:
##
                          intercept
             ar1
                     ma1
##
         0.1978
                  0.2502
                              3.3254
## s.e. 0.0556 0.0553
                              0.0234
## sigma^2 estimated as 0.4108: log likelihood = -1778.82, aic = 3565.64
```

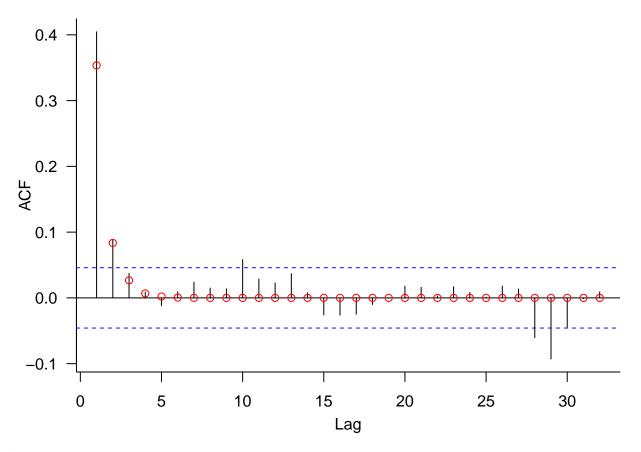
```
par(bty = "L", mar = c(3.6, 3.6, 0.5, 0.6), las = 1, mgp = c(2.2, 1, 0))
acf(sqrt.rosslare.ds, main = "")
acf_true <- ARMAacf(ar = arma11.model$coef[1], ma = arma11.model$coef[2], lag.max = 32)[-1]
points(1:32, acf_true, col = "red")</pre>
```

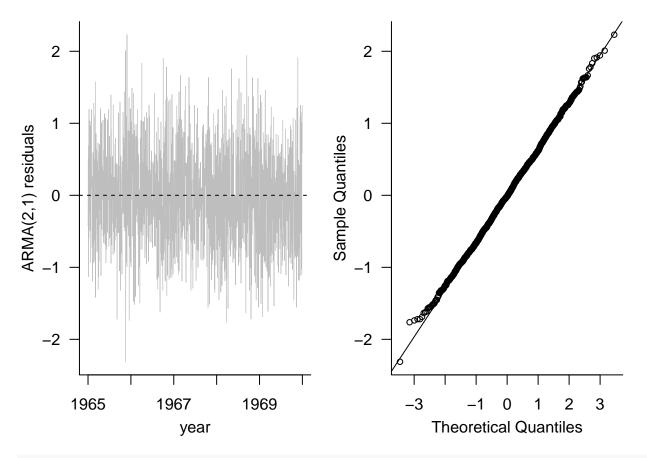




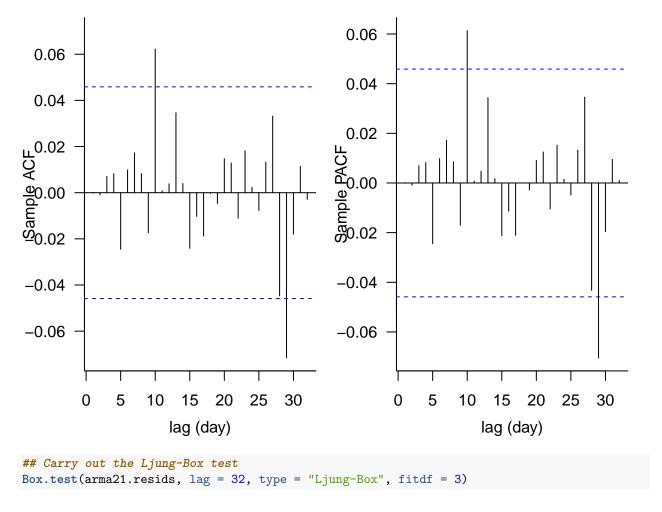
```
0.06
 0.06
                                                0.04
 0.04
                                                0.02
Sample ACF
00.00
00.00
00.00
00.00
                                              -0.04
-0.04
                                               -0.06
-0.06
                             20
              5
                                       30
         0
                        15
                                  25
                                                            5
                                                                           20
                                                                                 25
                                                                                      30
                   10
                                                        0
                                                                 10
                                                                      15
                      lag (day)
                                                                    lag (day)
## Carry out the Ljung-Box test
Box.test(arma11.resids, lag = 32, type = "Ljung-Box", fitdf = 2)
##
##
    Box-Ljung test
##
## data: arma11.resids
## X-squared = 32.757, df = 30, p-value = 0.3332
(arma21.model <- arima(sqrt.rosslare.ds, order = c(2, 0, 1)))</pre>
Fit an ARMA(2,1) model
##
## Call:
## arima(x = sqrt.rosslare.ds, order = c(2, 0, 1))
##
##
   Coefficients:
                                  intercept
##
            ar1
                     ar2
                             ma1
##
         0.0703 0.0587
                          0.3768
                                     3.3253
## s.e. 0.1691 0.0772 0.1663
                                     0.0237
## sigma^2 estimated as 0.4107: log likelihood = -1778.56, aic = 3567.11
```

```
par(bty = "L", mar = c(3.6, 3.6, 0.5, 0.6), las = 1, mgp = c(2.2, 1, 0))
Acf(sqrt.rosslare.ds, main = "")
acf_true <- ARMAacf(ar = arma21.model$coef[1:2], ma = arma11.model$coef[3], lag.max = 32)[-1]
points(1:32, acf_true, col = "red")</pre>
```





```
## Sample ACF and PACF of the residuals
par(bty = "L", mar = c(3.6, 3.6, 0.5, 0.6), las = 1, mgp = c(2.4, 1, 0), mfrow = c(1, 2))
Acf(arma21.resids, ylab = "Sample ACF", xlab = "lag (day)", main = "")
pacf(arma21.resids, ylab = "Sample PACF", xlab = "lag (day)")
```



```
##
## Box-Ljung test
##
## data: arma21.resids
## X-squared = 32.171, df = 29, p-value = 0.3124
```

Use AIC to conduct model selection

```
AIC.to.AICC <- function (aic, n, npars) {
   aic - 2 * npars * ( 1 - n/(n-1-npars))
}
# calculate the length of the time series
n <- length(sqrt.rosslare.ds)

# Here are the AIC values
ar1.model$aic</pre>
```

[1] 3581.432

```
ar2.model$aic
## [1] 3568.46
arma11.model$aic
## [1] 3565.642
arma21.model$aic
## [1] 3567.112
# convert the AIC values to AICC values.
AIC.to.AICC(ar1.model$aic, n, 2)
## [1] 3581.438
AIC.to.AICC(ar2.model$aic, n, 3)
## [1] 3568.473
AIC.to.AICC(arma11.model$aic, n, 3)
## [1] 3565.655
AIC.to.AICC(arma21.model$aic, n, 4)
## [1] 3567.134
Based on the AIC (and AICc as well), we choose the ARMA(1,1) model.
Forecasting
## How many days will we predict into the future?
h <- 10
## Predict 'h' days into the future using the ARMA(1,1) model.
sqrt.rosslare.forecast <- predict(arma11.model, h)</pre>
sqrt.rosslare.forecast$pred; sqrt.rosslare.forecast$se
## Time Series:
## Start = 1827
## End = 1836
## Frequency = 1
## [1] 3.997161 3.458299 3.351724 3.330646 3.326477 3.325652 3.325489 3.325457
```

[9] 3.325451 3.325449

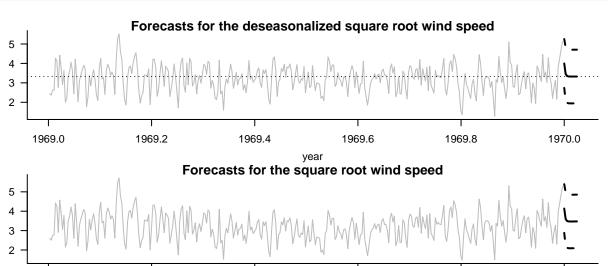
```
## Time Series:
## Start = 1827
## End = 1836
## Frequency = 1
## [1] 0.6409326 0.7022959 0.7045876 0.7046771 0.7046806 0.7046807 0.7046807
## [8] 0.7046807 0.7046807 0.7046807
## define the forecast variable
forecast <- sqrt.rosslare.forecast$pred
## The plus or minus value is the z critical value
## times the standard error for the forecast
me <- qnorm(0.975) * sqrt.rosslare.forecast$se
lower <- forecast - me
upper <- forecast + me
## Define the prediction time
fyear <- 1970 + (0:(h - 1)) / 365.25</pre>
```

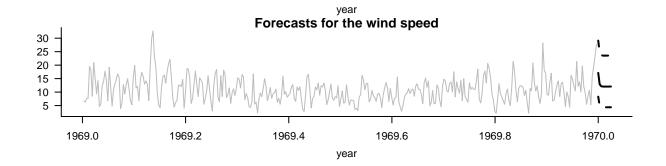
Visualizing the Forecasts

```
par(bty = "L", mar = c(3.6, 3.6, 0.75, 0.6), las = 1, mgp = c(2.4, 1, 0),
   mfrow = c(3, 1)
## Show the data for 1969 onwards
plot(year[year > 1969], sqrt.rosslare.ds[year > 1969], type = "1",
     xlim = c(1969, max(fyear)), col = "grey", xlab = "year", ylab = "")
## Add the BLUP, along with the prediction limits
lines(fyear, forecast, lwd = 2)
lines(fyear, lower, lty = 2, lwd = 2)
lines(fyear, upper, lty = 2, lwd = 2)
## add a horizontal line at the mean
abline(h = mean(sqrt.rosslare.ds), lty = 3)
title("Forecasts for the deseasonalized square root wind speed")
## now add the seasonality estimate for the first 10 days in a year.
adj.forecast <- fitted(harm.model)[1:h] + sqrt.rosslare.forecast$pred</pre>
## adjust the lower and upper values of the interval
lower <- adj.forecast - me</pre>
upper <- adj.forecast + me
## Show the data for 1969 onwards
plot(year[year > 1969], sqrt.rosslare[year > 1969], type = "1",
     xlim = c(1969, max(fyear)), col = "grey", xlab = "year", ylab = "")
title("Forecasts for the square root wind speed")
## Add the BLUP, along with the prediction limits
lines(fyear, adj.forecast, lwd = 2)
lines(fyear, lower, lty = 2, lwd = 2)
lines(fyear, upper, lty =2 , lwd = 2)
## We square everything (forecast, lower limit, and upper limit)
## to get the forecast on the original wind speed (knots) scale.
## Show the data for 1969 onwards
plot(year[year > 1969], rosslare[year > 1969], type = "1",
```

```
xlim = c(1969, max(fyear)), col = "grey", xlab = "year", ylab = "")
title("Forecasts for the wind speed")

## Add the BLUP, along with the prediction limits
lines(fyear, adj.forecast^2, lwd = 2)
lines(fyear, lower^2, lty = 2, lwd = 2)
lines(fyear, upper^2, lty = 2, lwd = 2)
```





1969.6

1969.8

1970.0

1969.4

1969.0

1969.2