Time Series Analysis Lecture 3

Autoregressive Models and Moving Average Models

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Autoregressive Models

Simulation of AR(2) Models

Consider an AR(2) model of the specification:

$$y_t = 1.5y_{t-1} - 0.9y_{t-2} + \epsilon_t$$

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$$\left(1 - 1.5B + 0.9B^2\right)$$

The roots of this polynomial can be easily found in **R** using the polyroot function: polyroot(c(1, -1.5, 0.9)).

The result is two complex conjugate roots $\mathbf{0.83} + /- \mathbf{0.65i}$.

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> polyroot(c(1, -1.5,0.9))
  ] 0.8333333+0.6454972i 0.8333333-0.6454972i
 abs(polyroot(e()))
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The inverse roots are 0.75+/-0.58i:

6.948

Both of these roots are close to 1 but nevertheless inside the unit circle.

Therefore, the process is **covariance stationary**.

The autocorrelation function of an AR(2) process is

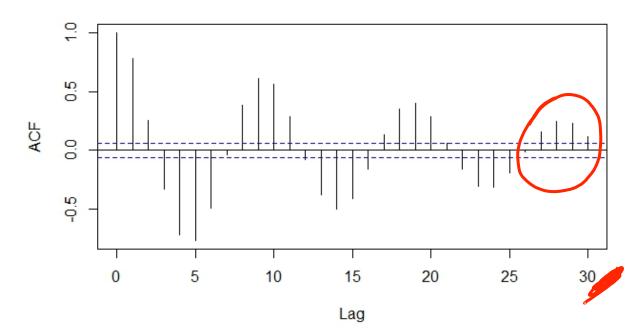
$$\rho(0) = 1$$

$$\rho(1) = \frac{\phi_1}{1 - \phi_2}$$

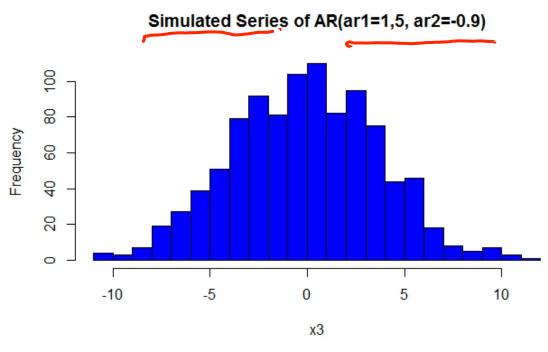
$$\rho(2) = \phi_1 \rho(\tau - 1) + \phi_2 \rho(\tau - 2), \quad \tau = 2, 3, ...$$

- Because the roots are complex, the autocorrelation function oscillates.
- Because the roots are close to one, the autocorrelation function oscillates slowly.

ACF: AR(ar=1.5, ar2=-0.9)



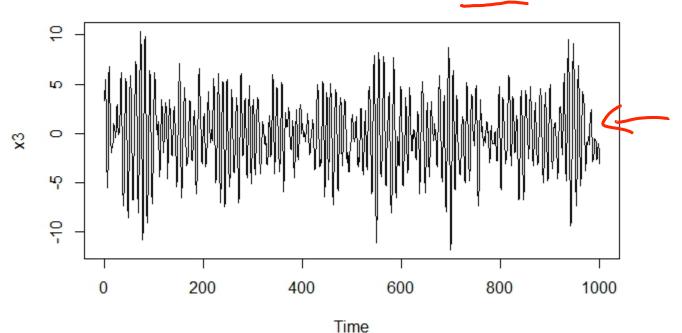
- The histogram looks fairly symmetric.
- The summary statistics are displayed below the histogram.



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> str(x3)
Time-Series [1:1000] from 1 to 1000: 3.34 5.44 5.03 2 -2.86 ...
> summary(x3)
Min. 1st Qu. Median Mean 3rd Qu. Max.
-11.7900 -2.5550 -0.1784 -0.1619 2.3410 10.3400
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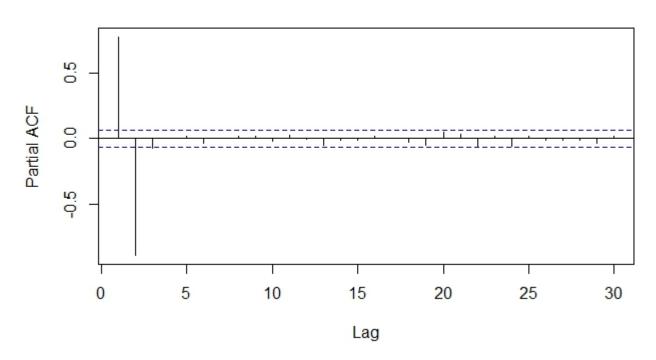
- The time series plot shows that the series display strong fluctuations
- The magnitude of these fluctuations change over time





• As in the AR(1) model in which the PACF has a sharp cut-off at **displacement 1**, the PACF of the simulated AR(2) process has a sharp cut-off at **displacement 2**.

PACF: AR(ar=1.5, ar2=-0.9)



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