Econometrics II

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Chapter 1

Introduction

1.1 Motivation

This course will be dedicated to *time series analysis*. Informally, a *time series* is any type of data collected over time – or, more formally, it is the realization of a stochastic process indexed in time. We usually denote the time series as follows:

$$y_1, ..., y_T; \quad \{y_t\}_{i=1}^T; \quad \{y_t\}_t$$

Time series analysis is useful for a number of different applications:

- · Forecasting.
 - Uni and multivariate models
 - ARIMA models: mean and confidence interval forecasting
 - ARCH models: variance forecasting especially useful in finance for volatility and
- Dynamics. Evaluate the impact of one variable in another over time.
 - Multivariate models including VAR, ECM
 - Contemporaneous lagged structural relations

It is important to address a first and simple question. Why time series are different from other data? The answer is also simple but incredibly relevant: time series observations are not serially independent!

$$Y_t \not\perp \!\!\! \perp Y_{t-i}$$

In fact, they don't even have to be identically distributed:

$$F_{Y_t} \neq F_{Y_{t-i}}$$

This means that the essential *iid* hypothesis for traditional Econometrics *does not hold*. This means that we'll have to make some adjustments to our methods. That is the task of time series analysis.

1.2 Statistics with dependence

Let's begin with a proper definition of a time series.

1.2.1 Definition of a time series

Suppose that we have a probability space (Ω, S, \mathbb{P}) . Ω is the sample space; S is the set of all events; \mathbb{P} is a measure of probability $\mathbb{P}: S \to [0,1]$. From this, we define a random variable $Y: \Omega \to \mathbb{R}$. A realization of this r.v. is denoted by $y = Y(\omega)$ with fixed ω .

From this, we can define multiple random variables in the same sample space, indexed by integers:

$$Y = \{..., Y_{t-2}, Y_{t-1}, Y_t, ...\}$$

This is equivalent to writing:

$$Y: \Omega x\mathbb{Z} \to \mathbb{R}$$

We now arrive at our formal definition of a time series: $\{Y_t, t \in \mathbb{Z}\}$ is a time-indexed stochastic process.

- $Y(\cdot,t):\Omega\to\mathbb{R}$ is a r.v. for fixed t.
- $Y(\omega, \cdot) : \mathbb{Z} \to \mathbb{R}$ is a sequence of real numbers for a fixed ω . In other words, this represents the observed time series.
- For fixed $t, \omega, Y(\omega, t) \in \mathbb{R}$.

1.2.2 Unconditional expectation

An important concept to make clear here is unconditional expectation. With fixed t,

$$\mathbb{E}(Y_t) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x f_{Y_t}(x) dx$$

Note the Y_t subscript on the probability density function f_{Y_t} . This means that $\mathbb{E}(Y_t)$ is not calculated with the values assumed by Y_{t-1}, Y_{t+1} . This raises an important problem: how would you be able to estimate $\mathbb{E}(Y_t)$? Note that we only observe $Y_t = y_t$, i.e., one realization of the r.v.

1.2.3 Statistical dependence

For any random variables X, Y, we can define multiple measures of dependency:

- Linear: $Cov(X,Y) \equiv \mathbb{E}(XY) \mathbb{E}(X)\mathbb{E}(Y)$
- Quadratic: $Cov(X^2, Y^2)$
- General: Cov(f(X), g(Y)). This is a measure of covariance between two general functional forms of X and Y.

With this general definition, we arrive at an equivalent definition for independent random variables:

- $F_{X,Y}(x,y) = F_X(x) * F_Y(y)$, i.e., joint pdf is equal to the product of the marginal pdfs.
- Cov(f(X), g(Y)) = 0 for every pair of bounded functions f, g.

From this, we now define the autocovariance and autocorrelation functions.

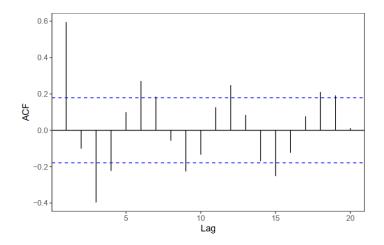
Definition 1.2.1. $\gamma_{j,t} := Cov(Y_t, Y_{t-j})$ is the **autocovariance function** for a given time series $\{Y_t, t \in \mathbb{Z}\}.$

Definition 1.2.2. $\rho_{j,t} := \frac{\gamma_{j,t}}{\sqrt{\gamma_{0,t}\gamma_{0,t-j}}}$ is the **autocorrelation function** for a given time series $\{Y_t, t \in \mathbb{Z}\}.$

Note that, if *iid* holds:

$$\gamma_{j,t} = \begin{cases} 0 & j \neq 0, \forall t \\ Var(Y) & otherwise \end{cases}$$

This is an example of an autocorrelation function.



1.3 Asymptotic theory with dependence

Some form of asymptotic theory is needed to enable any kind of statistical analysis. Namely, we need to have some form of Law of Large Numbers (LLN) and Central Limit Theorem (CLT) that are analogous to the *iid* environment. This will be achieved in our setting with some conditions called *stationarity* and *ergodicity*.

1.3.1 Stationarity

Definition 1.3.1. A process $\{Y_t, t \in \mathbb{Z}\}$ is **strictly stationary** if, for all finite set of indexes $\{t_1, ..., t_r\}$ and for all $m \in \mathbb{Z}$, $F(y_{t_1}, ..., y_{t_r}) = F(y_{t_1+m}, ..., y_{t_r+m})$ holds, where $F(y_{t_1}, ..., y_{t_r})$ is the joint cdf of $(Y_{t_1}, ..., Y_{t_r})$.

More informally, a given process is called *strictly stationary* if its statistical properties depend only on the *relative position* between observations, and not its *absolute position*.

We'll usually adopt a weaker definition of stationarity for our models. Henceforth, we will refer to stationarity in this sense.

Definition 1.3.2. A process $\{Y_t, t \in \mathbb{Z}\}$ is **stationary** (or weakly stationary) if there exists $\mu \in \mathbb{R}$ and $\{\gamma_j\}_{j\in\mathbb{N}}$ such that:

- $\mathbb{E}(Y_t) = \mu$, $\forall t$
- $\mathbb{E}[(Y_t \mu)(Y_{t-j} \mu)] = \gamma_j, \quad \forall (t, j) \in \mathbb{N}^2$

Note that, from the second condition in the definition, we have $\mathbb{E}(Y_t - \mu)^2 = \gamma_0 \in \mathbb{R}, \forall t \in \mathbb{N}$. In other words, the unconditional variance of the time series is constant.

Some important remarks on stationarity:

- Stationarity does not imply strict stationarity
- Stricy stationarity does not imply stationarity
- Every strictly stationary process with finite variance is stationary
- Every iid process is strictly stationary
- Every strictly stationary process is identically distributed
- A stationary process is not necessarily identically distributed

1.3.2 Ergodicity

Stationarity is not enough to guarantee that we have even a Law of Large Numbers. To see why that is the case, consider the following example:

$$Y_t = X + \varepsilon_t, \quad \varepsilon \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \sigma^2), \quad X \sim \mathcal{N}(0, 1), \quad X \perp \!\!\! \perp \varepsilon_t$$

Is this process stationary? No, because the sample time average $\bar{y} = \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^{T} y_t$ does not converge to the population ensemble average $\mathbb{E}(Y_t) = \mu$.

We need some condition that guarantees that the dependence structure of the time series decays as the observation get further from each other. That is the intuition behind *ergodicity*.

Definition 1.3.3. A strictly stationary process $\{Y_t, t \in \mathbb{Z}\}$ is called **ergodic** if

$$\lim_{J \to \infty} \frac{1}{J} \sum_{i=1}^{J} Cov[f(X_1), g(X, j)] = 0,$$

for all pairs of bounded functions f, g.

This is a kind of mean asymptotic independence, in which the asymptotic independence would be defined by $Cov[f(X_1), g(X_J)] \to 0$ as $J \to \infty$.

Now, we can define a Law of Large Numbers – also called the *Ergodic Theorem*.

Theorem 1.3.1. Given an ergodic stochastic process $\{Y_t, t \in \mathbb{Z}\}$ such that $\mathbb{E}|Y_1| < \infty$,

$$\lim_{T \to \infty} \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^{T} Y_t = \mathbb{E}(Y_1) \quad almost \, sure$$

This theorem is the generalization of the strong LLN. However, it presupposes *strict stationarity*, which is a very strong assumption most of the time. Fortunately, this theorem gave rise to other definitions that arrive at our objective, namely, a LLN for the first two moments.

Definition 1.3.4. A stationary process $\{Y_t, t \in \mathbb{Z}\}$ is said to be **ergodic for the mean** if

$$\frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^{T} Y_t \to_p \mathbb{E}(Y_t), \quad T \to \infty$$

Definition 1.3.5. A stationary process $\{Y_t, t \in \mathbb{Z}\}$ is said to be **ergodic for the second** moment if, for every j,

$$\frac{1}{T-j} \sum_{t=j+1}^{T} Y_t Y_{t-j} \to_p \mathbb{E}(Y_t), \quad T \to \infty$$

Proposition 1.3.2. $\sum_{j=0}^{\infty} |\gamma_j| < \infty$ is a sufficient condition for ergodicity for the mean.

Proof. Let $Z_t := Y_t - \mu$ and $\bar{Z}_t := \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^T Z_t$, where $\{Y_t, t \in \mathbb{Z}\}$ is a stationary process. We will show that \bar{Z}_t converges to 0 in mean square.

$$\mathbb{E}\left(\bar{Z}_{T}^{2}\right) = \mathbb{E}\left[\left(\frac{1}{T}\sum_{t=1}^{T}Z_{t}\right)\left(\frac{1}{T}\sum_{t=1}^{T}Z_{t}\right)\right] = \frac{1}{T^{2}}\mathbb{E}\left(\sum_{s=1}^{T}\sum_{t=1}^{T}Z_{s}Z_{t}\right)$$

$$= \frac{1}{T^{2}}\sum_{s=1}^{T}\sum_{t=1}^{T}\mathbb{E}\left(Z_{s}Z_{t}\right) = \frac{1}{T^{2}}\sum_{s=1}^{T}\sum_{t=1}^{T}\gamma_{s-t} = \frac{1}{T}\sum_{j=-T+1}^{T-1}\frac{T-|j|}{T}\gamma_{j}$$

$$\leq \frac{1}{T}\sum_{j=-T+1}^{T-1}\frac{T-|j|}{T}|\gamma_{j}| \leq \frac{1}{T}\sum_{j=-T+1}^{T-1}|\gamma_{j}| \to 0$$

1.3.3 A Central Limit Theorem for time series

The conditions that guarantee the existence of a CLT for stationary and ergodic processes are much more envolving than in the *iid* environment. However, we have a relatively simple result that will be useful to us in time series analysis. It will now be presented without proof.

Theorem 1.3.3. Let $\{Y_t, t \in \mathbb{Z}\}$ be a **linear** stationary process, i.e., that can be written in the form $Y_t = \mu + \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \psi_j \epsilon_{t-j}$, where $\varepsilon \sim_{iid} (0, \sigma^2)$ and $\sum_{j=-\infty}^{\infty} |\psi_j| < \infty$. Then,

$$\sqrt{T}(\bar{Y}_t - \mu) \to_d \mathcal{N}(0, \omega^2),$$

where $\omega^2 := \sum_{j=-\infty}^{\infty} \gamma_j < \infty$

Chapter 2

ARMA Models

ARMA is a class of models that we'll employ frequently in time series analysis. Let's begin with some definitions.

2.1 White noise

We call white noise stationary time series with mean zero that do not have serial correlation.

Definition 2.1.1. $\{Y_t, t \in \mathbb{Z}\}$ is white noise, denoted by $Y_t \sim wn(0, \sigma^2)$, if

$$\mathbb{E}(Y_t) = 0; \quad \mathbb{E}(Y_t, Y_{t-j}) = \begin{cases} \sigma^2 & j = 0\\ 0 & j \neq 0 \end{cases}$$

This is the most simple time series – except for the *iid* case, where independence also holds. It will be the building block for a number of processes that we will study.

2.2 Moving Average processes

Let's begin with the simplest form of MA processes: MA(1).

Definition 2.2.1. A stationary process $\{Y_t, t \in \mathbb{Z}\}$ is called MA(1), or a moving average of order 1, if it follows the following form:

$$Y_t = c + \varepsilon_t + \theta \varepsilon_{t-1}, \quad \varepsilon_t \sim wn(0, \sigma^2),$$

where c, θ are constant.

2.2.1 Moments of an MA(1) model

The expected value of an MA(1) is:

$$\mu \equiv \mathbb{E}(Y_t) = \mathbb{E}(c + \varepsilon_t + \theta \varepsilon_{t-1}) = c$$

With this result, we can rewrite the model as:

$$(Y_t - \mu) = \varepsilon_t + \theta \varepsilon_{t-1}$$

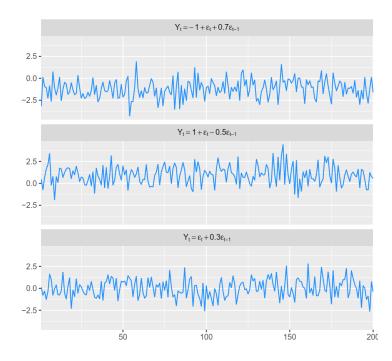
Multiplying both sides by $(Y_{t-j} - \mu)$ yields:

$$(Y_t - \mu) (Y_{t-j} - \mu) = (\epsilon_t + \theta \epsilon_{t-1}) (\epsilon_{t-j} + \theta \epsilon_{t-j-1})$$
$$= \epsilon_t \epsilon_{t-j} + \theta \epsilon_t \epsilon_{t-j-1} + \theta \epsilon_{t-1} \epsilon_{t-j} + \theta^2 \epsilon_{t-1} \epsilon_{t-j-1}$$

Applying the expected value operator to both sides, we have the autocovariances of the model.

$$\gamma_{j} \equiv \mathbb{E}\left[\left(Y_{t} - \mu\right)\left(Y_{t-j} - \mu\right)\right] = \begin{cases} \left(1 + \theta^{2}\right)\sigma^{2} & j = 0\\ \theta\sigma^{2} & j = \pm 1\\ 0 & |j| > 1 \end{cases}$$

2.2.2 Some examples of MA(1) processes



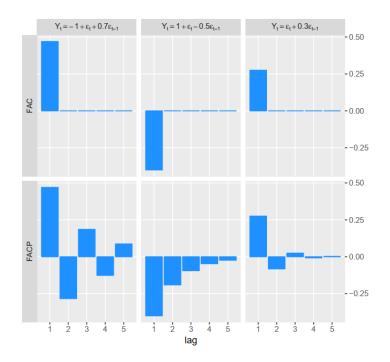
2.2.3 Deriving the Autocorrelation function of the MA(1) process

While deriving the moments of the MA(1), it became clear that the process is stationary and ergodic to the mean. Note that the time average \bar{y}_t converges to $\mathbb{E}(Y_t)$, the ensemble average, the absolute sum of all covariances is clearly finite $(\gamma_j = 0, \forall j > 1)$ and the dependence structure depends only on the relative positions of the observations.

Let's use the results of the autocovariances to construct the ACF:

$$\rho_j \equiv \frac{\gamma_j}{\gamma_0} = \begin{cases} 1 & j = 0\\ \frac{\theta}{1+\theta^2} & j = \pm 1\\ 0 & |j| > 1 \end{cases}$$

Note that the ACF of an MA(1) process is *truncated* in zero for lags greater than 1.



2.3 Generalizing the MA model

We can now generalize the MA(1) model for a moving average of order q.

Definition 2.3.1. A stationary process $\{Y_t, t \in \mathbb{Z}\}$ is called MA(q), or a moving average of order q, if it follows the following form:

$$Y_t = c + \varepsilon_t + \theta_1 \varepsilon_{t-1} + \dots + \theta_g \varepsilon_{t-g}, \quad \varepsilon \sim wn(0, \sigma^2),$$

where $c, \theta_1, ..., \theta_q \in \mathbb{R}, q \in \mathbb{Z}^+$.

2.3.1 Moments of an MA(q) process

The expected value of an MA(q) is:

$$\mu \equiv \mathbb{E}(Y_t) = \mathbb{E}(c + \varepsilon_t + \theta_1 \varepsilon_{t-1} + \dots + \theta_q \varepsilon_{t-q}) = c$$

Again, using the first result, we can rewrite the model as:

$$(Y_t - \mu) = \varepsilon_t + \theta_1 \varepsilon_{t-1} + \dots + \theta_a \varepsilon_{t-a}$$

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$$(Y_t - \mu) (Y_{t-j} - \mu) = \left(\sum_{k=0}^q \theta_k \varepsilon_{t-k}\right) \left(\sum_{k=0}^q \theta_k \varepsilon_{t-j-k}\right)$$
$$= \sum_{k=0}^q \sum_{\ell=0}^q \theta_k \theta_\ell \varepsilon_{t-k} \varepsilon_{t-j-\ell},$$

where $\theta_0 = 1$. Applying the expectation operator, we have:

$$\gamma_{j} = \begin{cases} (\theta_{j} + \theta_{j+1}\theta_{1} + \theta_{j+2}\theta_{2} + \dots + \theta_{q}\theta_{q-j}) \sigma^{2} & |j| = 0, 1, \dots, q \\ 0 & |j| > q \end{cases}$$

2.3.2 Deriving the Autocorrelation function of the MA(q) process

Again, we can clearly see that the MA(q) model is *stationary* and *ergodic*. Note that the time average \bar{y}_t converges to $\mathbb{E}(Y_t)$, the *ensemble average*, the absolute sum of all covariances is clearly finite $(\gamma_j = 0, \forall j > q)$ and the dependence structure depends only on the relative positions of the observations.

The autocorrelation function is given by:

$$\rho_{j} \equiv \frac{\gamma_{j}}{\gamma_{0}} = \begin{cases} 1 & j = 0\\ \frac{\theta_{j} + \theta_{j+1}\theta_{1} + \theta_{j+2}\theta_{2} + \dots + \theta_{q}\theta_{q-j}}{1 + \theta_{1}^{2} + \dots + \theta_{q}^{2}} & |j| = 1, 2, \dots, q\\ 0 & |j| > q \end{cases}$$

Now, the ACF is truncated in zero for lags greater than q.

2.4 The $MA(\infty)$ model

Consider a special case of a MA(q) model where $q \to \infty$. This yields a moving average of infinite order, MA(∞).

Definition 2.4.1. A stationary process $\{Y_t, t \in \mathbb{Z}\}$ is called $MA(\infty)$, or a moving average of infinite order, if it follows the following form:

$$Y_t = c + \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \theta_i \varepsilon_{t-i}, \quad \sim wn(0, \sigma^2),$$

where $c, \theta_1, ..., \theta_q \in \mathbb{R}, \theta_0 = 1$.

We also assume that $\sum_{i=0}^{\infty} |\theta_i| < \infty$. This guarantees that the process is ergodic.¹ With this assumption, we can obtain the moments of the MA(∞) simply by taking the limit of the finite case MA(q) – because it enables us to exchange the order between the sum and the expectation operator.

This means that $\mu = c$, as in the previous cases, and:

$$\gamma_j = \left(\sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \theta_{j+i} \theta_i\right) \sigma^2$$

2.5 The Wold Decomposition

This result motivates all ARMA models. It can be defined informally as "any stationary process has a $MA(\infty)$ representation".

Theorem 2.5.1. Wold Representation Theorem. Any process $\{Y_t, t \in \mathbb{Z}\}$ purely nondeterministic can be written as

$$Y_t = \mu + \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \psi_j \varepsilon_{t-j},$$

where $\varepsilon_t = Y_t - \pi(Y_t|1, Y_{t-1}, Y_{t-2}, ...)$, i.e., ε_t is the error of the linear projection of Y_t in $(1, Y_{t-1}, Y_{t-2}, ...)$.

¹Details in Hamilton (1994), Appendix, 3.A.

2.6 Autoregressive models

Again, we'll begin with its simplest form, AR(1).

Definition 2.6.1. A stationary process $\{Y_t, t \in \mathbb{Z}\}$ is called AR(1), or an autoregressive process of order 1, if it follows the following form:

$$Y_t = c + \phi Y_{t-1} + \varepsilon_t, \quad \varepsilon_t \sim wn(0, \sigma^2),$$

where c, θ are constant.

2.6.1 Moments of an AR(1) process

With $AR(\cdot)$ models, we will work in the opposite direction when it comes to stationarity. We'll first assume that is holds, and then provide reasoning for why the assumption is valid.

With the assumption of stationarity, we can take expectations and variances on both sides:

$$\mu = c + \phi \mu \iff \mu = \mathbb{E}(Y_t) = \frac{c}{1 - \phi}$$

$$\gamma_0 = \phi^2 \gamma_0 + \sigma^2 \iff \gamma_0 = Var(Y_t) = \frac{\sigma^2}{1 - \phi^2}$$

Using the first result, we can rewrite the model as:

$$(Y_t - \mu) = \phi(Y_{t-1} - \mu) + \varepsilon_t$$

Multiplying both sides by $(Y_{t-j} - \mu)$ and taking expectations yields:

$$\gamma_j = \phi \gamma_{t-j}, = 1, 2, \dots$$

2.6.2 Some examples of AR(1) series

2.6.3 Autocorrelation function of an AR(1) process

Given that $\gamma_i = \phi \gamma_{t-i}$, it is easy to see that the autocovariance is given by:

$$\gamma_i = \phi^{|j|} \gamma_0, \quad j \in \mathbb{Z}$$

Therefore, $\rho_j = \frac{\gamma_j}{\gamma_0} = \phi^{|j|}$.

2.6.4 Partial Autocorrelation Function

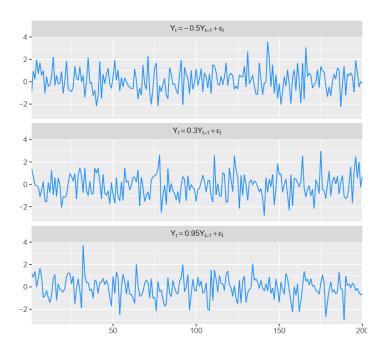
Note that Y_t, Y_{t-2} are correlated. Can we isolate the correlation between Y_t, Y_{t-2} from the effects of Y_{t-1} ?

$$Cor(Y_t, Y_{t-2}|Y_{t-1}) = Cor(c + \phi Y_{t-1} + \varepsilon_t, Y_{t-2}|Y_{t-1}) = 0$$

This is the intuition behind the partial autocorrelation function (PACF).

Definition 2.6.2. The partial autocorrelation function of a stationary process $\{Y_t, t \in \mathbb{Z}\}$ is given by:

$$\alpha_{j} = \begin{cases} \operatorname{Cor}(Y_{t}, Y_{t-1}) =: \rho_{1} & j = 1\\ \operatorname{Cor}(Y_{t}, Y_{t-j} \mid Y_{t-1}, \dots, Y_{t-j+1}) & j \geq 2 \end{cases}$$



To estimate the ACF of a given time series, we need to use its sample equivalent and a version of the Law of Large Numbers, presented in the previous section, because we're only looking for correlations – i.e., population moments. To estimate the PACF, that is not enough. We're now looking for partial correlation.

It so happens that OLS gives us the *ceteris paribus* effects. Note that a general form for β is given by: $\beta = \frac{Cov(X,Y)}{Var(X)}$. Therefore, we can estimate using OLS the following models for every j:

$$Y_t = \beta_0 + \beta_1 Y_{t-1} + \dots + \alpha_j Y_{t-j} + u_t$$

The last coefficient of each regression, $\hat{\alpha}_j$, is a consistent estimator for α_j . It is important to highlight, here, that a new model shall be estimated for each j, as it guarantees that the coefficient α_j will be conditional on all t prior to j.

The following plots showcase ACFs and PACFs for AR(1) processes.

2.6.5 Conditions for stationarity

When is an AR(1) process stationary? Note that:

$$Y_t = c + \phi Y_{t-1} + \varepsilon_t$$

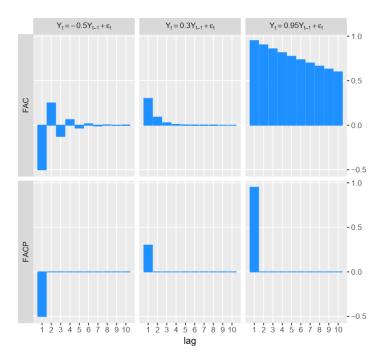
$$= c + \phi \left(c + \phi Y_{t-2} + \varepsilon_{t-1} \right) + \varepsilon$$

$$= c + \phi \left(c + \phi \left(c + \phi Y_{t-3} + \varepsilon_{t-2} \right) + \varepsilon_{t-1} \right) + \varepsilon_t$$

$$\cdots$$

$$= c \sum_{j=0}^{k-1} \phi^j + \phi^k Y_{t-k} + \sum_{j=0}^{k-1} \phi^j \varepsilon_{t-j}$$

Assuming that $|\phi| < 1$ and taking the limit $k \to \infty$, we have:



$$Y_t = \frac{c}{1 - \phi} + \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \phi^j \varepsilon_{t-j}$$

The first term follows from the sum of an infinite geometric sequence. This means that an AR(1) process can be written as a $MA(\infty)$ with $\sum_{j=0}^{\infty} |\theta_j| < \infty$. Note that this is equivalent to saying that the Wold Representation Theorem holds, with $\mu = \frac{c}{1-\phi}$, $\psi_j = \phi^j$. This guarantees that the AR(1) process is stationary and ergodic.

2.7 Generalizing the AR model

Definition 2.7.1. A stationary process $\{Y_t, t \in \mathbb{Z}\}$ is called AR(p), or an autoregressive process of order p, if it follows the following form:

$$Y_t = c + \phi Y_{t-1} + \dots + \phi_p Y_{t-p} + \varepsilon_t, \quad \varepsilon_t \sim wn(0, \sigma^2),$$

where $c, \theta_1, ..., \theta_p$ are constant.

2.7.1 Moments of an AR(p) process

Assuming stationarity, we can apply again expectations on both sides:

$$\mu = c + \phi_1 \mu + \dots + \phi_p \mu \Longleftrightarrow \mu = \frac{c}{1 - \phi_1 - \dots - \phi_p}$$

Using this result, we can rewrite the model as:

$$(Y_t - \mu) = \phi_1 (Y_{t-1} - \mu) + \dots + \phi_p (Y_{t-p} - \mu) + \epsilon_t$$

Multiplying both sides by $(Y_{t-j} - \mu)$ and taking expectations, we have:

$$\gamma_j = \begin{cases} \phi_1 \gamma_{j-1} + \dots + \phi_p \gamma_{j-p} & j = 1, 2, \dots \\ \phi_1 \gamma_1 + \dots + \phi_p \gamma_p + \sigma^2 & j = 0 \end{cases}$$

Note that the last term in γ_0 is implied by $\mathbb{E}(\epsilon_t)(Y_t - \mu) = \sigma^2$.

2.7.2 ACF of an AR(p) process

Dividing the previous result by γ_0 yields:

$$\rho_i = \phi_1 \rho_{i-1} + \dots + \phi_p \rho_{i-p}$$

Evaluating at j = 1, 2, ..., p - 1 and using $p_i = p_{-i}$, we have the following system of difference equations (aka. Yule-Walker Equations):

$$\begin{cases} \rho_1 = \phi_1 + \phi_2 \rho_1 + \dots + \phi_p \rho_{p-1} \\ \rho_2 = \phi_1 \rho_1 + \phi_2 + \dots + \phi_p \rho_{p-2} \\ \vdots \\ \rho_p = \phi_1 \rho_{p-1} + \phi_2 \rho_{p-2} + \dots + \phi_p \end{cases}$$

To solve this, we need to find $\rho_1, \rho_2, ..., \rho_j$ as functions of $\phi_1, \phi_2, ..., \phi_j$. The first equation above implies that further correlations from lag j will decay exponentially². This means that the ACF pattern of an AR(p) looks like the one from the simple AR(1) model.

2.8 The Lag Operator

Definition 2.8.1. Given a process $\{Y_t, t \in \mathbb{Z}\}$, the **lag operator** is defined by:

$$LY_t := Y_{t-1}$$

 $L^2Y(t) := L(LY_t) = L(Y_{t-1}) = Y_{t-2}$
 \vdots
 $L^jY(t) := L(L(L ... LY_t) = Y_{t-j}$

The lag operator is also commutative with multiplication and distributive with regards to addition:

$$L(cY_t) = c(LY_t)$$

$$L(Y_t + X_t) = LY_t + LX_t$$

2.8.1 The lag operator as a polynomial

Note that we can use the lag operator as a *polynomial*. We can now rewrite an AR(p) with zero mean as:

$$(1 - \phi_1 L - \phi_2 L^2 - \dots - \phi_p L^p) Y_t = \varepsilon_t$$

Note that the term multiplying Y_t is a polynomial in L. We denote this by:

$$(L)Y_t = \varepsilon_t$$

²Review this.

Analogously, we can rewrite an MA(q) process as:

$$Y_t = \epsilon_t + \theta_1 \epsilon_{t-1} + \theta_2 \epsilon_{t-2} + \dots + \theta_q \epsilon_{t-q}$$
$$= \left(1 + \theta_1 L + \theta_2 L^2 + \dots + \theta_q L^q \right) \epsilon_t$$
$$\equiv \Theta_q(L) \epsilon_t$$

We would also like to define an operator $(1 - \phi L)^{-1}$ such that:

$$(1 - \phi L)^{-1}(1 - \phi L) = 1$$

 $(1-\phi L)^{-1}$ is well defined when $|\phi|<1$ and the following condition holds³:

$$(1 - \phi L)^{-1} := 1 + \phi L + \phi^2 L^2 + \phi^3 L^3 + \dots$$

From this, we can rewrite the AR(1) as a MA(∞) by multiplying the AR by $(1 - \phi L)^{-1}$ on both sides:

$$Y_t = (1 - \phi L)^{-1} \varepsilon_t$$

The $(1 - \phi L)^{-1}$ operator will be very useful to translate models between AR and MA representations, aside from highlighting the conditions of stationarity for the process.

2.8.2 Stationarity and the lag operator

We can factor out the polynomial of an AR(p) process as:

$$1 - \phi_1 L - \dots - \phi_p L^p = (1 - \lambda_1 L) \dots (1 - \lambda_p L),$$

where $\lambda_j = \frac{1}{a_j} \forall j = 1, ..., p$ and $a_1, ..., a_p$ are the p roots of a polynomial of p-th degree. This means that we can rewrite the AR(p) process as:

$$(1 - \lambda_1 L)...(1 - \lambda_p L) = \varepsilon_t$$

If $|\lambda_p| < 1$ (or, equivalently, $|a_j > 1$) $\forall j = 1, ..., p$, then the inverse polynomial exists and we can write the AR(p) process as a MA(∞) – which we know to be stationary:

$$Y_t = (1 - \lambda_1 L)^{-1} \dots (1 - \lambda_p L)^{-1} \epsilon_t$$

=: $\left(1 + \psi_1 L + \psi_2 L^2 + \dots\right) \epsilon_t$
=: $\Psi_{\infty}(L) \epsilon_t$

2.9 Finally, the ARMA(p,q) process

An ARMA(p,q) model is created by combining an AR(p) with a MA(q).

Definition 2.9.1. A stationary process $\{Y_t, t \in \mathbb{Z}\}$ is called ARMA(p,q), or an autoregressive-moving average process of order (p,q), if it follows the following form:

$$Y_t = c + \phi Y_{t-1} + \dots + \phi_p Y_{t-p} + \theta_1 \varepsilon_{t-1} + \dots + \theta_q \varepsilon_{t-q} + \varepsilon_t, \quad \varepsilon_t \sim wn(0, \sigma^2),$$

where $c, \theta_1, ..., \theta_p, \phi_1, ..., \phi_q$ are constant, $p, q \in \mathbb{Z}^+$.

³Hamilton (1994), p. 27-29.

Using the lag operator yields an alternate form for the ARMA(p,q) process:

$$(1 - \phi_1 L - \dots - \phi_p L^p) Y_t = c + (1 + \theta_1 L + \dots + \theta_q L^q) \epsilon_t$$

$$\Phi_p(L) Y_t = c + \Theta_q(L) \epsilon_t$$

2.9.1 Stationarity and invertibility of an ARMA(p,q) process

Stationarity depends only on the AR part of the process, because all MA(·) are stationary. It is sufficient to verify that the roots of the polynomial $\Phi_p(L)$ are out of the unit circle:

$$\Phi_p(L) = 1 - \phi_1 L - \phi_2 L^2 - \dots - \phi_p L^p$$

Invertibility depends only on the MA part of the process, because it needs to be able to be rewritten as a linear combination of its past values plus the contemporaneous error term ε_t :

$$Y_t = \alpha + \sum_{s=1}^{\infty} \pi Y_{t-s} + \varepsilon_t$$

for some α and $\{\pi_i\}$.

Consider, for example, the case of MA(1) with $\mu = 0$

$$y_t = \varepsilon_t + \theta \varepsilon_{t-1}$$

which can be rewritten as

$$\varepsilon_t = y_t - \theta \varepsilon_{t-1}$$

Repeated substitution of this relation for the lagged ε_{t-s} terms yields

$$\varepsilon_{t} = y_{t} - \theta (y_{t-1} - \theta \varepsilon_{t-2})$$

$$= y_{t} - \theta y_{t-1} + \theta^{2} \varepsilon_{t-2}$$

$$\dots$$

$$= y_{t} - \theta y_{t-1} + \dots + (-\theta)^{p} y_{t-p} + (-\theta)^{p+1} \varepsilon_{t-p+1}$$

If $|\theta| < 1$, then the last term in this expression tends to zero in mean-square as $p \to \infty$, so that it make sense to write

$$\varepsilon_t = y_t + \sum_{s=1}^{\infty} (-\theta)^s y_{t-s}$$

Or

$$y_t = \varepsilon_t + \sum_{s=1}^{\infty} (-\theta)^s y_{t-s}$$

so $|\theta| < 1$ is the sufficient condition for a MA(1) process to be invertible. (Powell, Conditions for Stationarity and Invertibility, UC Berkeley.)

In other words, because $AR(\cdot)$ models with roots of the polynomial outside of the unit circle are invertible, being able to write the MA(q) part of the process as an $AR(\infty)$ with the root condition is sufficient to guarantee invertibility.

2.9.2 Moments of an ARMA(p,q) process

If the process is stationary, $\Phi_p^{-1}(L)$ exists and we can rewrite ARMA (p,q) as $MA(\infty)$

$$Y_t = \mu + \Psi_{\infty}(L)\epsilon_t$$

onde

$$\mu \equiv \frac{c}{\Phi(1)}; \quad \Phi(1) = 1 - \sum_{j=1}^{p} \phi_j; \quad \Psi_{\infty}(L) \equiv \Phi_p(L)^{-1}\Theta_q(L)$$

From the results derived for MA(q) we have for $q = \infty$

$$\mathbb{E}(Y_t) = \mu$$

$$\gamma_j = \left(\sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \psi_{j+i} \psi_j\right) \sigma^2$$

where $\psi_0 = 1$

2.9.3 ACF of an ARMA(p,q) process

It is usually easy to identify an AR(p) or MA(q) visually by inspecting its ACF and PACF, because AR's PACF is truncated on p, MA's ACF is truncated on q. For ARMA(p,q) models it is more complicated: both functions are not truncated! Note, however, that in that case, the ACF decays geometrically after lag q and the PACF decays geometrically after lag p.

Model	ACF	PACF
AR(p)	Decays	Truncated after lag p
$\mathbf{MA}(q)$	Truncated after lag q	Decays
$\mathbf{ARMA}(p,q)$	Decays after lag q	Decays after lag p

2.10 Testing for time dependence

We've seen that a sufficient condition for ergodicity is convergence of the absolute sum of all covariances. This presents a problem: how can we *estimate* these covariances?

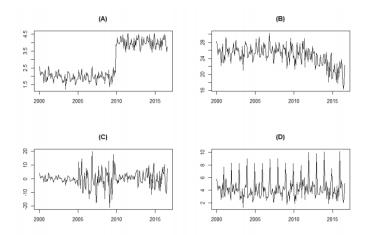
Let Z_t be our series to be tested. Denote the autocovariance of order j as $\gamma_j := Cov(Z_t, Z_{t-j})$. We can try to estimate these parameters with its sample equivalents:

$$ar{z_t} := rac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^T z_t$$

$$\hat{\gamma}_j := \frac{1}{T - j - 1} \sum_{t=j+1}^{T} (z_t - \bar{z}_t)(z_{t-j} - \bar{z}_t)$$

But this is not as simple as it seems. We know that $\hat{\gamma}_j$ converges almost sure to γ_j if the process is ergodic. If it isn't, the information from $\hat{\gamma}_j$ may not be reliable – after all, we won't have a Law of Large Numbers!

Our solution to this problem won't be very rigorous here. We'll plot $\{\hat{\gamma}_j, j \in \mathbb{N}\}$ and check if it looks stationary. If the series passes this intuitive test, we can assume that $\{\hat{\gamma}_j, j \in \mathbb{N}\}$ will be informative about $\{\gamma_j, j \in \mathbb{N}\}$.

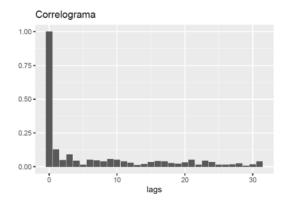


The visual inspection should focus on two main factors: (i) constant mean over time; (ii) constant variance over time. Here are some examples of series to be inspected:

After plotting the time series and assuring that it is well behaved, we can plot its *correlogram*: $\{\hat{\rho}_j := \frac{\hat{\gamma}_j}{\hat{\gamma}_0}, j \in \mathbb{N}\}$. If its sum looks convergent, we will assume that the process is *stationary* and ergodic – which will enable us to use sample equivalents as representations of population parameters.

2.10.1 Hypothesis testing

Consider this correlogram:



This series appears to not be correlated with its past. How can we test this?

$$H_0 = \rho_j = 0, \forall j \neq 0$$

This implies, in theory, that we would need to test infinite correlations. In practice, we limit the range to an arbitrary J. Let $\hat{\rho} := (\hat{\rho}_1, \hat{\rho}_2, ..., \hat{\rho}_J)^T$, $\rho = (\rho_1, \rho_2, ..., \rho_J)^T$. Under the null, $\rho = 0$, and as $T \to \infty$:

$$\sqrt{T}\hat{\rho} \to \mathcal{N}(0, I_J)$$

The intuition here is that, under H_0 , $\hat{\rho}$ is a sequence of *iid* variables with mean zero and variance-covariance matrix I_J – which makes the CLT valid.

Given this result, we can now create a statistic that does not depend on the multivariate normal distribution. We will square and sum the expression to arrive at a Chi-squared distribution. This enables us to test the hypothesis with a Wald statistic. Under the null:

$$W_T = T\hat{\rho}^T\hat{\rho} = T\sum_{j=1}^J \hat{\rho_j}^2 \to \chi_J^2$$

2.10.2 Testing autocorrelations or regressions?

Note that inferring about the autocorrelations is intimately related to inferring in a regression of a time series on its past values. This can be understood by remembering the linear projection interpretation of OLS. Ordinary Least Squares estimation *always* reports the parameters of the linear projection of Y in X, no matter how the model is specified!

Consider the following model:

$$Y_t = \alpha + \beta_1 Y_{t-1} + \beta_2 Y_{t-2} + \dots + \beta_J Y_{t_J} + \varepsilon_t$$

= $\alpha + X_t \beta + \varepsilon_t$

where $\beta := (\beta_1, \dots, \beta_J)^T$ and $X_t = (Y_{t-1}, \dots, Y_{t-j})$. If we define the coefficients of the model above as the parameters of the linear projection of Y_t on the unit vector and X_t , $\alpha = \mu_Y - \mu_X \beta$ where $\mu_Y = \mathcal{E}(Y_t)$ and $\mu_X = \mathcal{E}(X_t)$

Using this result, we have:

$$Y_t - \mu_Y = (X_t - \mu_X) \beta + \varepsilon_t$$

This means that β can be written as:

$$\beta = \mathbb{E}\left[\left(X_t - \mu_X \right)^T \left(X_t - \mu_X \right) \right]^{-1} \mathbb{E}\left[\left(X_t - \mu_X \right)^T \left(Y_t - \mu_Y \right) \right] = \Gamma^{-1} \gamma$$

where the matrix Γ^{-1} is symmetric with diagonal elements all equal to $\gamma_1, \gamma_2, \dots, \gamma_{J-1}$, due to the assumed stationarity. Note that $\mathbb{E}(Y_t - \mu_Y)^2 = \mathbb{E}(Y_{t-j} - \mu_{Y-j})^2 = \gamma_0 \forall j$.

Thus, $\beta = \overrightarrow{0} \iff \gamma = \overrightarrow{0}$, because Γ is a positive definite matrix. This means that testing $\beta = 0$ is equivalent to testing $\gamma = 0$.

It is important to highlight that this analysis is based upon the inference of $\gamma_j = \mathbb{E}(z_t - \bar{z}_T)(z_{t-j} - \bar{z}_T)$. If we were interested in other types of relations between Z_t and its past, the analysis would have to be adapted – for example, Z_t^2 . It would be necessary to check again for stationarity and ergodicity.

Chapter 3

Problem 1: Modelling exchange rates

Loading the database and creating dummy variables:

```
df <- read_excel("RS_USD.xlsx")

names(df)[names(df) == "R$/US$"] <- "p"

names(df)[names(df) == "Variação (em %)"] <- "delta"

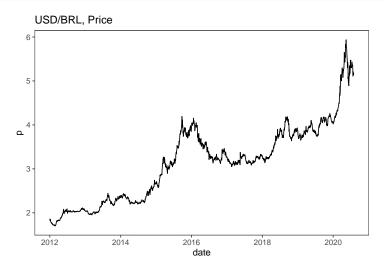
names(df)[names(df) == "Data"] <- "date"

sign <- as.numeric(df$delta > 0)

count <- c(1:2153)

df <- data.frame(count, df, sign)</pre>
```

Before constructing our models, we need to check (intuitively) if the series at hand is *stationary* and *ergodic*. For this, we're going to plot the time series, its autocorrelations and partial autocorrelations.



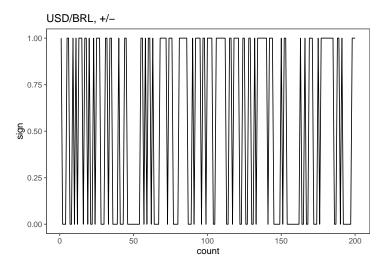
```
USD/BRL, %

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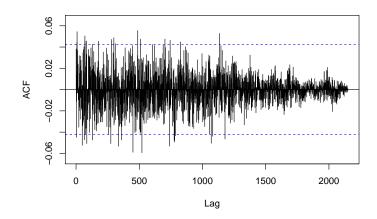
2012 2014 2016 2018 2020 date
```

Warning: Removed 1953 row(s) containing missing values (geom_path).



```
# For delta
acf_delta <- Acf(df$delta, lag.max = 5000)</pre>
```

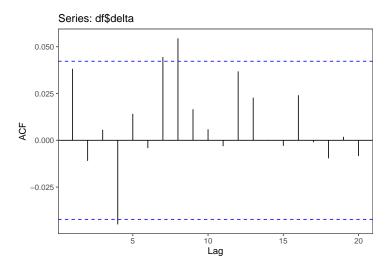
Series df\$delta



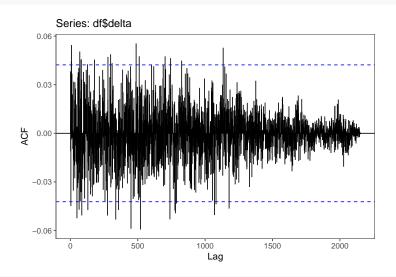
acf_test_values <- acf_delta\$acf/sd(acf_delta\$acf)</pre>

facst

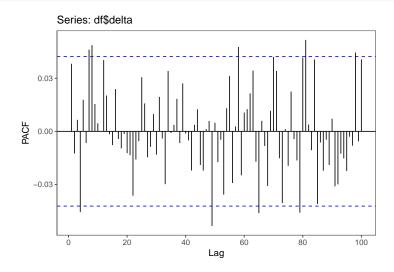
```
head(data.frame(acf_test_values))
##
      acf_test_values
## 1
            37.9547672
## 2
              1.4506537
## 3
             -0.4173129
              0.2125873
## 4
## 5
             -1.7053782
              0.5358210
## 6
facst <- ggAcf(df$delta, type = "correlation", lag.max = 20,</pre>
   plot = T) + theme_few()
faclt <- ggAcf(df$delta, type = "correlation", lag.max = 5000,</pre>
   plot = T) + theme_few()
facpst <- ggPacf(df$delta, type = "correlation", lag.max = 100,</pre>
plot = T) + theme_few()
## Warning: Ignoring unknown parameters: type
facplt <- ggPacf(df$delta, type = "correlation", lag.max = 5000,
    plot = T) + theme_few()</pre>
## Warning: Ignoring unknown parameters: type
```



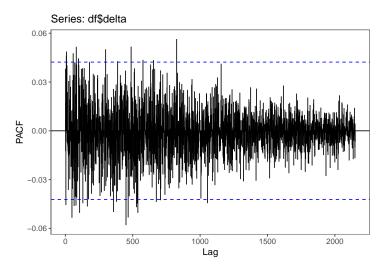
faclt



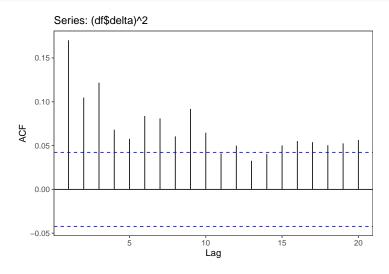
facpst



facplt



```
facst2 <- ggAcf((df$delta)^2, type = "correlation", lag.max = 20,
    plot = T) + theme_few()
facst2</pre>
```



Let's now create our first ARMA models (equivalent to ARIMA with 2nd argument = 0). We'll begin with the first hypothesis: $\mathbb{P}(+) = \mathbb{P}(-)$. Modelling this with an AR(1), we have:

$$Sign_{t+1} = \alpha + \beta Sign_t + \varepsilon, \qquad \varepsilon \sim wn(0, \sigma^2)$$

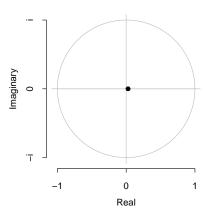
In R, we'll use the package *forecast* to construct this model:

```
AR1sign <- Arima(df$sign, order = c(1, 0, 0))
summary(AR1sign)
```

```
## Series: df$sign
## ARIMA(1,0,0) with non-zero mean
##
## Coefficients:
## ar1 mean
## 0.0278 0.5165
```

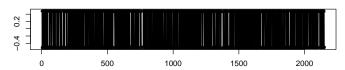
```
## s.e.
         0.0215 0.0111
##
## sigma^2 estimated as 0.2498:
                                 log likelihood=-1560.63
                                BIC=3144.28
## AIC=3127.26
                 AICc=3127.27
##
## Training set error measures:
##
                                  RMSE
                                              MAE MPE MAPE
                                                                MASE
                                                                              ACF1
                          ME
## Training set 2.157119e-05 0.4995356 0.4990724 -Inf
                                                       Inf 1.027755 -0.0006313563
plot(AR1sign)
```

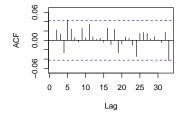
Inverse AR roots

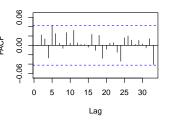


tsdisplay(AR1sign\$residuals)









With the results of the summary, we can now apply a hypothesis test for our first question.¹

 $H_0: \beta = 0$

 $H_1:\beta\neq 0$

¹Testing β is equivalent to testing γ .

```
\frac{a\hat{r}_1 - ar_1}{s.e.(ar_1)}: AR1sign$coef[1]/sqrt(AR1sign$var.coef[1, 1])  
## ar1  
## 1.287942
```

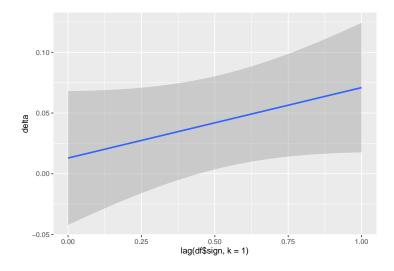
The second hypothesis in the problem refers to the delta of the variation:

$$\mathbb{E}(\Delta|+) \neq \mathbb{E}(\Delta|-).$$

$$\Delta_{t+1} = \alpha + \beta Sign_t + \varepsilon, \qquad \varepsilon \sim wn(0, \sigma^2).$$

```
lmsignt <- lm(delta ~ lag(df$sign, k = 1), data = df)
summary(lmsignt)</pre>
```

```
##
## Call:
## lm(formula = delta ~ lag(df$sign, k = 1), data = df)
## Residuals:
##
       Min
                1Q Median
                                 ЗQ
                                        Max
## -6.3285 -0.4706 -0.0060 0.4655 7.9442
##
## Coefficients:
                        Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
##
## (Intercept)
                         0.01293
                                    0.02811
                                               0.460
                                                        0.646
## lag(df$sign, k = 1) 0.05802
                                    0.03911
                                               1.484
                                                        0.138
##
## Residual standard error: 0.9066 on 2150 degrees of freedom
     (1 observation deleted due to missingness)
## Multiple R-squared: 0.001023,
                                    Adjusted R-squared: 0.000558
## F-statistic: 2.201 on 1 and 2150 DF, p-value: 0.1381
ggplot(df, aes(x = lag(df$sign, k = 1), y = delta)) + geom_smooth(method = "lm")
## Warning: Use of `df$sign` is discouraged. Use `sign` instead.
## `geom_smooth()` using formula 'y ~ x'
## Warning: Removed 1 rows containing non-finite values (stat_smooth).
```

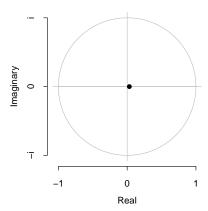


 $\Delta_{t+1} = \alpha + \beta_1 \Delta_t + \beta_2 Sign_t + \varepsilon, \qquad \varepsilon \sim wn(0, \sigma^2)$

```
AR1delta <- Arima(df$delta, order = c(1, 0, 0), xreg = lag(df$sign,
   k = 1)
summary(AR1delta)
## Series: df$delta
## Regression with ARIMA(1,0,0) errors
##
## Coefficients:
##
             ar1 intercept
                                xreg
         0.0321
                     0.0343 0.0166
## s.e. 0.0306
                     0.0351 0.0556
##
## sigma^2 estimated as 0.8219: log likelihood=-2840.96
                AICc=5689.94
## AIC=5689.93
                                  BIC=5712.62
##
## Training set error measures:
##
                                    RMSE
                                               MAE MPE MAPE
                                                                  MASE
                                                                                 ACF1
                            ME
## Training set 1.147232e-05 0.9059341 0.643417 NaN Inf 0.7252668 0.0003998294
AR1delta$coef[1]/sqrt(AR1delta$var.coef[1, 1])
##
       ar1
## 1.04747
```

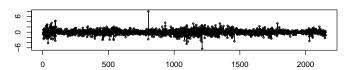
plot(AR1delta)

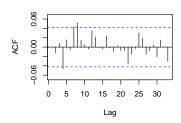
Inverse AR roots

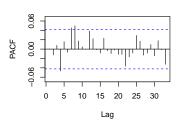


tsdisplay(AR1delta\$residuals)

AR1delta\$residuals







The last hypothesis in the problem refers to the variance:

$$\mathbb{E}(\Delta_{t+1}^2|\Delta_t).$$

$$\Delta_{t+1}^2 = \alpha + \beta \Delta_t^2 + \varepsilon, \qquad \varepsilon \sim wn(0, \sigma^2)$$

AR1var <- Arima((df\$delta)^2, order = c(1, 0, 0))
summary(AR1var)

```
## Series: (df$delta)^2
```

ARIMA(1,0,0) with non-zero mean

##

Coefficients:

ar1 mean ## 0.1701 0.8238

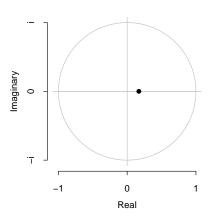
s.e. 0.0212 0.0582

##

sigma^2 estimated as 5.026: log likelihood=-4792.09

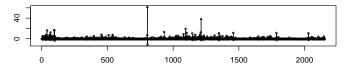
```
## AIC=9590.17
                  AICc=9590.18
                                  BIC=9607.2
##
## Training set error measures:
##
                             ME
                                    RMSE
                                                MAE MPE MAPE
                                                                     MASE
                                                                                  ACF1
## Training set -6.299133e-05 2.240784 0.9197335 -Inf Inf 0.8595655 -0.01320252
AR1var$coef[1]/sqrt(AR1var$var.coef[1, 1])
##
        ar1
## 8.011092
plot(AR1var)
```

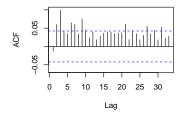
Inverse AR roots

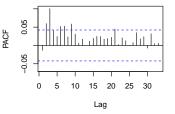


tsdisplay(AR1var\$residuals)







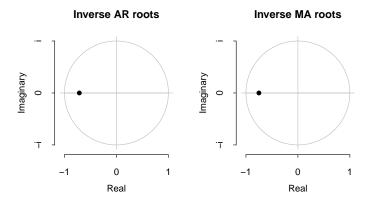


Now, let's run auto.arima.

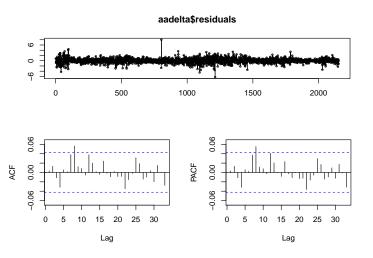
```
aadelta <- auto.arima(df$delta, stepwise = F)
summary(aadelta)</pre>
```

```
## Series: df$delta
## ARIMA(1,0,1) with non-zero mean
##
```

```
## Coefficients:
##
                             mean
             ar1
                     ma1
##
         -0.7138
                 0.7506
                          0.0433
          0.1486
                  0.1399
                          0.0199
## s.e.
##
## sigma^2 estimated as 0.8208: log likelihood=-2840.87
                                 BIC=5712.44
## AIC=5689.74
                 AICc=5689.76
##
## Training set error measures:
##
                           ME
                                   RMSE
                                              MAE MPE MAPE
                                                               MASE
                                                                           ACF1
## Training set 2.610156e-05 0.9053381 0.6434199 NaN
                                                        Inf 0.72527 0.003320553
plot(aadelta)
```



tsdisplay(aadelta\$residuals)



aasign <- auto.arima(df\$sign, stepwise = F)
summary(aasign)</pre>

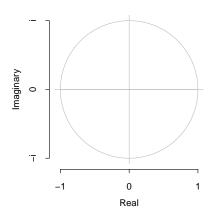
Series: df\$sign

ARIMA(0,0,0) with non-zero mean

```
##
## Coefficients:
##
           mean
##
         0.5165
## s.e.
         0.0108
##
## sigma^2 estimated as 0.2498: log likelihood=-1561.46
## AIC=3126.91
                 AICc=3126.92
                                 BIC=3138.26
##
## Training set error measures:
                           ME
                                    RMSE
                                               MAE MPE MAPE
                                                                 MASE
                                                                             ACF1
## Training set -2.382602e-13 0.4997281 0.4994563 -Inf Inf 1.028545 0.02773919
plot(aasign)
```

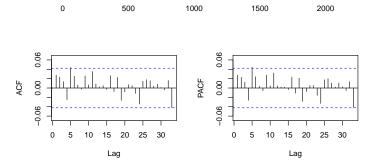
Warning in plot.Arima(aasign): No roots to plot

No AR or MA roots



tsdisplay(aasign\$residuals)

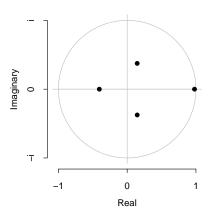
aasign\$residuals



```
aavar <- auto.arima((df$delta)^2, stepwise = F)
summary(aavar)</pre>
```

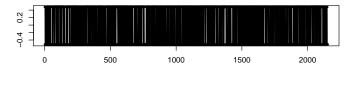
```
## Series: (df$delta)^2
## ARIMA(0,1,4)
##
## Coefficients:
##
             ma1
                       ma2
                               ma3
                                        ma4
##
         -0.8662
                  -0.0671
                            0.0228
                                    -0.0641
          0.0215
                   0.0284
                            0.0280
                                     0.0214
## s.e.
##
## sigma^2 estimated as 4.892:
                                 log likelihood=-4761.22
## AIC=9532.45
                 AICc=9532.48
                                 BIC=9560.82
## Training set error measures:
##
                                 RMSE
                                            MAE MPE MAPE
                                                                MASE
                                                                              ACF1
## Training set -0.02170361 2.209213 0.8904046 -Inf
                                                     Inf 0.8321553 0.0001189823
plot(aavar)
```

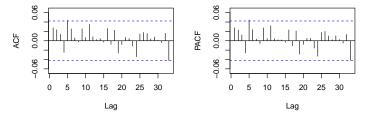
Inverse MA roots



tsdisplay(aasign\$residuals)



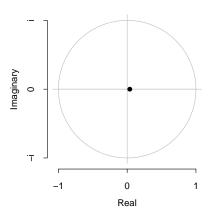




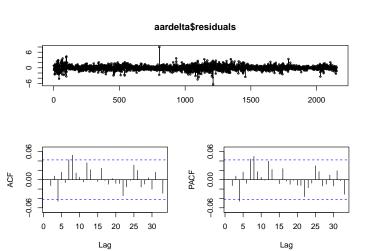
aardelta <- auto.arima(df\$delta, max.q = 0, stepwise = F)
summary(aardelta)</pre>

```
## Series: df$delta
## ARIMA(1,0,0) with non-zero mean
##
## Coefficients:
##
            ar1
                   mean
##
         0.0382 0.0433
         0.0215
                 0.0203
## s.e.
##
## sigma^2 estimated as 0.8215: log likelihood=-2842.26
## AIC=5690.52
                 AICc=5690.53
                                BIC=5707.54
## Training set error measures:
##
                                    RMSE
                                               MAE MPE MAPE
                                                                  MASE
                                                                               ACF1
## Training set -1.464203e-05 0.9059233 0.6434299 NaN
                                                        Inf 0.7252813 0.0004805619
plot(aardelta)
```

Inverse AR roots



tsdisplay(aardelta\$residuals)

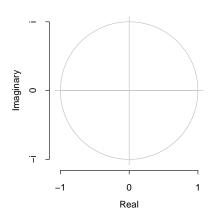


aarsign <- auto.arima(df\$sign, max.q = 0, stepwise = F)
summary(aarsign)</pre>

```
## Series: df$sign
## ARIMA(0,0,0) with non-zero mean
##
## Coefficients:
##
           mean
##
         0.5165
         0.0108
## s.e.
##
## sigma^2 estimated as 0.2498: log likelihood=-1561.46
## AIC=3126.91
                 AICc=3126.92
                                 BIC=3138.26
##
## Training set error measures:
##
                                               MAE MPE MAPE
                                                                  MASE
                                                                             ACF1
                                    RMSE
## Training set -2.382602e-13 0.4997281 0.4994563 -Inf
                                                          Inf 1.028545 0.02773919
plot(aarsign)
```

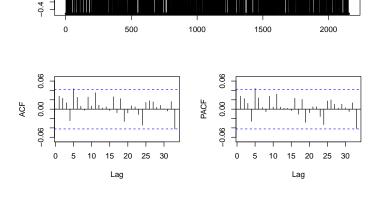
Warning in plot.Arima(aarsign): No roots to plot

No AR or MA roots



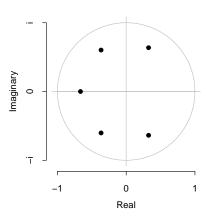
tsdisplay(aarsign\$residuals)

aarsign\$residuals



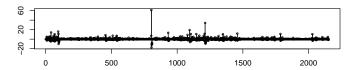
```
aarvar <- auto.arima((df$delta)^2, max.q = 0, stepwise = F)</pre>
summary(aarvar)
## Series: (df$delta)^2
## ARIMA(5,1,0)
##
## Coefficients:
##
                                ar3
                                          ar4
                                                    ar5
             ar1
                       ar2
##
         -0.7420 -0.5845 -0.4042 -0.2873 -0.1687
## s.e.
        0.0213
                    0.0259
                             0.0274
                                       0.0258
                                                0.0212
##
## sigma^2 estimated as 5.465: log likelihood=-4878.95
## AIC=9769.89
                 AICc=9769.93
                                 BIC=9803.94
##
## Training set error measures:
                            ME
                                    RMSE
                                               MAE MPE MAPE
                                                                   MASE
                                                                               ACF1
## Training set -3.234587e-05 2.334504 0.9170278 -Inf Inf 0.8570369 -0.0239684
plot(aarvar)
```

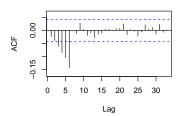
Inverse AR roots

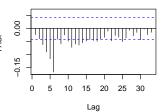


tsdisplay(aarvar\$residuals)

aarvar\$residuals







$$\Delta_{t+1} = c + \beta \Delta_t + \varepsilon$$

```
AR1_2 <- Arima(df$delta, order = c(1, 0, 0))
summary(AR1_2)
```

```
## Series: df$delta
```

ARIMA(1,0,0) with non-zero mean

##

Coefficients:

ar1 mean

0.0382 0.0433

s.e. 0.0215 0.0203

##

sigma^2 estimated as 0.8215: log likelihood=-2842.26

AIC=5690.52 AICc=5690.53 BIC=5707.54

##

Training set error measures:

ME RMSE MAE MPE MAPE MASE ACF1

Training set -1.464203e-05 0.9059233 0.6434299 NaN Inf 0.7252813 0.0004805619

confint(AR1_2, level = 0.95)

2.5 % 97.5 % ## ar1 -0.003988796 0.08042284 ## intercept 0.003511958 0.08308440

Chapter 4

Problem 2: Estimating ARMA models

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Chapter 5

Problem 3: Identification of ARMA models

In this problem, we'll be tackling the issue of *identification* of an ARMA model. Namely, we will employ the *Box-Jenkins* model selection strategy, based upon the concept of *parsimony*.

The principle of parsimony is inspired on the trade-off between fit, i.e., R^2 , and degrees of freedom. "Box and Jenkins argue that parsimonious models produce better forecasts than overparametrized models". (p. 76)

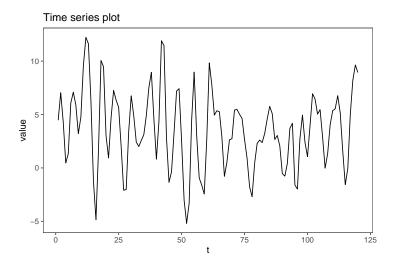
The Box-Jenkins strategy is divided in three main stages:

- Identification;
- Estimation;
- Diagnostic checking.

These estimations depend upon two essential conditions (discussed in earlier problems and lectures): stationarity and invertibility. Stationarity, as we have discussed earlier, is necessary to effectively employ econometric methods and to infer characteristics of a population through a given sample. Enders also points out that t-statistics and Q-statistics are based upon the assumption that the data are stationary (p. 77). This implies a condition on the AR process of an ARMA model (roots of characteristic polynomial outside of unity circle).

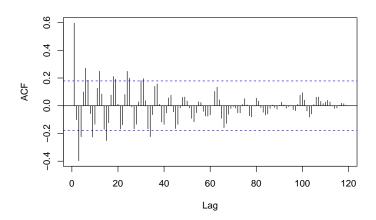
Furthermore, the model shall be *invertible* – i.e., if it can be represented by a finite or convergent AR model. This implies a condition on the MA process – i.e., if it can be written as an $AR(\infty)$.

We're going to check these conditions intuitively by plotting the ACFs and PACFs of the time series:



acf_ts <- Acf(df\$value, lag.max = 5000)</pre>

Series df\$value



```
acf_test_values <- acf_ts$acf/sd(acf_ts$acf)
head(data.frame(acf_test_values))</pre>
```

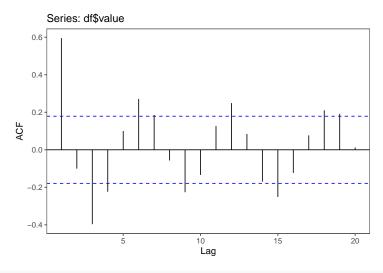
```
##
      acf_test_values
## 1
              6.5814152
##
              3.9180772
   2
##
             -0.6619326
             -2.6109255
##
## 5
             -1.4713722
              0.6589976
## 6
               facst <- ggAcf(df$value, type = "correlation", lag.max = 20,</pre>
               plot = T) + theme_few()
               faclt <- ggAcf(df$value, type = "correlation", lag.max = 5000,</pre>
               plot = T) + theme_few()
               facpst <- ggPacf(df$value, type = "correlation", lag.max = 100,</pre>
               plot = T) + theme_few()
```

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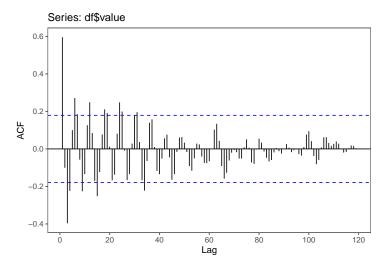
```
facplt <- ggPacf(df$value, type = "correlation", lag.max = 5000,
plot = T) + theme_few()</pre>
```

Warning: Ignoring unknown parameters: type

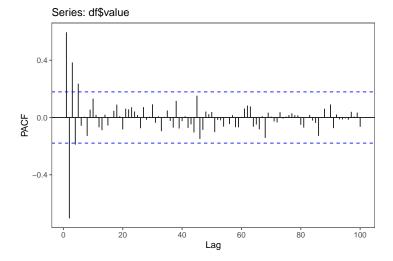
facst



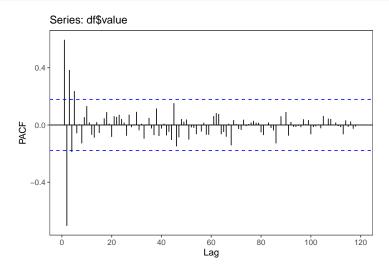
faclt



facpst



facplt



Aside from usual methods, we'll employ the following criteria:

• Akaike Information Criterion (AIC).

$$AIC = T * ln(SSR) + 2n$$

• Schwartz Bayesian Criterion (SBC).

$$SBC = T * ln(SSR) + n * ln(T)$$

n denotes the number of parameters estimated (an useful metric given the importance of the degrees of freedom). T denotes the number of usable observations. Note that, when comparing different models, it is important to fx T to ensure that the AIC and SBC values are comparable and are capturing only variations in the actual model and not the effect of changing T.

The objective with these criteria is to *minimize* their values. "As the fit of the model improves, the AIC and SBC will approach $-\infty$." (p. 70) AIC and SBC have different advantages and drawbacks: while the former is biased toward overparametrization and more powerful in small

samples, SBC is consistent and has superior large sample properties. If both metrics point to the same model, we should be fairly confident that it is, indeed, the correct specification.

It is also important to apply hypothesis tests to the estimates of the population parameters μ, σ^2 and $\rho_s - \bar{y}, \hat{sigma}^2, r_s$, respectively. Worthy of note here is r_s , which presents the following distributions under the null that y_t is stationary with $\varepsilon_t \sim \mathcal{N}$:

$$Var(r_s) = T^{-1}$$
 for $s = 1$

$$Var(r_s) = T^{-1}(1 + 2\sum_{j=1}^{s-1} r_j^2)$$
 for $s > 1$

The Q-statistic is also introduced by Enders in this chapter. It is used to test whether a group of autocorrelations is significantly different from zero.

$$Q = T \sum_{k=1}^{s} r_k^2$$

Under the null of $r_k = 0 \forall k$, Q is asymptotically χ^2 with s degrees of freedom. "Certainly, a white-noise process (in which all autocorrelations should be zero) would have a Q value of zero". (p. 68)

An alternative form for Q is presented by Ljung and Box (1978):

Training set error measures:

$$Q = T(T+2) \sum_{k=1}^{s} \frac{r_k^2}{(T-k)}$$

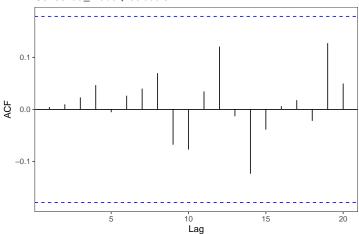
Furthermore, it is also important to check whether the residuals of the model are actually white noise. This can be done via the Q-statistic, which should not result in the rejection of the null. If that is not the case, the model specified is not the best one available, as there's still a relevant underlying variable $(y \text{ or } \varepsilon)$.

Let's now perform the *estimation stage*. This shall be done via the function *auto.arima* from the package *forecast*.

```
aa_model <- auto.arima(df$value, num.cores = 24, max.d = 0, max.D = 0,
             summary(aa_model)
## Series: df$value
## ARIMA(2,0,1) with non-zero mean
##
   Coefficients:
##
             ar1
                       ar2
                               ma1
                                       mean
##
          0.7524
                   -0.5545
                             0.797
                                     3.5305
          0.0818
                    0.0813
                             0.064
                                     0.3485
## s.e.
## sigma^2 estimated as 3.002:
                                   log likelihood=-235.87
## AIC=481.75
                                  BIC=495.68
                  AICc=482.27
```

```
##
                             ME
                                     RMSE
                                                 MAE
                                                            MPE
                                                                     MAPE
                                                                                 MASE
## Training set 0.01363546 1.703559 1.426984 5.237664 82.3373 0.5612557
## Training set 0.004670695
              print("t-values: ")
## [1] "t-values: "
              aa_t <- matrix(NA, nrow = 4)</pre>
              for (i in c(1:4)) {
                  aa_t[i] <- aa_model$coef[i]/sqrt(aa_model$var.coef[i, i])</pre>
              }
              aa_t <- data.frame(aa_t)</pre>
##
            aa_t
## 1 9.203615
## 2 -6.822352
## 3 12.444488
## 4 10.129782
              aa_q <- Box.test(aa_model$residuals, lag = aa_model$arma[1] +</pre>
                  aa_model$arma[2])
              aa_q
##
##
    Box-Pierce test
##
## data: aa_model$residuals
## X-squared = 0.078351, df = 3, p-value = 0.9943
              ggAcf(aa_model$residuals, type = "correlation", lag.max = 20,
              plot = T) + theme_few()
```

Series: aa_model\$residuals



```
ggPacf(aa_model$residuals, type = "correlation", lag.max = 20,
plot = T) + theme_few()
```

Warning: Ignoring unknown parameters: type

Series: aa_model\$residuals

The results of auto.arima imply that the best model is an ARMA(2,1):

$$y_t = c + \Phi_1 y_{t-1} + \Phi_2 y_{t-2} + \theta_1 \varepsilon_{t-1} + \varepsilon_t, \quad \varepsilon_t \sim wn(0, \sigma^2)$$

Lag

Furthermore, the Q-statistic (Box.test) seems to indicate that ε_t is truly white noise.

Let's now run some different models and compare them against the results of auto.arima. We'll begin with some overspecified model. First, an ARMA(2,2):

$$y_t = c + \Phi_1 y_{t-1} + \Phi_2 y_{t-2} + \theta_1 \varepsilon_{t-1} + \theta_2 \varepsilon_{t-2} + \varepsilon_t, \quad \varepsilon_t \sim wn(0, \sigma^2)$$

```
arma22 <- Arima(df$value, order = c(2, 0, 2))
summary(arma22)</pre>
```

```
## Series: df$value
  ARIMA(2,0,2) with non-zero mean
##
## Coefficients:
##
                                        ma2
            ar1
                      ar2
                               ma1
                                               mean
##
         0.7417
                  -0.5502
                           0.8113
                                    0.0149
                                             3.5311
##
         0.1442
                   0.0950
                           0.1692
                                    0.1631
                                             0.3514
##
  sigma^2 estimated as 3.028: log likelihood=-235.87
  AIC=483.74
                 AICc=484.48
                                BIC=500.46
##
##
## Training set error measures:
                                 RMSE
                                            MAE
                                                      MPE
                                                               MAPE
                                                                          MASE
## Training set 0.01360342 1.703508 1.426237 4.791703 81.74486 0.5609619
##
                         ACF1
## Training set 0.001161589
            arma22_t <- matrix(NA, nrow = 5)</pre>
            for (i in c(1:5)) {
```

```
arma22_t[i] <- arma22$coef[i]/sqrt(arma22$var.coef[i, i])</pre>
              }
              arma22_t <- data.frame(arma22_t)</pre>
              arma22_t
##
         arma22_t
## 1 5.14206433
## 2 -5.78853038
## 3 4.79577309
## 4 0.09134106
## 5 10.04968297
              arma22_q <- Box.test(arma22$residuals, lag = arma22$arma[1] +</pre>
              arma22_q
##
##
    Box-Pierce test
##
## data: arma22$residuals
## X-squared = 0.26458, df = 4, p-value = 0.992
The t-value of ma2 is not able to reject the null hypothesis. Furthermore, the Q-statistic
(Box.test) seems to indicate that \varepsilon_t is truly white noise.
Now, an ARMA(3,1):
              y_t = c + \Phi_1 y_{t-1} + \Phi_2 y_{t-2} + \Phi_3 y_{t-3} + \theta_1 \varepsilon_{t-1} + \varepsilon_t, \quad \varepsilon_t \sim wn(0, \sigma^2)
              arma31 \leftarrow Arima(df$value, order = c(3, 0, 1))
              summary(arma31)
## Series: df$value
## ARIMA(3,0,1) with non-zero mean
##
## Coefficients:
##
              ar1
                        ar2
                                  ar3
                                            ma1
                                                    mean
##
           0.7610 -0.565 0.0112 0.7923
                                                  3.5312
## s.e. 0.1215
                      0.137 0.1174 0.0825 0.3516
## sigma^2 estimated as 3.028: log likelihood=-235.87
## AIC=483.74
                   AICc=484.48
                                    BIC=500.46
##
## Training set error measures:
##
                                      RMSE
                                                  MAE
                                                             MPE
                                                                       MAPE
                                                                                   MASE
                             ME
## Training set 0.01359734 1.703504 1.426202 4.779284 81.71699 0.5609482
## Training set 0.0008885573
```

```
arma31_t <- matrix(NA, nrow = 5)

for (i in c(1:5)) {
    arma31_t[i] <- arma31$coef[i]/sqrt(arma31$var.coef[i, i])
}

arma31_t <- data.frame(arma31_t)

arma31_t</pre>
```

```
##
## Box-Pierce test
##
## data: arma31$residuals
## X-squared = 0.25911, df = 4, p-value = 0.9923
```

The t-value of ar3 is not able to reject the null hypothesis. Furthermore, the Q-statistic (Box.test) seems to indicate that ε_t is truly white noise.

Now, let's try some underspecified models. Beginning with an ARMA(2,0):

$$y_t = c + \Phi_1 y_{t-1} + \Phi_2 y_{t-2} + \varepsilon_t, \quad \varepsilon_t \sim wn(0, \sigma^2)$$

```
arma20 <- Arima(df$value, order = c(2, 0, 0))
summary(arma20)</pre>
```

```
## Series: df$value
## ARIMA(2,0,0) with non-zero mean
##
## Coefficients:
##
            ar1
                     ar2
                            mean
##
         1.0226 -0.7153
                          3.5194
## s.e. 0.0634
                  0.0635 0.2694
## sigma^2 estimated as 4.24: log likelihood=-256.37
## AIC=520.74
                AICc=521.09
                              BIC=531.89
## Training set error measures:
                               RMSE
                                                   MPE
                                                           MAPE
                                                                     MASE
                        ME
                                         MAE
                                                                               ACF1
## Training set 0.01106086 2.033314 1.630805 73.16585 128.4039 0.6414218 0.2915253
```

```
arma20_t <- matrix(NA, nrow = 3)

for (i in c(1:3)) {
    arma20_t[i] <- arma20$coef[i]/sqrt(arma20$var.coef[i, i])
}

arma20_t <- data.frame(arma20_t)

arma20_t</pre>
```

```
## arma20_t
## 1 16.12226
## 2 -11.26848
## 3 13.06561
```

```
arma20_q <- Box.test(arma20$residuals, lag = arma20$arma[1] +
    arma20$arma[2])
arma20_q</pre>
```

```
##
## Box-Pierce test
##
## data: arma20$residuals
## X-squared = 13.728, df = 2, p-value = 0.001045
```

The Q-statistic indicates that there is an ommitted variable – namely, ε_{t-1} that we have just excluded from the model.

Now, an ARMA(1,1):

$$y_t = c + \Phi_1 y_{t-1} + \theta_1 \varepsilon_{t-1} + \varepsilon_t, \quad \varepsilon_t \sim wn(0, \sigma^2)$$

```
arma11 <- Arima(df$value, order = c(1, 0, 1))
summary(arma11)</pre>
```

```
## Series: df$value
## ARIMA(1,0,1) with non-zero mean
##
## Coefficients:
##
            ar1
                    ma1
                           mean
##
         0.4476 0.9244 3.6027
## s.e. 0.0831 0.0323 0.6234
## sigma^2 estimated as 4.026: log likelihood=-253.74
## AIC=515.48
               AICc=515.82
                            BIC=526.63
## Training set error measures:
                                                   MPE
                                RMSE
                                          MAE
                                                           MAPE
                                                                     MASE
## Training set 0.006283661 1.981184 1.621537 51.07775 142.3988 0.6377767
##
                     ACF1
## Training set 0.2028683
```

```
arma11_t <- matrix(NA, nrow = 3)

for (i in c(1:3)) {
    arma11_t[i] <- arma11$coef[i]/sqrt(arma11$var.coef[i, i])
}

arma11_t <- data.frame(arma11_t)

arma11_t</pre>
```

```
##
## Box-Pierce test
##
## data: arma11$residuals
## X-squared = 12.668, df = 2, p-value = 0.001775
```

Again, the Q-statistic indicates that there is an ommitted variable – namely, y_{t-1} that we have just excluded from the model.

Finally, let's compare the AIC and BIC values for all these models.

```
criteria <- matrix(NA, nrow = 5, ncol = 3)

aa_criteria <- data.frame("ARMA(2,1)*", aa_model$aic, aa_model$bic)

names(aa_criteria) <- c("Model", "AIC", "BIC")

arma22_criteria <- data.frame("ARMA(2,2)", arma22$aic, arma22$bic)

names(arma22_criteria) <- c("Model", "AIC", "BIC")

arma31_criteria <- data.frame("ARMA(3,1)", arma31$aic, arma31$bic)

names(arma31_criteria) <- c("Model", "AIC", "BIC")

arma20_criteria <- data.frame("ARMA(2,0)", arma20$aic, arma20$bic)

names(arma20_criteria) <- c("Model", "AIC", "BIC")

arma11_criteria <- data.frame("ARMA(1,1)", arma11$aic, arma11$bic)

names(arma11_criteria) <- c("Model", "AIC", "BIC")

criteria <- rbind.data.frame(aa_criteria, arma22_criteria, arma31_criteria, arma20_criteria, arma11_criteria)

criteria</pre>
```

```
## Model AIC BIC
## 1 ARMA(2,1)* 481.7460 495.6834
## 2 ARMA(2,2) 483.7376 500.4625
```

```
## 3 ARMA(3,1) 483.7369 500.4619
```

4 ARMA(2,0) 520.7381 531.8880

5 ARMA(1,1) 515.4753 526.6253

As we can clearly see, the model chosen by auto.arima is the optimal choice according both to AIC and BIC.

Chapter 6

Forecasting

Suppose that you observe a time series up to period T, $Y_1, Y_2, ..., Y_T$, and would like to forecast its value in T+1, or, more generically, up to a time horizon $h \ge 1$: $Y_{T+1}, ..., Y_{T+h}$.

Let $g(Y_1, ..., Y_T)$ be a general predictor of Y_{T+1} built with information up to period T. We can measure its utility with its mean squared error (MSE):

$$MSE[g(Y_1,...,Y_T)] := \mathbb{E}[(Y_{T+1} - g(Y_1,...,Y_T))^2]$$

We know that the conditional mean is the predictor that minimizes MSE:

$$\mathbb{E}\left(Y_{T+1} \mid Y_T, \dots, Y_1\right) = \operatorname{argmin}_g \mathbb{E}\left[\left(Y_{t+1} - g\left(Y_1, Y_2, \dots, Y_T\right)\right)^2\right]$$

Unfortunately, we usually don't have the functional form of $\mathbb{E}(Y_{T+1} \mid Y_T, \dots, Y_1)$, and postulate its best linear form:

$$\pi(Y_{T+1} \mid Y_T, \dots, Y_1) = \alpha + \beta_0 Y_T + \beta_1 Y_{T-1} + \dots + \beta_{T-1} Y_1$$

Denote the best linear predictor with information up to T as $Y_{T+1|T} := \pi(Y_{T+1}|Y_t, ..., Y_1)$, and its estimated version as $\hat{Y}_{T+1|T} := \hat{\pi}(Y_{T+1}|Y_t, ..., Y_1) = \hat{\alpha} + \hat{\beta}_0 Y_T + \hat{\beta}_1 Y_{T-1} + ... \hat{\beta}_{T-1} Y_1$.

6.1 Forecasting with an AR(1) model

Remember from Definition 2.6.1 that an AR(1) model has the following form:

$$Y_t = c + \phi Y_{t-1} + \varepsilon_t$$

6.1.1 Forecast

Given that $\mathbb{E}(\varepsilon_{t+1}|Y_T) = 0$ (as $\epsilon \sim wn(0, \sigma^2)$), we have:

$$Y_{T+1|T} := \pi (Y_{T+1} \mid Y_T, \dots, Y_1) = c + \phi Y_T$$

For T+2, we have:

$$Y_{T+2|T} := \pi (Y_{T+2} | Y_T, \dots, Y_1)$$

$$= \pi (\pi (Y_{T+2} | Y_{T+1}, Y_T, \dots, Y_1) | Y_T, \dots, Y_1)$$

$$= \pi (c + \phi Y_{T+1} | Y_T, \dots, Y_1)$$

$$= c + \phi (c + \phi Y_T) = (1 + \phi)c + \phi^2 Y_T$$

The clear pattern here yields, more generally:

$$Y_{T+h|T} = (1 + \phi + \phi^2 + \dots + \phi^{h-1}) c + \phi^h Y_T$$

6.1.2 Forecast error

It is also easy to verify that the *forecast error* for h = 1 is given by:

$$u_{T+1|T} := Y_{T+1} - Y_{T+1|T} = Y_{T+1} - c - \phi Y_T = \varepsilon_{T+1}$$

For h = 2, we have:

$$\begin{split} u_{T+2|T} &:= Y_{T+2} - Y_{T+2|T} \\ &= c + \phi Y_{T+1} + \epsilon_{T+2} - \left(c + \phi Y_{T+1|T}\right) \\ &= \phi \left(Y_{T+1} - Y_{T+1|T}\right) + \epsilon_{T+2} \\ &= \phi u_{T+1|T} + \epsilon_{T+2} = \phi \epsilon_{T+1} + \epsilon_{T+2} \end{split}$$

More generally, for a given time horizon h:

$$u_{T+h|T} = \left(\epsilon_{T+h} + \phi \epsilon_{T+h-1} + \dots + \phi^{h-1} \epsilon_{T+1}\right)$$

6.1.3 Mean reversion

Note that, as h increases, the prediction reverts to the unconditional mean:

$$\lim_{h \to \infty} Y_{T+h|T} = c \lim_{h \to \infty} \sum_{i=0}^{h-1} \phi^i + Y_T \lim_{h \to \infty} \phi^h = \frac{c}{1-\phi} =: \mu$$

The variance of the forecast error is given by:

$$Var(u_{T+h|T}) = (1 + \phi^2 + \phi^4 + \dots + \phi^{2(h-1)})\sigma^2$$

Taking the limit as $h \to \infty$, the variance of the forecast error also approaches the unconditional variance of the process:

$$\lim_{h \to \infty} \mathbb{V}\left(u_{T+h|T}\right) = \sigma^2 \lim_{h \to \infty} \sum_{i=0}^{h-1} \phi^{2i} = \frac{\sigma^2}{1 - \phi^2} =: \gamma_0$$

6.2 Forecasting with an AR(p) model

6.2.1 Forecast

The same procedure can be applied to an AR(p). For h = 1:

$$Y_{T+1|T} = \pi (Y_{T+1} \mid Y_T, \dots, Y_1) = c + \phi_1 Y_T + \dots + \phi_p Y_{T-p+1}$$

For a given h, proceed recursively:

$$\begin{split} Y_{T+2|T} &= c + \phi_1 Y_{T+1|T} + \phi_2 Y_T + \phi_3 Y_{T-1} + \dots + \phi_p Y_{T+2-p} \\ Y_{T+3|T} &= c + \phi_1 Y_{T+2|T} + \phi_2 Y_{T+1|T} + \phi_3 Y_T + \dots + \phi_p Y_{T+3-p} \\ Y_{T+4|T} &= c + \phi_1 Y_{T+3|T} + \phi_2 Y_{T+2|T} + \phi_3 Y_{T+1|T} + \dots + \phi_p Y_{T+4-p} \\ &\vdots \\ Y_{T+h|T} &= c + \phi_1 Y_{T+h-1|T} + \phi_2 Y_{T+h-2|T} + \dots + \phi_p Y_{T+h-p|T} \end{split}$$

6.2.2 Forecast error

For h = 1, the forecast error is given by:

$$u_{T+1|T} := Y_{T+1} - Y_{T+1|T} = \varepsilon_{T+1}$$

As h increases:

$$\begin{split} u_{T+2|T} &= \phi_1 u_{T+1|T} + \epsilon_{T+2} \\ u_{T+3|T} &= \phi_1 u_{T+2|T} + \phi_2 u_{T+1|T} + \epsilon_{T+3} \\ &\vdots \\ u_{T+h|T} &= \phi_1 u_{T+h-1|T} + \dots + \phi_{h-1} u_{T+1|T} + \epsilon_{T+h}, \end{split}$$

where $\phi_{h-1} = 0$ for h-1 > p.

6.3 Forecasting with a MA(1) model

Remember from 2.2.1 that a MA(1) model is given by

$$Y_t = c + \theta \varepsilon_{t-1} + \varepsilon_t$$

$$Y_{T+1|T} := \pi(Y_{T+1}|Y_T, ..., Y_1)$$

We have seen that, if the MA(1) is invertible, we can write it as an AR(∞). This would mean, however, that the forecast errors would depend on *all past values* – notwithstanding the decreasing dependence, due to ergodicity. Given a fixed ε_0 , we can reconstruct the entire error series:

$$\begin{split} \epsilon_1 &= Y_1 - c - \theta \epsilon_0 \\ \epsilon_2 &= Y_2 - c - \theta \epsilon_1 \\ &\vdots \\ \epsilon_T &= Y_T - c - \theta \epsilon_{T-1} \end{split}$$

If we do not know ε_0 , we can approximate it by its (known!) mean, $\tilde{\varepsilon}_0 = 0$. If T is large enough and $|\theta| < 1$, this is a good approximation. That is the case because for large T, the influence of the assumption $\tilde{\varepsilon}_0 = 0$ is geometrically diminished over time, given $|\theta| < 1$.

6.3.1 Forecast

We are now able to construct the forecast using the estimated $\tilde{\varepsilon}_T$.

$$Y_{T+1|T} := c + \theta \tilde{\varepsilon}_T$$

Iteratively for larger horizons:

$$Y_{T+2|T} = c + \theta \widetilde{\epsilon}_{T+1} = c + \theta \left(Y_{T+1|T} - c - \theta \widetilde{\epsilon}_T \right) = c$$

Note that the MA(1) process is not predictable for h > 1. The forecast immediately mean reverts at h > 1.

6.3.2 Forecast error

The forecast error, assuming $\tilde{\varepsilon}_T \approx \varepsilon_T$, is given by:

$$u_{T+1|T} := Y_{T+1} - Y_{T+1|T} = \varepsilon_{T+1}$$

This means that the variance of the forecast error is σ^2 . For larger horizons, the variance converges to the unconditional variance:

$$u_{T+h|T} := Y_{T+h} - Y_{T+h|T} = \varepsilon_{T+h} + \theta \varepsilon_{T+h-1}, \forall h > 1$$

Thus, $Var(u_{T+h|T}) = (1+\theta)^2 \sigma^2 = \gamma_0, \forall h > 1.$

6.4 Forecasting with a MA(q) model

We can proceed iteratively for the MA(q) model.

$$Y_{T+1|T} = c + \theta_1 \tilde{\epsilon}_T + \dots + \theta_q \tilde{\epsilon}_{T+1-q}$$

$$Y_{T+2|T} = c + \theta_2 \tilde{\epsilon}_T + \dots + \theta_q \tilde{\epsilon}_{T+2-q}$$

$$Y_{T+3|T} = c + \theta_3 \tilde{\epsilon}_T + \dots + \theta_q \tilde{\epsilon}_{T+3-q}$$

$$\vdots$$

$$Y_{T+q|T} = c + \theta_q \tilde{\epsilon}_T$$

Note that, after q periods, the prediction is the unconditional mean c.

6.5 Forecast with an ARMA(p,q) model

Let's combine the procedures presented for AR(p) and MA(q). For h = 1:

$$Y_{T+1|T} = c + \phi_1 Y_T + \dots + \phi_p Y_{T-p+1} + \theta_1 \widetilde{\varepsilon}_T + \dots + \theta_q \widetilde{\varepsilon}_{T+1-q},$$

where $\{\tilde{\varepsilon}_T, ..., \tilde{\varepsilon}_{T+1-q}\}$ were obtained from the reconstruction process explained in the MA(q) case. However, here we need, aside from the first q innovation values, also the *last p observations* before the first one. That is the case because of the expression for $\tilde{\varepsilon}_1$:

$$\widetilde{\epsilon}_1 = Y_1 - c - \phi_1 Y_0 - \dots - \phi_n Y_{n-1} - \theta_1 \widetilde{\epsilon}_0 - \theta_2 \widetilde{\epsilon}_{-1} - \dots - \theta_n \widetilde{\epsilon}_{1-n}$$

Alternatively, we can start reconstructing the residuals from p + 1.

6.5.1 Forecast

From this, we can obtain the forecasts for any horizon $h \ge 1$, given h > p > q:

$$\begin{split} Y_{T+1|T} &= c + \phi_1 Y_T + \dots + \phi_p Y_{T+1-p} + \theta_1 \widetilde{\epsilon}_T + \dots + \theta_q \widetilde{\epsilon}_{T+1-q} \\ Y_{T+2|T} &= c + \phi_1 Y_{T+1|T} + \dots + \phi_p Y_{T+2-p} + \theta_2 \widetilde{\epsilon}_T + \dots + \theta_q \widetilde{\epsilon}_{T+2-q} \\ Y_{T+3|T} &= c + \phi_1 Y_{T+2|T} + \dots + \phi_p Y_{T+3-p} + \theta_3 \widetilde{\epsilon}_T + \dots + \theta_q \widetilde{\epsilon}_{T+3-q} \end{split}$$

:

$$Y_{T+q|T} = c + \phi_1 Y_{T+q-1|T} + \dots + \phi_p Y_{T+q-p} + \theta_q \widetilde{\epsilon}_T$$

$$Y_{T+q+1|T} = c + \phi_1 Y_{T+q|T} + \dots + \phi_p Y_{T+q+1-p}$$

$$\vdots$$

$$Y_{T+h|T} = c + \phi_1 Y_{T+h-1|T} + \dots + \phi_p Y_{T+h-p|T}$$

6.6 Confidence intervals for forecasts

Given a forecast $\hat{Y}_{T+h|T}$, we'd like to have a *confidence interval* for it. In practice, forecasting involves two types of errors:

- Estimation error: $Y_{T+h|T} \hat{Y}_{T+h|T}$. This is due to the estimation of the ARMA model, as we are always working with a sample.
- Forecast error: $u_{T+h|T} = Y_{T+h} Y_{T+h|T}$. This is the portion of the error that would exist event if we knew the true population parameters.

From this, we have the aggregate error:

$$Y_{T+h} - \hat{Y}_{T+h|T} = (Y_{T+h} - Y_{T+h|T}) + (Y_{T+h|T} - \hat{Y}_{T+h|T})$$

6.6.1 Normally distributed errors

A first way to tackle the issue of confidence intervals for forecasts is to assume normality: $\varepsilon_t \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \sigma^2)$.

In that case, we know that Y_{T+h} , $\hat{Y}_{T+h|T}$ will also be normally distributed, as the first term consists of a combination of past errors and past values of Y, and the second term is asymptotically normal given the properties of ARMA estimators. This means that the confidence interval is known to us, for $\alpha = 5\%$:

$$\left[\widehat{Y}_{T+h|T} \pm 1,96\sqrt{\mathbb{V}\left(u_{T+h|T}\right)}\right]$$

We clearly do not observe $Var(u_{T+h|T})$, but we know its functional form and, thus, can consistently estimate it. For an AR(1), for example:

$$\widehat{\mathbb{V}}\left(u_{T+h|T}\right) = \widehat{\sigma}^2 \sum_{i=0}^{h-1} \widehat{\phi}^{2i}$$

Note that, even if we assume that the innovation terms are normally distributed, we *still need an asymptotic argument* to guarantee that $\widehat{Y}_{T+h|T} \stackrel{p}{\longrightarrow} Y_{T+h|T}$ and $\widehat{\mathbb{V}}\left(u_{T+h|T}\right) \stackrel{p}{\longrightarrow} \mathbb{V}\left(u_{T+h|T}\right)$.

6.6.2 Bootstrapping

What if the errors are not normally distributed? This makes the issue a lot more complicated. Note that, even if we apply the CLT to argue that $Y_{T+h|T} - \hat{Y}_{T+h|T} \sim \mathcal{N}(\cdot)$, what makes us believe that $(Y_{T+h} - Y_{T+h|T})$ is also normally distributed? In the last subsection, this condition was valid because of the distribution of the errors. There's no asymptotical argument to be made.

In practice, we don't know the distribution of the error terms. In fact, they are rarely normally distributed! A procedure to construct confidence intervals in this setting is called bootstrap. For ARMA models, it consists in generating simulated samples from the actual sample and repeat the estimations for each simulated sample. This yields an arbitrarily large number of estimates from the same data. From this, we can use its empirical distribution to find the confidence interval.

Bootstrapping has a number of advantages over the traditional procedures for obtaining a confidence interval. In many cases, the convergence is faster than the usual $1/\sqrt{T}$, and it frequently performs better in small sample environments. It can also be applied in settings in which asymptotic theory is very intricate. In practice, we almost always use some sort of bootstrap method.

The essential idea behind bootstrapping is to assume that ε_t is *iid* with a cdf F. Suppose that you have T residuals, $\hat{\varepsilon}_t$. Its empirical distribution is simply:

$$\hat{F}_T(v) = \frac{\{no. residuals \le v\}}{T}, \quad v \in \mathbb{R}$$

The Law of Large Numbers guarantees that, as $T \to \infty$,

$$\hat{F}_T(v) \rightarrow_{a.s.} F(v)$$

This means that the empirical distribution of the residuals becomes arbitrarily close to the real distribution as T grows.

Procedure

Bootstrapping for an ARMA(p,q) model involves the following steps:

1. • Estimate ARMA(p,q)

$$Y_t = c + \sum_{j=1}^{p} \phi_j Y_{t-j} + \sum_{j=1}^{q} \theta_j \varepsilon_{t-j} + \varepsilon_t$$

• Calculate the residuals of the regression:

$$\hat{\varepsilon}_t := Y_t - (\hat{c} + \sum_{j=1}^p \hat{\phi}_j Y_{t-j} + \sum_{j=1}^q \hat{\theta}_j \varepsilon_{t-j})$$

• If the residuals do not have mean 0, create the centered residuals:

$$\tilde{\varepsilon}_t = \hat{\varepsilon}_t - \frac{1}{t} \sum_{t=1}^T \hat{\varepsilon}_t$$

2. • Select at random, with replacement, a sample with T+m elements, m >> 0:

$$\{\varepsilon_1^*, ..., \varepsilon_{T+m}^*\}$$

• Create a series $\{Y_t^*\}_{t=1}^{T+m}$:

$$Y_t^* = Y_t, 1 \le t \le max(p, q)$$

$$Y_{t}^{*} = \hat{c} + \sum_{j=1}^{p} \hat{\phi}_{j} Y_{t-j} + \sum_{j=1}^{q} \hat{\theta}_{j} \varepsilon_{t-j}^{*} + \varepsilon_{t}^{*}, \max(p, q) < t \leq T + m$$

- 3. Using the simulated sample $\{Y_t^*\}_{t=1}^{T+m}$, create a forecast for h > 0 periods using the estimated coefficients obtained with the real sample.
 - This yields a vector of dimension h containing the forecasts in the form:

$$(\hat{Y}_{T+1}^*, ..., \hat{Y}_{T+h}^*)$$

- Repeat steps 2 and 3 for S times. Create a matrix with the results.
- This yields a S x h matrix where each row is equal to the aforementioned vector.

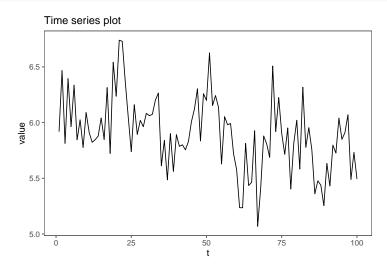
Chapter 7

Problem 4: Cross-validation and bootstrap

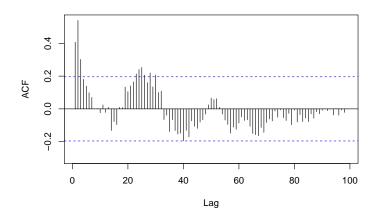
In this problem, we'll be tackling the issue of *forecasting* of an ARMA model. The problem is split in two parts: (i) *cross-validation*; and (ii) *bootstrapping*.

7.1 Identification and estimation

First, let's identify the best model for our time series.



Series df\$value



```
acf_test_values <- acf_ts$acf/sd(acf_ts$acf)
head(data.frame(acf_test_values))</pre>
```

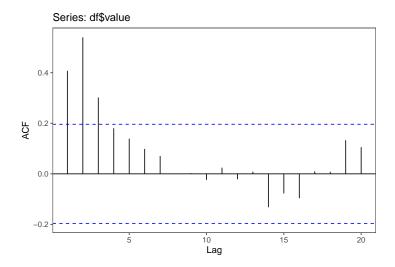
```
acf_test_values
##
## 1
               6.176432
## 2
               2.515951
## 3
               3.335438
               1.864909
## 4
## 5
               1.112884
## 6
               0.858639
               facst <- ggAcf(df$value, type = "correlation", lag.max = 20,</pre>
               plot = T) + theme_few()
               faclt <- ggAcf(df$value, type = "correlation", lag.max = 5000,</pre>
               plot = T) + theme_few()
               facpst <- ggPacf(df$value, type = "correlation", lag.max = 100,</pre>
               plot = T) + theme_few()
```

```
## Warning: Ignoring unknown parameters: type
```

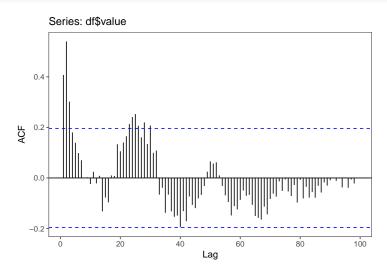
```
facplt <- ggPacf(df$value, type = "correlation", lag.max = 5000,
plot = T) + theme_few()</pre>
```

Warning: Ignoring unknown parameters: type

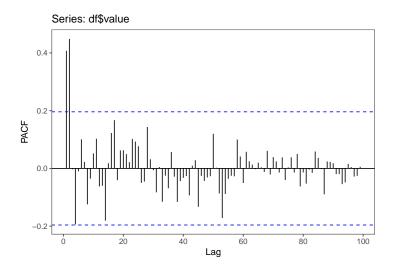
facst

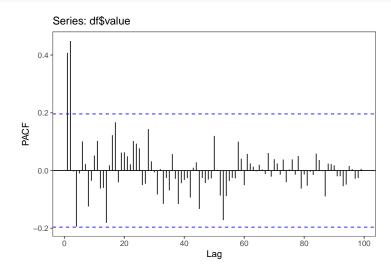


faclt



facpst





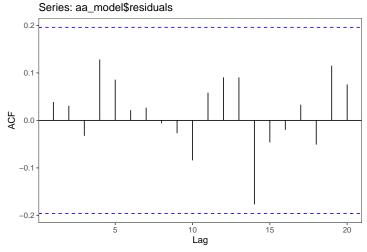
We'll now use the function *auto.arima* from the package *forecast* to identify and estimate the model.

```
aa_model <- auto.arima(df$value, num.cores = 24, max.d = 0, stepwise = F)</pre>
             summary(aa_model)
## Series: df$value
## ARIMA(0,0,3) with non-zero mean
##
## Coefficients:
##
             ma1
                       ma2
                                ma3
                                        mean
          0.1814 0.6647
                             0.4001
                                      5.8982
##
          0.0852 0.0750
                            0.0949 0.0562
##
## sigma^2 estimated as 0.0667: log likelihood=-5.42
## AIC=20.85
                 AICc=21.49
                                BIC=33.88
##
## Training set error measures:
                                                                 MPE
##
                              ME
                                       RMSE
                                                    MAE
                                                                          MAPE
                                                                                      MASE
## Training set -0.002315954 0.2530428 0.2131067 -0.2268814 3.612855 0.7314965
##
                         ACF1
## Training set 0.03868106
             print("t-values: ")
## [1] "t-values: "
             aa_t <- matrix(NA, nrow = aa_model$arma[1] + aa_model$arma[2])</pre>
             for (i in c(1:4)) {
                 aa_t[i] <- aa_model$coef[i]/sqrt(aa_model$var.coef[i, i])</pre>
             }
```

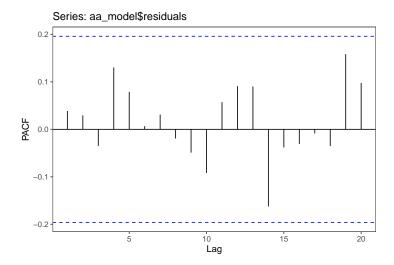
aa_t <- data.frame(aa_t)</pre>

```
aa_t
##
              aa_t
## 1
         2.128691
         8.861580
## 2
         4.216481
## 3
## 4 105.004537
               aa_q <- Box.test(aa_model$residuals, lag = aa_model$arma[1] +</pre>
                   aa_model$arma[2])
               aa_q
##
##
    Box-Pierce test
##
## data: aa_model$residuals
## X-squared = 0.35002, df = 3, p-value = 0.9504
               criteria <- matrix(NA, nrow = 1, ncol = 3)</pre>
               aa_criteria <- data.frame("MA(3)*", aa_model$aic, aa_model$bic)</pre>
              names(aa_criteria) <- c("Model", "AIC", "BIC")</pre>
               aa_criteria
       Model
                     AIC
##
                                 BIC
## 1 MA(3)* 20.84963 33.87549
               fac_e <- ggAcf(aa_model$residuals, type = "correlation", lag.max = 20,</pre>
               plot = T) + theme_few()
               facp_e <- ggPacf(aa_model$residuals, type = "correlation", lag.max = 20,</pre>
               plot = T) + theme_few()
## Warning: Ignoring unknown parameters: type
```

fac_e



facp_e



mean(aa_model\$residuals)

[1] -0.002315954

The results of *auto.arima* imply that the best model is an ARMA(0,3) – i.e., a MA(3):

$$y_t = c + \theta_1 \varepsilon_{t-1} + \theta_2 \varepsilon_{t-2} + \theta_3 \varepsilon_{t-3} + \varepsilon_t, \quad \varepsilon_t \sim wn(0, \sigma^2)$$

Furthermore, the Q-statistic (Box.test) seems to indicate that ε_t is truly white noise.

7.2 Cross-validation

Let's now cross-validate or model. This will now be done manually; afterwards, an automatized version from fpp shall be presented.

Let h := 5; frac = 0.2. T is the size of our sample; k is the *training* database. The remainder shall be used for testing purposes.

As we have discovered previously, auto.arima yields a MA(3) model. It will now be used.

```
h <- 5
frac <- 0.2

T <- length(df$value)

k <- floor((1 - frac) * T)

# Estimating MA(3) with k = 80
fit <- Arima(df$value[1:k], order = c(0, 0, 3))

# Generating predictions from the model
pred <- predict(fit, n.ahead = h)

# Calculating errors between the predicted values of the
# model and the actual values of the testing database
e <- df$value[(k + h)] - pred$pred[h]
e</pre>
```

[1] -0.1951299

Let's now update our training database iteratively with a for loop.

```
e <- matrix(NA, nrow = 100)

# Updating the model

for (i in k:(T - h)) {
    fit <- Arima(df$value[1:i], order = c(0, 0, 3))
    pred <- predict(fit, n.ahead = h)
    e[i, 1] <- df$value[(i + h)] - pred$pred[h]
}</pre>
```

With the matrix e in hands, we can now calculate MSE:

```
mse <- mean(e^2, na.rm = T)</pre>
```

This procedure can now be used to compare other models against the model from auto.arima.

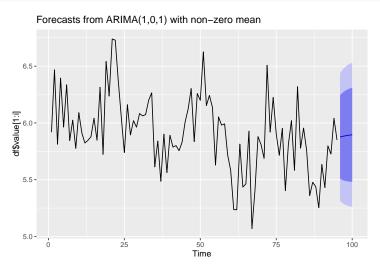
```
max_p <- 5
max_q \leftarrow 5
e \leftarrow matrix(NA, nrow = 100, ncol = (max_p + 1) * (max_q + 1))
pred <- vector("list", (max_p + 1) * (max_q + 1))</pre>
fit <- vector("list", (max_p + 1) * (max_q + 1))
# Updating the model
for (u in 0:max_q) {
for (j in 0:max_p) {
for (i in k:(T - h)) {
             fit[[(((max_p + 1) * j) + u + 1)]] \leftarrow Arima(df$value[1:i],
order = c(j, 0, u))
\# fit <- append(fit, Arima(df$value[1:i], order = c(j,0,u)))
 \textit{\# pred <- append(pred, predict(fit[[(j+u)]], n.ahead = h))} \\
             pred[[(((max_p + 1) * j) + u + 1)]] \leftarrow predict(fit[[(((max_p + 1) * j) + u + 1)])]
                 1) * j) + u + 1)]], n.ahead = h)
             e[i, (((max_p + 1) * j) + u + 1)] <- df$value[(i +
                  h)] - pred[[(((\max_p + 1) * j) + u + 1)]]$pred[h]
        }
    }
}
mse \leftarrow matrix(NA, nrow = ((max_p + 1) * (max_q + 1)), ncol = 1)
mse <- colMeans(e^2, na.rm = T)</pre>
mse
```

```
##
    [1] 0.1357466 0.1354001 0.1368083 0.1374243 0.1376508 0.1441940 0.1347115
   [8] 0.1269779 0.1347789 0.1373465 0.1398588 0.1436175 0.1313779 0.1315448
## [15] 0.1435805 0.1355649 0.1421277 0.1335153 0.1316765 0.1333955 0.1400838
## [22] 0.1427467 0.1473227 0.1347447 0.1320856 0.1333025 0.1354734 0.1341742
## [29] 0.1380676 0.1357880 0.1346228 0.1382810 0.1319484 0.1308446 0.1382417
## [36] 0.1327046
            optimal_index <- which.min(mse)</pre>
            cv_model <- fit[[optimal_index]]</pre>
            summary(cv_model)
## Series: df$value[1:i]
## ARIMA(1,0,1) with non-zero mean
##
## Coefficients:
##
            ar1
                      ma1
                             mean
##
         0.8253 -0.4888 5.9125
## s.e. 0.0814
                  0.1118 0.0815
##
## sigma^2 estimated as 0.08209: log likelihood=-14.72
                             BIC=47.65
## AIC=37.43
               AICc=37.88
##
## Training set error measures:
                                               MAE
                                                           MPE
                                                                   MAPE
##
                           ME
                                   RMSE
                                                                              MASE
## Training set -0.002725722 0.2819456 0.2228183 -0.2756862 3.787114 0.7600473
## Training set -0.1279409
```

The cross-validation method constructed above yielded an ARMA(1,1):

$$y_t = c + \phi_1 y_{t-1} + \theta_1 \varepsilon_{t-1} + \varepsilon_t, \quad \varepsilon_t \sim wn(0, \sigma^2)$$

```
cv_fc <- forecast(cv_model, h = h)
autoplot(cv_fc)</pre>
```



7.3 Bootstrapping

Now, let's proceed to bootstrapping. It envolves the following steps:

1. • Estimate ARMA(p,q)

$$Y_t = c + \sum_{j=1}^{p} \phi_j Y_{t-j} + \sum_{j=1}^{q} \theta_j \varepsilon_{t-j} + \varepsilon_t$$

• Calculate the residuals of the regression:

$$\hat{\varepsilon}_t := Y_t - (\hat{c} + \sum_{j=1}^p \hat{\phi}_j Y_{t-j} + \sum_{j=1}^q \hat{\theta}_j \varepsilon_{t-j})$$

• If the residuals do not have mean 0, create the centered residuals:

$$\tilde{\varepsilon}_t = \hat{\varepsilon}_t - \frac{1}{t} \sum_{t=1}^T \hat{\varepsilon}_t$$

2. • Select at random, with replacement, a sample with T+m elements, m >> 0:

$$\{\varepsilon_1^*, ..., \varepsilon_{T+m}^*\}$$

• Create a series $\{Y_t^*\}_{t=1}^{T+m}$:

$$Y_t^* = Y_t, 1 \le t \le max(p, q)$$

$$Y_{t}^{*} = \hat{c} + \sum_{j=1}^{p} \hat{\phi}_{j} Y_{t-j} + \sum_{j=1}^{q} \hat{\theta}_{j} \varepsilon_{t-j}^{*} + \varepsilon_{t}^{*}, \max(p, q) < t \leq T + m$$

- 3. Using the simulated sample $\{Y_t^*\}_{t=1}^{T+m}$, create a forecast for h > 0 periods using the estimated coefficients obtained with the real sample.
 - This yields a vector of dimension h containing the forecasts in the form:

$$(\hat{Y}_{T+1}^*, ..., \hat{Y}_{T+h}^*)$$

- ullet Repeat steps 2 and 3 for S times. Create a matrix with the results.
- This yields a S x h matrix where each row is equal to the aforementioned vector.

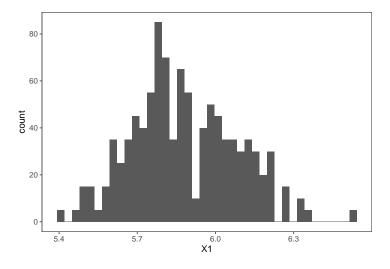
We'll use, again, the optimal model from auto.arima, MA(3):

$$y_t = c + \theta_1 \varepsilon_{t-1} + \theta_2 \varepsilon_{t-2} + \theta_3 \varepsilon_{t-3} + \varepsilon_t, \quad \varepsilon_t \sim wn(0, \sigma^2)$$

```
S <- 1000
m <- 100
optimal_p <- aa_model$arma[1]</pre>
optimal_q <- aa_model$arma[2]</pre>
e_sample <- data.frame(matrix(NA, nrow = S, ncol = (length(df$value) +
y_star <- data.frame(matrix(NA, nrow = S, ncol = (length(df$value) +
    m + max(aa_model$arma[1], aa_model$arma[2]))))
arima_star <- data.frame(matrix(NA, nrow = S, ncol = (length(df$value) +
    m + max(aa_model$arma[1], aa_model$arma[2]))))
for (i in 1:S) {
    e_sample[i] <- sample(aa_model$residuals, replace = T, size = (length(df$value) +</pre>
}
for (i in 1:S) {
for (j in ((aa_model$arma[1] + aa_model$arma[2] + 1):(length(df$value) +
        m))) {
         arima_star[i, j] <- (aa_model$coef[4] + (aa_model$coef[1] *</pre>
             e_sample[i, j - 1]) + (aa_model$coef[2] * e_sample[i,
             j - 2) + (aa_model$coef[3] * e_sample[i, j - 3]) +
             e_sample[i, j])
    }
}
y_fixed <- data.frame(matrix(NA, nrow = S, ncol = (aa_model$arma[1] +</pre>
    aa_model$arma[2])))
for (i in 1:S) {
    y_fixed[i, 1] <- data.frame(df$value[1])
y_fixed[i, 2] <- data.frame(df$value[2])</pre>
    y_fixed[i, 3] <- data.frame(df$value[3])</pre>
y_star <- data.frame(y_fixed, arima_star[, -(1:3)])</pre>
y_m <- y_star[, -(1:100)]
y_m \leftarrow y_m[, -(101:103)]
y_mt <- t(y_m)</pre>
y_matrix <- as.matrix(y_m)</pre>
fc_list <- vector("list", S)</pre>
for (i in 1:S) {
    fc_list[[i]] <- forecast(ts(y_matrix[i, ]), model = aa_model,</pre>
h = 5
```

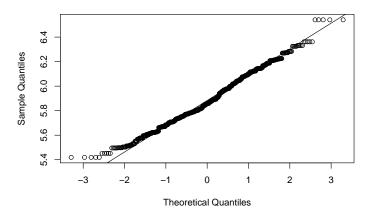
```
fc_list[[1]]
                                                 Lo 95
##
       Point Forecast
                            Lo 80
                                      Hi 80
                                                           Hi 95
              5.880900 5.549926 6.211875 5.374719 6.387082
## 101
## 102
              5.869038 5.532663 6.205413 5.354597 6.383479
## 103
              5.841494 5.439567 6.243421 5.226800 6.456189
## 104
              5.898184 5.475000 6.321368 5.250980 6.545387
              5.898184 5.475000 6.321368 5.250980 6.545387
## 105
             fc_mean <- data.frame(matrix(NA, nrow = S, ncol = 5))</pre>
             for (i in 1:S) {
                fc_mean[i, ] <- fc_list[[i]]$mean</pre>
             head(fc_mean)
```

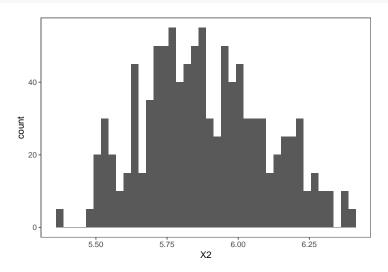
X1 X2 X3 X4 X5
1 5.880900 5.869038 5.841494 5.898184 5.898184
2 5.734428 5.543250 5.786803 5.898184 5.898184
3 5.728049 5.722659 5.832225 5.898184 5.898184
4 5.844103 5.943213 5.958997 5.898184 5.898184
5 5.550780 5.518844 5.732659 5.898184 5.898184
6 5.742853 5.863462 5.848949 5.898184 5.898184



qq_x1 <- qqnorm(fc_mean\$X1)
qqline(fc_mean\$X1)</pre>

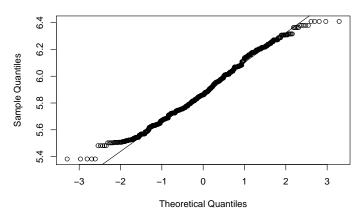


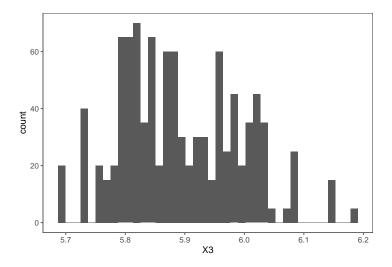




qq_x2 <- qqnorm(fc_mean\$X2)
qqline(fc_mean\$X2)</pre>

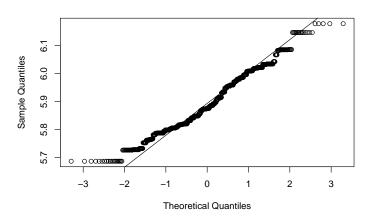
Normal Q-Q Plot

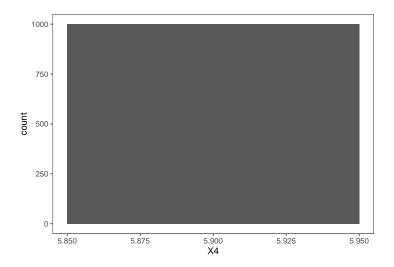




qq_x3 <- qqnorm(fc_mean\$X3)
qqline(fc_mean\$X3)</pre>

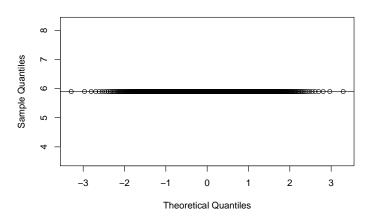
Normal Q-Q Plot

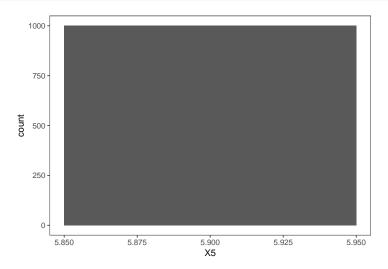




qq_x4 <- qqnorm(fc_mean\$X4)
qqline(fc_mean\$X4)</pre>

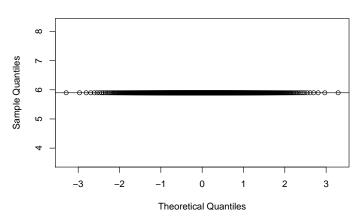
Normal Q-Q Plot





qq_x5 <- qqnorm(fc_mean\$X5)
qqline(fc_mean\$X5)</pre>

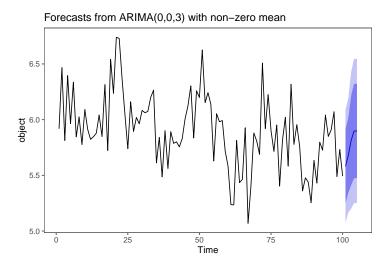
Normal Q-Q Plot



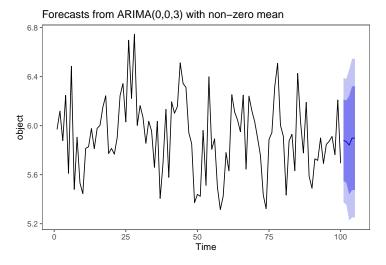
The results show that, from $h \ge 4$, the predicted value is the mean of the series.

Now, some forecasting plots:

```
fc <- forecast(df$value, model = aa_model, h = h)
autoplot(fc) + theme_few()</pre>
```

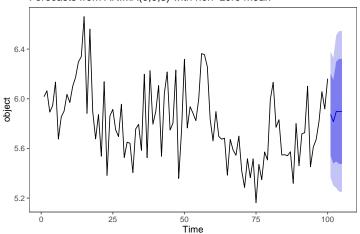


autoplot(fc_list[[1]]) + theme_few()



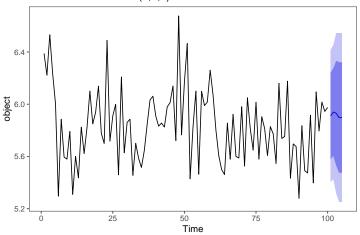
autoplot(fc_list[[66]]) + theme_few()

Forecasts from ARIMA(0,0,3) with non-zero mean



autoplot(fc_list[[796]]) + theme_few()

Forecasts from ARIMA(0,0,3) with non-zero mean



Chapter 8

Time series decomposition

In this chapter, we'll begin classifying time series according to some criteria:

- Does the time series gravitates around a certain mean?
- Does it present some sort of trend or seasonality?
- Does it have some sort of structrual break?
- Does it have constant variance?
- How much "memory" does the ts have?

8.1 Decomposing a time series

We can decompose a time series in the following way:

$$X_t \equiv f_t + Y_t$$

where f_t is deterministic and Y_t is stochastic.

It is comprised of two steps:

- 1. Split the deterministic component f_t
- 2. Model the statistical properties of the stochastic component Y_t

The intuition behind this procedure is to transform a time series into a stationary and ergodic process – after all, this is a necessary condition to "apply Econometrics"!

8.1.1 Seasonality and trend

In general, the deterministic component f_t of a process can be decomposed between:

- 1. **Deterministic trend** (f_t) . It is usually some function of time, e.g., $t, t^2, \log t, \exp\{t\}$.
- 2. Seasonality (s_t) . Usually a periodic function of time.

$$X_t \equiv f_t + s_t + Y_t$$

The additive trend and seasonality model is the most common in practice:

$$X_t = f_t + s_t + Y_t$$

But, in some cases, it makes sense to postulate a multiplicative model:

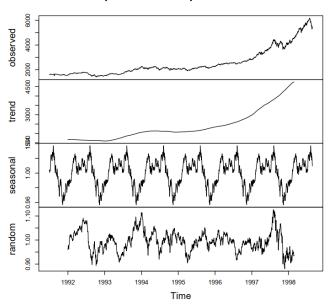
$$X_t = f_t s_t Y_t$$

Or even a mixed form:

$$X_t = f_t + s_t Y_t$$

Note that, if the model is multiplicative, it is additive in *log*. Here is a graphical example of a decomposition:

Decomposition of multiplicative time series



8.1.2 Parametric deterministic trend

The most straightforward way to model a deterministic trend is with a parametric specification – i.e., a known function of time with a finite number of unknown parameters:

$$f_t = f(t, \gamma), \quad \gamma \in \mathbb{R}^k$$

Here are some frequently used examples: γ , γt , $\gamma_0 + \gamma t$, $\gamma_0 exp\{\gamma t\}$.

When we take first differences (or log first differences), we are removing stochastic tendencies (more on that on Chapter ??).

8.1.3 De-Trending

The function f_t may be a polynomial or another more complex known function with unknown parameters. We regress X_t on the function f_t and find the estimator $\hat{\gamma}$, which we use to find the residuals:

$$\hat{Y}_t + s_t = X_t - f(t, \hat{\gamma})$$

We now have a *consistent estimator* for the stochastic and seasonality components¹:

$$\hat{Y}_t \to_p Y_t$$
, given that $\hat{\gamma} \to_p \gamma$

8.1.4 Seasonality

Definition 8.1.1. Regular and periodic movements in a process are called **seasonal movements** or **seasonality**.

Economic time series usually present some sort of seasonality – for example, during Holidays or weekends. Retail sales are usually higher at the end of the year, higher volatility in the stock market at the beginning of the week.

A simple way to estimate the seasonality component of the process is by constructing a dummy. Remember that a dummy for an event A is:

$$d_{A,t} = \begin{cases} 1 & , \text{ if } A \text{ happened in period } t \\ 0 & , \text{ otherwise} \end{cases}$$

With this, we can estimate the seasonality of the time series via the following parametric model:

$$\hat{s}_t = \hat{c} + \sum_{i=1}^{j-1} \hat{\delta}_i d_{A_i t},$$

where j represents the size of the seasonality cycle (e.g., for monthly data, j = 12).

Our estimate of the *stochastic* component of the series can now be obtained by:

$$\hat{Y}_t = X_t - f(t, \hat{\gamma}) - \hat{s}_t$$

8.1.5 Non-parametric decomposition

There are a number of non-parametric ways to detrend or remove seasonality of a process – i.e., that do not involve adjusting and estimating a model with given parameters.

Some examples are:

- HP filter
- Holt-Winters
- Baxter-King
- Christiano and Fitzgerald
- Butterworth (allows for structural breaks)
- · Moving averages
- Exponential smoothing

¹This is not an obvious conclusion. More on that on Chapter ??.

8.1.6 Hodrick Prescott (HP) filter

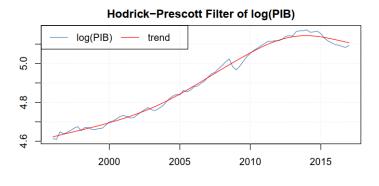
The idea behind the HP filter is to find a trend that is well adjusted to the observed time series. It is constructed by weighting deviations from a purely linear trend:

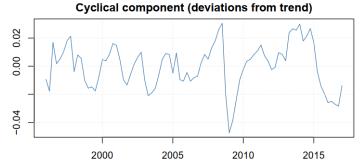
$$\min \left\{ \sum_{t=1}^{T} (X_t - f_t)^2 + \lambda \sum_{t=2}^{T-1} \left[(f_{t+1} - f_t) - (f_t - f_{t-1}) \right]^2 \right\}$$

In other words, we're looking for $f_1, ..., f_T$ that solves the expression above for some $\lambda \geq 0$.

- If $\lambda = 0$, we have $f_t = X_t, \forall t$.
- If $\lambda = \infty$, f_t is a straight line.
- We usually solve the expression with $\lambda \in (0, \infty)$. For quarterly data, authors usually suggest $\lambda = 1600$.

Here's an example of a fitted HP filter with $\lambda = 1600$:





8.1.7 The *other* moving average

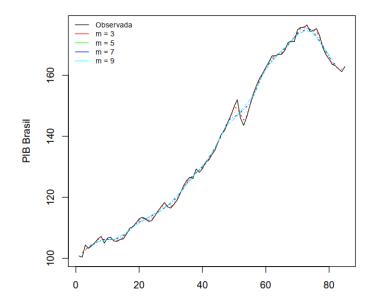
This is one of the first non-parametric methods of time series decomposition.

Definition 8.1.2. A simple symmetric moving average of order m is given by:

$$f_t = \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=-k}^k Y_{t+i},$$

where m = 2k + 1.

The trend is, then, the mean of m periods centered around Y_t , hence the name moving average. Here's an example of a trend estimated by a moving average:



The moving average does not need to weigh all observations uniformally evenly. We can calculate, for example, a *weighted moving average:*

$$f_t = \frac{1}{\sum_{i=-k}^k \omega_i} \sum_{i=-k}^k \omega_i Y_{t+i},$$

where m = 2k + 1.

It doesn't even have to be symmetric in regards to period t – i.e., it can be non-centered:

$$f_t = \frac{1}{\sum_{i=a}^{b} \omega_i} \sum_{i=a}^{b} \omega_i Y_{t+i},$$

where $a \leq b, (a, b) \in \mathbb{Z}$.

8.1.8 Parametric vs. Non-parametric functions

Non-parametric estimates and deterministic functions that depend on other variables z_t cannot be easily extrapolated. For example, with an HP filter, future observations review the most recent previous ones.

For a simple forecast, it is usual to postulate a parametric deterministic function that allows for extrapolation. To estimate sensibility to shocks, the non-parametric estimators are very common – e.g. potential GDP, NAIRU.

A protocol

To analyze a time series, we'll proceed in three steps:

- 1. Split the deterministic from the stochastic component more art than science!
 - Clean the time series of "NA", trend over time and seasonality.
- 2. Look for structural breaks (More on that on Chapter ??).

- When there are structural breaks, we will split the time series in two and jointly estimate two different models.
- 3. After cleaning up the time series, we shall check if the stochastic is stochastic or not by inspecting the ACF and the PACF.
 - If the ACF swiftly decreases, the stochastic component is probably stationary and ergodic which means we can estimate it properly.
 - If the ACF decreases slowly, the stochastic component probably won't be ergodic. In that case, ARMA models won't work so well. More on that on Chapter ??.

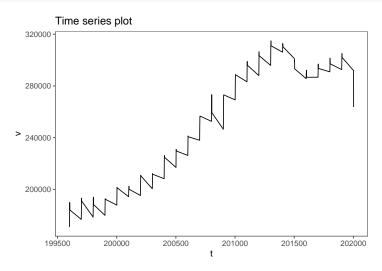
8.2 Estimation of non-ergodic processes

8.3 Inference with linear dependence

Chapter 9

Problem 5: Forecasting GDP

In this problem, we'll be forecasting GDP in the short term and creating some models of GDP growth in the long run. This presents some challenges, namely those related to *ergodicity* and *stationarity*.



As we have downloaded the *pure* quarterly data, it presents *seasonality* and an upwards trend. This implies that the *time series will not be stationary*. Therefore, we need to employ methods that circumvent this issue and assure us that we can continue modelling the series as an ARMA(p,q).

9.1 Decomposing the time series

We will now assume that we can decompose the time series in three distinct elements in an additive model:

$$X_t = f_t + s_t + Y_t$$

, where f_t denotes the trend of the ts, s_t denotes seasonality, Y_t is stochastic. We also assume that f_t, s_t are deterministic.

9.1.1 Trend

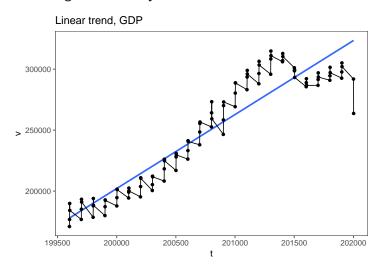
First, we'll construct a parametric model of the trend. Let's assume that f_t can be modelled by a linear form:

$$f_t = \gamma_0 + \gamma * t$$

```
linear_trend <- lm(v ~ t, data = pib)
summary(linear_trend)</pre>
```

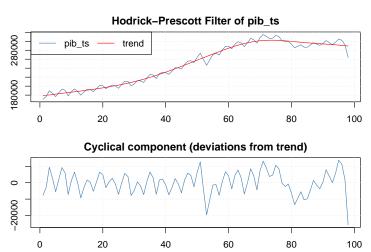
```
##
## Call:
## lm(formula = v ~ t, data = pib)
## Residuals:
##
      Min
               1Q Median
                                    Max
## -59917 -10577 -2046 11571 33717
##
## Coefficients:
##
                  Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
                                       -25.71
  (Intercept) -1.194e+07
                            4.644e+05
                                                  <2e-16 ***
                 6.070e+01
                            2.313e+00
                                         26.25
                                                  <2e-16 ***
## t
## ---
## Signif. codes: 0 '*** 0.001 '** 0.01 '* 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
##
## Residual standard error: 16200 on 96 degrees of freedom
## Multiple R-squared: 0.8777, Adjusted R-squared: 0.8764
## F-statistic: 688.8 on 1 and 96 DF, p-value: < 2.2e-16
            ggplot(data = pib, aes(x = t, y = v)) + stat_smooth(method = "lm",
            se = F) + geom_line() + geom_point() + theme_few() + ggtitle("Linear trend, GDP")
```

`geom_smooth()` using formula 'y ~ x'



Another way to find f_t is via a non-parametric process. For this, we'll use an HP filter and a moving average.

```
pib_ts <- ts(pib$v)
hp_trend <- hpfilter(pib_ts, freq = 1600, type = "lambda")
plot(hp_trend)</pre>
```

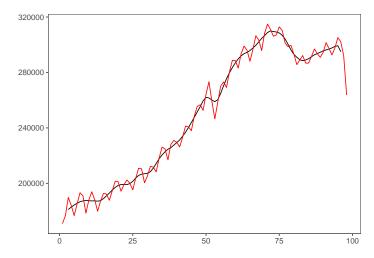


Now, a moving average.

```
pib_ma <- ma(pib$v, order = 4)
autoplot(pib_ma, color = "blue") + geom_line(data = pib, aes(x = 1:length(pib$t),
y = v), color = "red") + theme_few()</pre>
```

Warning: Use of `pib\$t` is discouraged. Use `t` instead.

Warning: Removed 4 row(s) containing missing values (geom_path).



9.1.2 Seasonality

We can now create a function for s_t . This will be done with dummies:

$$D_i = 1, i = t$$

 $D_i = 0 \, otherwise$

```
tri <- c(NA)
              tri1 <- c(1, 2, 3, 4)
              i = 1
              while (i < 25) {
                 tri <- append(tri, tri1)</pre>
                  i = i + 1
              }
              tri <- tri[-1]
              tri <- c(tri, 1, 2)
              length(tri)
## [1] 98
              pib <- data.frame(pib, tri)</pre>
              names(pib)[1] <- "t"</pre>
              names(pib)[2] <- "v"</pre>
              names(pib)[3] <- "tri"</pre>
              dummies <- data.frame(matrix(NA, nrow = length(pib$t), ncol = 4))</pre>
              for (j in 1:4) {
                  dummies[j] <- as.numeric(pib$tri == j)</pre>
              hp_fitted <- hp_trend[2]
              hp_fitted <- hp_fitted$trend
              detrend <- pib$v - hp_fitted</pre>
              pib <- data.frame(pib, dummies, detrend)</pre>
              names(pib) <- c("t", "v", "tri", "X1", "X2", "X3", "X4", "detrend")</pre>
              head(pib)
##
                          v tri X1 X2 X3 X4
                                                  detrend
## 18 199601 170920.0
                             1 1 0 0 0 -7639.363
## 40
        199602 176708.8
                             2 0 1 0 0 -2784.369
        199603 189844.3
                             3 0 0 1 0 9422.159
## 62
## 84
        199604 184112.9
                             4 0 0 0 1 2773.147
## 106 199701 176732.2
                             1 1 0 0 0 -5513.319
## 128 199702 185109.5
                              2 0 1 0 0 1968.942
              dummy_lm \leftarrow lm(detrend \sim X2 + X3 + X4, data = pib)
             summary(dummy_lm)
##
## lm(formula = detrend ~ X2 + X3 + X4, data = pib)
```

##

```
## Residuals:
##
       Min
                  1Q
                       Median
                                     ЗQ
                                             Max
  -24604.3 -2770.1
                                          9672.2
                        904.6
                                 2781.6
##
##
  Coefficients:
##
               Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
  (Intercept)
                  -5885
                              1079
                                   -5.454 3.97e-07 ***
## X2
                                      3.129 0.00234 **
                   4775
                              1526
## X3
                  11476
                              1542
                                      7.443 4.63e-11 ***
## X4
                   7580
                              1542
                                      4.916 3.73e-06 ***
## ---
                   0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
## Signif. codes:
## Residual standard error: 5396 on 94 degrees of freedom
## Multiple R-squared: 0.3854, Adjusted R-squared: 0.3658
## F-statistic: 19.65 on 3 and 94 DF, p-value: 5.704e-10
```

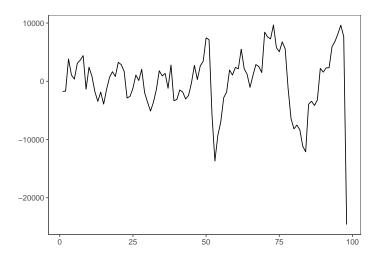
9.1.3 Y_t

We'll now use the HP-fitered version of f_t and the dummy approach to s_t .

```
yt <- as.vector(pib$v) - (hp_fitted + dummy_lm$fitted.values)
mean(yt)</pre>
```

[1] 2.970866e-13

```
autoplot(yt) + theme_few()
```



```
y <- data.frame(1:98, yt)
names(y) <- c("t", "yt")
y</pre>
```

9.2 Identifying and estimating ARMA(p,q) for Y_t

We are now in a position to identify and estimate the best model for our time series Y_t .

Applying the function auto.arima from the package forecast to identify and estimate the model:

```
aa_model <- auto.arima(y$yt, num.cores = 24, max.d = 0, stepwise = F)</pre>
             summary(aa_model)
## Series: y$yt
## ARIMA(2,0,2) with zero mean
## Coefficients:
##
               ar1
                         ar2
                                  ma1
                                            ma2
##
          -0.5799 0.3799 1.6394 0.7070
## s.e.
         0.1463 0.1453 0.1191 0.1165
##
## sigma^2 estimated as 16014834: log likelihood=-951.01
## AIC=1912.01
                    AICc=1912.66
                                     BIC=1924.94
##
## Training set error measures:
                                   RMSE
                                               MAE
                                                          MPE
                                                                   MAPE
                                                                                MASE
                           ME
## Training set -166.6391 3919.333 2469.197 32.42135 93.29931 0.9554301
## Training set -0.001381943
              print("t-values: ")
## [1] "t-values: "
              aa_t <- matrix(NA, nrow = aa_model$arma[1] + aa_model$arma[2])</pre>
              for (i in c(1:(aa_model$arma[1] + aa_model$arma[2]))) {
                 aa_t[i] <- aa_model$coef[i]/sqrt(aa_model$var.coef[i, i])</pre>
             }
              aa_t <- data.frame(aa_t)</pre>
              aa t
##
           aa_t
## 1 -3.965137
## 2 2.614792
## 3 13.768478
## 4 6.067555
              aa_q <- Box.test(aa_model$residuals, lag = aa_model$arma[1] +</pre>
                 aa_model$arma[2])
              aa_q
##
    Box-Pierce test
##
##
## data: aa_model$residuals
## X-squared = 0.22, df = 4, p-value = 0.9944
             criteria <- matrix(NA, nrow = 1, ncol = 3)</pre>
              aa_criteria <- data.frame("AR(2)*", aa_model$aic, aa_model$bic)</pre>
```

```
names(aa_criteria) <- c("Model", "AIC", "BIC")
aa_criteria</pre>
```

```
## Model AIC BIC
## 1 AR(2)* 1912.011 1924.936

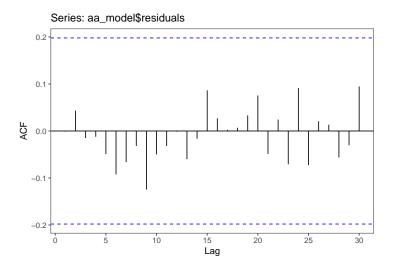
fac_e <- ggAcf(aa_model$residuals, type = "correlation", lag.max = 30,</pre>
```

```
fac_e <- ggAcf(aa_model$residuals, type = "correlation", lag.max = 30,
plot = T) + theme_few()

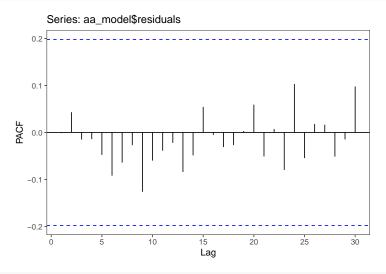
facp_e <- ggPacf(aa_model$residuals, type = "correlation", lag.max = 30,
plot = T) + theme_few()</pre>
```

Warning: Ignoring unknown parameters: type

fac_e

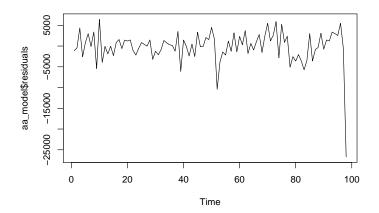


facp_e



mean(aa_model\$residuals)

[1] -166.6391

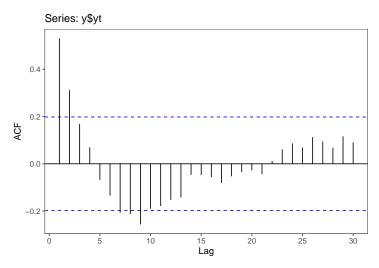


Warning: Ignoring unknown parameters: type

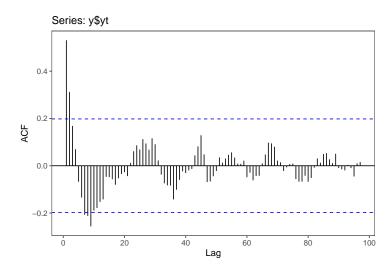
```
facplt <- ggPacf(y$yt, type = "correlation", lag.max = 5000,
plot = T) + theme_few()</pre>
```

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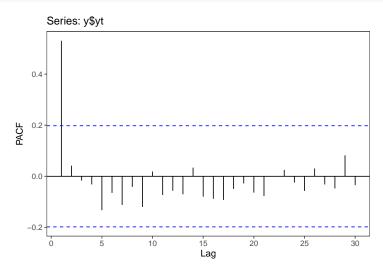
facst



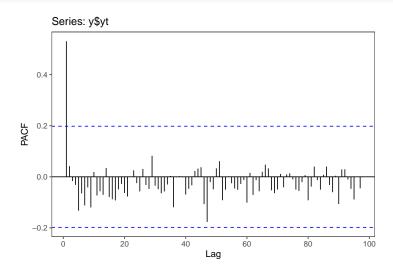
faclt



facpst



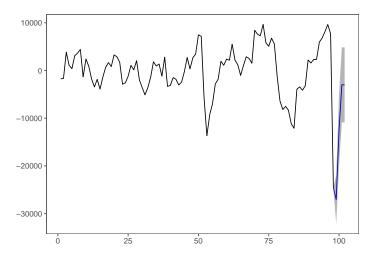
facplt



The results of *auto.arima* imply that the best model is an ARMA(2,0) – i.e., an AR(2):

$$y_t = c + \phi_1 y_{t-1} + \phi_2 y_{t-2} + \varepsilon_t, \quad \varepsilon_t \sim wn(0, \sigma^2)$$

```
fc <- forecast(y$yt, model = aa_model, h = 4)
autoplot(fc) + theme_few()</pre>
```



9.3 Long term GDP growth

```
unemp <- read_excel("C:/Users/William/Downloads/tabela2176.xlsx")

unemp1 <- as.numeric(unemp[11, ])

## Warning: NAs introduced by coercion

unemp2 <- unemp1[2:(length(unemp1) - 2)]

unemp <- unemp2

df_unemp <- data.frame(1:length(unemp), unemp)

names(df_unemp) <- c("t", "r")

df_unemp

hp_unemp <- hpfilter(df_unemp$r, freq = 1600, type = "lambda")

plot(hp_unemp)</pre>
```


Cyclical component (deviations from trend) Output Ou

```
nairu <- hp_unemp$trend

t6162 <- get_sidra(6612, variable = 9318, category = 90707, period = c("200202",
    "200203", "200204", "200301", "200302", "200303", "200304",
    "200401", "200402", "200403", "200404", "200501", "200502",
    "200503", "200504", "200601", "200602", "200603", "200604",
    "200701", "200702", "200703", "200704", "200801", "200802",
    "200803", "200804", "200901", "200902", "200903", "200904",
    "201001", "201002", "201003", "201004", "201101", "201102",
    "201103", "201104", "201201", "201202", "201203", "201204",
    "201301", "201302", "201303", "201304", "201401", "201402",
    "201403", "201404", "201501", "201502", "201503", "201504"))
```

Considering all categories once 'classific' was set to 'all' (default)

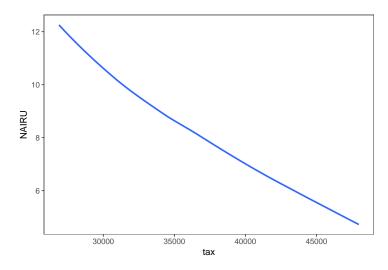
```
View(t6162)
tax <- t6162[(t6162$`Setores e subsetores (Código)` == 90706),</pre>
tax2 < -tax[, c(5, 13)]
names(tax2)[1] <- "t"</pre>
names(tax2)[2] <- "r"</pre>
tax <- tax2
trimestra <- c(NA)
i <- 0
while (i < length(unemp)) {</pre>
    media <- (unemp[i] + unemp[i + 1] + unemp[i + 2])/3
    trimestra <- append(trimestra, media)</pre>
    i <- i + 3
}
nairu_3m <- trimestra
df <- data.frame(nairu_3m[-1], tax)</pre>
df
```

```
growth_lm <- lm(NAIRU ~ tax, data = df)</pre>
            summary(growth_lm)
##
## Call:
## lm(formula = NAIRU ~ tax, data = df)
##
## Residuals:
       Min
##
                1Q Median
                                  ЗQ
                                         Max
## -1.1801 -0.3400 -0.0709 0.3167
                                    1.6633
## Coefficients:
##
                 Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
## (Intercept) 2.110e+01 4.471e-01
                                         47.19
                                                 <2e-16 ***
## tax
               -3.479e-04 1.184e-05 -29.37
                                                 <2e-16 ***
## ---
## Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
##
## Residual standard error: 0.5991 on 52 degrees of freedom
     (1 observation deleted due to missingness)
## Multiple R-squared: 0.9431, Adjusted R-squared: 0.942
## F-statistic: 862.5 on 1 and 52 DF, p-value: < 2.2e-16
            ggplot(data = df, aes(x = tax, y = NAIRU)) + stat_smooth(nethod = "lm",
            se = F) + theme_few()
```

Warning: Ignoring unknown parameters: nethod

names(df) <- c("NAIRU", "t", "tax")</pre>

- ## `geom_smooth()` using method = 'loess' and formula 'y ~ x'
- ## Warning: Removed 1 rows containing non-finite values (stat_smooth).



Chapter 10

Integrated Processes

10.1 Motivation

Up to this point, we have focused exclusively on stationary processes. Henceforth, we'll deal with some classes of non-stationary processes. Informally, we can say that the class of non-stationary processes is much more extensive than the class of stationary ones – in particular, ARMA processes. Most of the time, we will try to "stationarize" a non-stationary process.

10.2 Non-stationary processes

Definition 10.2.1. A random walk process is given by:

$$Y_t = Y_{t-1} + \varepsilon_t, \quad \varepsilon_t \sim (0, \sigma^2),$$

with $Y_0 = 0$.

Note that a random walk is an AR(1) with $\phi = 1$, which implies that it is not stationary.

Definition 10.2.2. A random walk process with drift is given by:

$$Y_t = \delta + Y_{t-1} + \varepsilon_t, \quad \varepsilon_t \sim (0, \sigma^2)$$

The other case defined earlier is a pure random walk ($\delta = 0$). Furthermore, the initial condition can be $Y_0 = c \neq 0$. Defining a generic random walk:

Definition 10.2.3. A generic random walk process is given by:

$$Y_t = \delta + Y_{t-1} + \varepsilon_t, \quad \varepsilon_t \sim (0, \sigma^2),$$

with $Y_0 = x$, which can be deterministic (c) or random (f_x) .

10.2.1 Recursive representation of a random walk

Beginning at an arbitrary period t, we can recursively substitute until t = 0:

$$Y_{t} = \delta + Y_{t-1} + \epsilon_{t}$$

$$= \delta + \delta + Y_{t-2} + \epsilon_{t-1} + \epsilon_{t}$$

$$= \delta + \delta + \delta + Y_{t-3} + \epsilon_{t-2} + \epsilon_{t-1} + \epsilon_{t}$$

$$= \epsilon_{t-1} + \epsilon_$$

which gives us an alternate representation of the random walk:

$$Y_t = c + \delta t + \sum_{i=1}^{t} \varepsilon_t \tag{10.1}$$

It is now evident that the process $is\ not\ stationary$ – the influence of previous innovations is permanent!

10.2.2 Moments of a random walk

Using the alternate representation of 10.1, it is simple to derive the moments of the random walk:

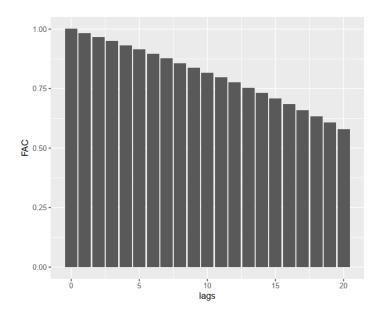
$$\mu_{t} := \mathbb{E}(Y_{t}) = c + \delta t$$

$$\gamma_{j,t} := Cov(Y_{t}, Y_{t-j}) = (t - j)\sigma^{2}, \quad j \ge 0$$

$$\rho_{j,t} := \frac{\gamma_{j,t}}{\sqrt{\gamma_{0,t}\gamma_{0,t-j}}} = \frac{t - j}{\sqrt{t(t - j)}} = \sqrt{\frac{t - j}{t}} = \sqrt{1 - \frac{j}{t}}$$

This means that, as t grows, $\rho_{j,t}$ gets closer to 1 for fixed j. For fixed t, the correlation falls approximately linearly with j.

Here's a typical random walk ACF:



10.3 Unit root processes

The random walk is an example of the more general class of unit root processes.

Definition 10.3.1. An unit root process follows the following form:

$$Y = c + \delta t + u_t,$$

where c, δ, u_t have an ARMA(p,q) representation:

$$\Phi_p(L)u_t = \Theta_q(L)\varepsilon_t, \quad \varepsilon_t \sim (0, \sigma^2)$$

If all roots of $\Theta_p(L)$ are outside of the unit circle, then u_t is weakly stationary.

10.3.1 Integrated processes of order 1

Now, suppose that one of these roots is *unity*, and the rest is outside of the unit circle:

$$\Phi_p(L) = (1 - L) (1 - \lambda_2 L) (1 - \lambda_3 L) \dots (1 - \lambda_p L),$$

where λ_i is the inverse of the root.

Then, we have:

$$(1-L)u_t = (1-\lambda_2 L)^{-1} \dots (1-\lambda_p L)^{-1} \Theta_q(L)\varepsilon_t =: \Psi(L)\varepsilon_t$$

This yields:

$$(1-L)Y_t = (1-L)c + (1-L)\delta t + (1-L)u_t$$
$$= 0 + \delta + (1-L)u_t$$
$$= \delta + \Psi(L)\varepsilon_t$$

Equivalently, we can define:

$$\Delta Y_t := (1-L)Y_t = Y_t - Y_{t-1} = \delta + \Psi(L)\varepsilon_t$$

This form highlights a very important result. If the process has *one* unit root, by *taking differences* we arrive at a stationary process! This process is called integrated of order 1.

Definition 10.3.2. An integrated process of order 1, or I(1), is a stochastic process whose difference is stationary.

Using this nomenclature, stationary processes are called integrated of order zero, or I(0).

10.3.2 Integrated process of order d

A process may have more than one unit root.

Definition 10.3.3. An integrated process of order d, or I(d), is a stochastic process whose d-th difference is stationary:

$$\Delta^d Y_t = (1 - L)^d Y_t = u_t, \quad u_t \sim I(0)$$

$$Y_t \sim I(d) \implies \Delta^d Y_t \sim I(0)$$

10.3.3 ARIMA(p,d,q) processes

We now combine this concept with the ARMA(p,q) class.

Definition 10.3.4. An integrated autoregressive moving average model of (p,d,q) order, or ARIMA(p,d,q), is a process that, after taking d differences, becomes a stationary ARMA(p,q):

$$\Phi_p(L)(1-L)^d Y_t = c + \Theta_q(L)\epsilon_t; \quad \epsilon_t \sim (0, \sigma^2),$$

where p is the autoregressive order (aside from the unit roots), q is the order of the moving average and the roots of $\Phi_p(L)$ are outside the unit circle.

10.4 Stochastic or deterministic trend?

Let's compare two non-stationary processes:

$$Y_t = c + \delta_t + u_t, \quad u_t \sim I(0)$$

$$Z_t = \delta + Z_{t-1} + u_t, \quad t \ge 1, Z_0 = c$$

The first model has a deterministic linear trend. The second one has a linear *stochastic* trend. Both processes clearly have *linear* trends:

$$\mathbb{E}(Y_t) = \mathbb{Z}_{\approx} = c + \delta t$$

However, the variances of these processes are very different:

$$Var(Y_t) = \sigma^2, \quad Var(Z_t) = t\sigma^2$$

Clearly, the first one is stationary (constant variance), while the second has an ever increasing variance. From an economic point of view, this has a fundamental implication: is the impact of the shock *permanent* or *temporary?* e.g. Is the impact of a recession on GDP temporary or permanent?

10.4.1 Detrending by taking first differences

If the trend is stochastic, the correct procedure is to take first differences of the series to obtain a stationary process:

$$\Delta Z_t = Z_t - Z_{t-1} = \delta + u_t$$

However, if we take first differences of a process with a deterministic trend:

$$\Delta Y_t = \delta + u_t - u_{t-1} = \delta + (1 - L)u_t$$

The result, while still stationary, induces a unit root in the MA portion of the process. This implies that the $MA(\cdot)$ will no longer be invertible – which hinders estimation! (See Chapter 4).

10.4.2 Detrending by parametric decomposition

If the trend is deterministic, the correct procedure is to adjust a parametric linear tendency, given that $Y_t - c - \delta t = u_t$. However, if we adjust a linar trend in a process with stochastic trend, we do not obtain stationarity:

$$Z_t - c - \delta t = \sum_{i=1}^t u_t,$$

which is a process whose variance grows with t.

10.4.3 How to distinguish between trends?

This is a major practical issue. In practice, it is very hard to distinguish a pure random walk and an AR(1) with $\phi = 0.99!$ Most tests for unit root detection are low-powered, have unconventional distributions and vary wildly according to the formulation of the null hypothesis (non-pivotal). More on this on Chapter ??.

Chapter 11

Problem 6: Spurious regressions and estimating unit root processes

11.1 Spurious regressions

{ Trecho do livro sobre isso. é curto. }

11.2 Unit roots

As has been discussed during the lecture, when the population model is a random walk:

$$Y_t = 1 * Y_{t-1} + \varepsilon_t, \quad \varepsilon \sim wn(0, \sigma^2),$$

it happens that the series is not ergodic (nor is it stationary). Therefore, the usual asymptotic properties do not hold, as all innovations have permanent effects.

$$Y_t = c + \delta t + \sum_{i=1}^t \varepsilon_i$$

The random walk, defined above, is an example of the more general class of unit root processes:

$$Y_t = c + \delta t + u_t$$

 u_t has an ARMA(p,q) representation:

$$\Phi_p(L)u_t = \Theta_q(L)\varepsilon_t, \quad \varepsilon \sim wn(0, \sigma^2)$$

Suppose that one of the roots of $\Theta_p(L)$ is equal to 1:

$$\Theta_n(L) = (1 - [1]L)(1 - \lambda_2 L)...(1 - \lambda_n L)$$

$$(1-L)u_t = (1-\lambda_2 L)^{-1}...(1-\lambda_p L)^{-1}\Theta_q(L)\varepsilon_t =: \Psi(L)\varepsilon_t$$

We can now rewrite this as:

$$(1-L)Y_t = (1-L)c + (1-L)\delta t + (1-L)u_t$$

$$(1-L)Y_t = \delta + \Psi(L)\varepsilon_t$$

Defining ΔY_t , we have:

$$\Delta Y_t := (1 - L)Y_t = Y_t - Y_{t-1} = \delta + \Psi(L)\varepsilon_t$$

With this concept, we can define ARIMA(p,d,q) processes:

$$\Phi_p(L)(1-L)^d Y_t = c + \Theta_q(L)\varepsilon_t, \quad \varepsilon_t \sim wn(0,\sigma^2)$$

11.2.1 Hypothesis testing

It turns out that testing for unit root presence presents some challenges. Under the null $(a_1 = 1)$, its distribution is not standard and does not present the usual asymptotic properties. We can circumvent this issue with the use of numeric methods, such as the *Monte Carlo simulation*. It will now be employed, following Dickey and Fuller (1979).

First, some notation:

We begin with a simple model:

$$Y_t = a_1 y_{t-1} + \varepsilon_t$$
$$\Delta Y_t = \gamma y_{t-1} + \varepsilon_t, \quad \gamma := a_1 - 1$$

Dickey and Fuller constructed the following regression equations:

$$\Delta y_t = \gamma y_{t-1} + \varepsilon_t \tag{11.1}$$

$$\Delta y_t = a_0 + \gamma y_{t-1} + \varepsilon_t \tag{11.2}$$

$$\Delta y_t = a_0 + \gamma y_{t-1} + a_2 t + \varepsilon_t \tag{11.3}$$

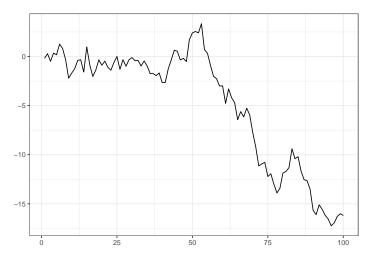
(1) has no intercept and represents a simple random walk. (2) includes an intercept. (3) also adds a deterministic time trend.

Note that the critical values of the t-statistics are *different* between these regressions. This will now be shown with our Monte Carlo simulation.

For equation (1):

```
set.seed(76345)
# length of ts
T <- 100
# Loops
S <- 10000</pre>
```

```
e <- rnorm(T, 0, 1)
# As y_{t+1} = y_t + \varepsilon_t, we can write this as an MA(\infty) model. y_t = \sum \varepsilon_i. This is now done with
y <- cumsum(e)
y <- vector()
y[1] = e[1]
for (i in (2:T)) {
    y[i] <- y[(i-1)] + e[i]
}
y <- as.ts(y)
autoplot(y) + theme_bw()</pre>
```



```
# Taking the first difference
y_diff <- diff(y)
# Regression of I(1) model
reg <- dynlm(y_diff ~ 0 + L(y,1)) # no lag (x1 = 0)
reg <-summary(reg)
reg$coefficients[1,3] # t value</pre>
```

[1] 1.110447

```
# Loop
tau <- vector()
k <- 1
delta <- 0
for (i in 1:S) {
    e <- rnorm(T,0,1)
    y = k + delta*seq(1:T) + cumsum(e)
    y <- as.ts(y)</pre>
```

```
y_diff <- diff(y)</pre>
 reg <- summary(dynlm(y_diff ~ 1 + L(y, 1)))</pre>
 tau[i] <- reg$coefficients[2,3]</pre>
}
tau.df <- data.frame(tau)
ggplot(data = tau.df, aes(x = tau)) + geom_density(color = "blue") + stat_function(fun = dnorm, n = 101, args = c(mean = 0,
                        0.5
                        0.4
                        0.3
                      density
                        0.2
                        0.1
                        0.0
jarque.bera.test(tau) # We reject HO at the 1% significance level.
##
##
     Jarque Bera Test
##
## data: tau
## X-squared = 86.138, df = 2, p-value < 2.2e-16
tau.ci <- quantile(tau, c(0.01, 0.05, 0.1))</pre>
tau.ci
##
             1%
                           5%
                                       10%
## -3.494124 -2.880240 -2.567557
For equation (2) – with an intercept:
# Loop
tau_mu <- vector()</pre>
for (i in 1:S) {
    e <- rnorm(T, 0, 1)
    y <- cumsum(e)
   y <- as.ts(y)
    y_diff <- diff(y)</pre>
```

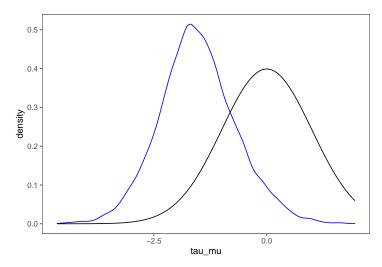
reg <- summary(dynlm(y_diff ~ 1 + L(y, 1)))</pre>

tau_mu[i] <- reg\$coefficients[2, 3]</pre>

```
tau_mu.df <- data.frame(tau_mu)

ggplot(data = tau_mu.df, aes(x = tau_mu)) + geom_density(color = "blue") +
    stat_function(fun = dnorm, n = 101, args = c(mean = 0, sd = 1)) +
    theme_few()

</pre>
```



```
jarque.bera.test(tau_mu) # We reject HO at the 1% significance level.
```

```
##
## Jarque Bera Test
##
## data: tau_mu
## X-squared = 96.894, df = 2, p-value < 2.2e-16
tau_mu.ci <- quantile(tau_mu, c(0.01, 0.05, 0.1))
tau_mu.ci</pre>
```

```
## 1% 5% 10%
## -3.494281 -2.895757 -2.577903
```

And finally, for equation (3) – with an intercept and a deterministic time trend:

```
# Loop

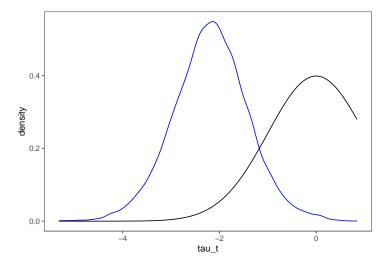
tau_t <- vector()
time <- c(1:T)

for (i in 1:S) {
    e <- rnorm(T, 0, 1)
    y <- cumsum(e)
    y <- as.ts(y)

    y_diff <- diff(y)

    reg <- summary(dynlm(y_diff ~ 1 + L(y, 1) + time[-1])) # removed 1 dimension for no. of obs.
    tau_t[i] <- reg$coefficients[2, 3]
}</pre>
```

```
tau_t.df <- data.frame(tau_t)
ggplot(data = tau_t.df, aes(x = tau_t)) + geom_density(color = "blue") +
    stat_function(fun = dnorm, n = 101, args = c(mean = 0, sd = 1)) +
    theme_few()</pre>
```



```
jarque.bera.test(tau_t) # We reject HO at the 1% significance level.
```

```
##
## Jarque Bera Test
##
## data: tau_t
## X-squared = 58.223, df = 2, p-value = 2.275e-13
tau_t.ci <- quantile(tau_t, c(0.01, 0.05, 0.1))
tau_t.ci</pre>
```

```
## 1% 5% 10%
## -4.065067 -3.462447 -3.158227
```

Let's now change the distributions of the errors for equation (3):

```
# Loop

tau_t_pois <- vector()
time <- c(1:T)

for (i in 1:S) {
    e <- rpois(T, 1)
    y <- cumsum(e)
    y <- as.ts(y)

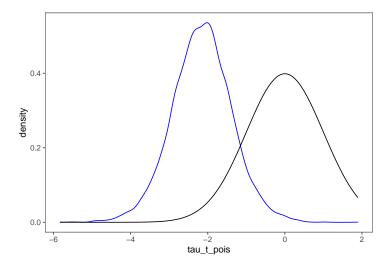
    y_diff <- diff(y)

    reg <- summary(dynlm(y_diff ~ 1 + L(y, 1) + time[-1])) # removed 1 dimension for no. of obs.
    tau_t_pois[i] <- reg$coefficients[2, 3]
}

tau_t_pois.df <- data.frame(tau_t_pois)

ggplot(data = tau_t_pois.df, aes(x = tau_t_pois)) + geom_density(color = "blue") +</pre>
```

```
stat_function(fun = dnorm, n = 101, args = c(mean = 0, sd = 1)) +
theme_few()
```



```
jarque.bera.test(tau_t_pois) # We reject HO at the 1% significance level.

##

## Jarque Bera Test

##

## data: tau_t_pois

## X-squared = 120.61, df = 2, p-value < 2.2e-16

tau_t_pois.ci <- quantile(tau_t_pois, c(0.01, 0.05, 0.1))

tau_t_pois.ci

## 1% 5% 10%

## -4.085753 -3.436365 -3.127525</pre>
```

11.3 Applying the Dickey-Fuller test for GDP

Loading the data from the previous problem:

```
## [1] "t" "v"
head(pib)
##
              t
        199601 170920.0
## 18
## 40
        199602 176708.8
        199603 189844.3
## 62
## 84
        199604 184112.9
## 106 199701 176732.2
## 128 199702 185109.5
tail(pib)
##
               t
## 2042 201901 292647.6
## 2064 201902 297748.9
## 2086 201903 305150.9
## 2108 201904 302108.7
## 2130 202001 291912.5
## 2152 202002 263699.7
pib <- ts(pib$v)</pre>
# Choosing the correct model with auto.arima
aa_pib <- auto.arima(pib, stepwise = F)</pre>
summary(aa_pib)
## Series: pib
## ARIMA(2,1,2) with drift
## Coefficients:
##
               ar1
                          ar2
                                   ma1
                                            ma2
                                                     drift
          -0.0092 -0.9764
                                         0.956
##
                                0.2721
                                                  864.9855
           0.0233
                      0.0171 0.0455
                                                 537.6284
## s.e.
                                         0.117
##
## sigma^2 estimated as 23455415:
                                         log likelihood=-961.03
## AIC=1934.06
                    AICc=1934.99
                                      BIC=1949.51
##
## Training set error measures:
##
                          ΜE
                                 RMSE
                                             MAE
                                                          MPE
                                                                    MAPE
                                                                                MASE
                                                                                             ACF1
## Training set 64.56963 4692.48 3219.806 0.05416274 1.322955 0.5203698 0.01746157
auto.arima yields an ARIMA(2,1,2) model with a drift parameter:
                  \Delta y_t = a_0 + a_1 \Delta y_{t-1} + a_2 \Delta y_{t-2} + a_3 \Delta \varepsilon_{t-1} + a_4 \Delta \varepsilon_{t-2} + \varepsilon_t
Let's decompose this process. First, we'll perform the Dickey-Fuller test on the GDP ts.
```

Warning in adf.test(pib): p-value greater than printed p-value

adf.test(pib)

```
##
## Augmented Dickey-Fuller Test
##
## data: pib
## Dickey-Fuller = 0.12028, Lag order = 4, p-value = 0.99
## alternative hypothesis: stationary
```

As we have not been able to reject H_0 , it follows that the ts includes (at least one) unit root. Now, let's find the optimal model for the regression.

```
max_p <- 5
max_q < -5
max_d <- 2
models1 <- vector("list", (max_p + 1) * (max_q + 1))</pre>
models2 <- vector("list", (max_p + 1) * (max_q + 1))</pre>
# Updating the model
fit1 <- vector("list", (max_p + 1) * (max_q + 1))
fit2 <- vector("list", (max_p + 1) * (max_q + 1))
model_info1 <- data.frame(matrix(NA, nrow = ((max_p + 1) * (max_q +</pre>
   1)), ncol = 3))
# Updating the model
for (u in 0:max_q) {
   for (j in 0:max_p) {
       fit1[[(((max_p + 1) * j) + u + 1)]] \leftarrow Arima(pib, order = c(j, v))
       u + 1)]]$bic)
   }
names(model_info1) <- c("AIC", "BIC", "void")</pre>
which.min(model_info1$AIC)
```

```
## [1] 23
```

which.min(model_info1\$BIC)

[1] 15

```
fit1[[which.min(model_info1$AIC)]]
## Series: pib
## ARIMA(3,1,4)
## Coefficients:
               ar1
                         ar2
                                     ar3
                                               ma1
                                                        ma2
                                                                  ma3
                                                                            ma4
          -0.9688 -0.9834 -0.9685 1.4659 1.3755 1.2705 0.5008
##
## s.e. 0.0305
                      0.0210
                                0.0270 0.1344 0.1682 0.1821 0.1484
##
## sigma^2 estimated as 21987482: log likelihood=-956.26
## AIC=1928.53
                    AICc=1930.17 BIC=1949.13
fit1[[which.min(model_info1$BIC)]]
## Series: pib
## ARIMA(2,1,2)
##
## Coefficients:
##
               ar1
                        ar2
                                   ma1
                                             ma2
          -0.0084 -0.9757 0.2769 0.9673
## s.e. 0.0236 0.0175 0.0408 0.1130
##
## sigma^2 estimated as 23692560: log likelihood=-962.3
## AIC=1934.6 AICc=1935.26
                                   BIC=1947.47
# For I(2)
model_info2 \leftarrow data.frame(matrix(NA, nrow = max_d * ((max_p + max_d + max_d))))
   1) * (\max_{q} + 1), ncol = 3)
for (u in 0:max_q) {
   for (j in 0:max_p) {
       fit2[[(((max_p + 1) * j) + u + 1)]] \leftarrow Arima(pib, order = c(j, v))
       model_info2[(((max_p + 1) * j) + u + 1), 1:2] \leftarrow c(fit2[[(((max_p + 1) * j) + u + 1), 1:2])]
          1) * j) + u + 1)]]aic, fit2[[((max_p + 1) * j) +
          u + 1)]]$bic)
   }
}
names(model_info2) <- c("AIC", "BIC", "void")</pre>
which.min(model_info2$AIC)
## [1] 24
which.min(model_info2$BIC)
## [1] 16
fit2[[which.min(model_info2$AIC)]]
## Series: pib
```

```
## ARIMA(3,2,5)
##
## Coefficients:
           ar1 ar2 ar3 ma1 ma2
##
                                                 ma3
                                                         ma4
                                                                 ma5
       -0.9700 -0.9835 -0.9674 0.4748 0.0162 -0.0121 -0.6534 -0.3766
## s.e. 0.0315 0.0218 0.0277 0.1511 0.1211 0.1508 0.1090 0.1793
##
## sigma^2 estimated as 22148502: log likelihood=-946.73
## AIC=1911.47 AICc=1913.56 BIC=1934.55
fit2[[which.min(model_info2$BIC)]]
## Series: pib
## ARIMA(2,2,3)
##
## Coefficients:
                ar2 ma1 ma2
           ar1
                                         ma3
       -0.0054 -0.9795 -0.6754 0.6720 -0.7903
## s.e. 0.0248 0.0162 0.1121 0.0786 0.1482
##
## sigma^2 estimated as 23858414: log likelihood=-951.82
## AIC=1915.63 AICc=1916.58 BIC=1931.02
```

Chapter 12

Structural breaks