

ACF

Question 1 Determine the autocorrelation function for:

(i) the MA(2) process $Y_t = Z_t + \beta_1 Z_{t-1} + \beta_2 Z_{t-2}$

(ii) the MA(3) process $Y_t = Z_t + \beta_1 Z_{t-1} + \beta_2 Z_{t-2} + \beta_3 Z_{t-3}$

Plot the autocorrelation for:

(i) MA(2): $\beta_1 = 0.8, \beta_2 = 0.5$

(ii) MA(3): $\beta_1 = 0.8, \beta_2 = -0.4, \beta_3 = -0.3$

The general ACF of MA(p) process is:

$$\rho(k) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } k=0 \\ \frac{\gamma(\pm k)}{\gamma(0)} & \text{if } |k| \leq p \\ 0 & \text{if } |k| > p \end{cases} \quad (2.5)$$

with ACF $\gamma(k)$ distributed as:

$$\gamma(k) = \begin{cases} \left(\sum_{i=0}^{p-k} \psi_i \psi_{i+k} \right) \sigma_z^2 & \text{if } |k| \leq p \\ 0 & \text{if } |k| > p \end{cases} \quad (2.4)$$

(i) We have an MA(2) process,

$$Y_t = Z_t + \beta_1 Z_{t-1} + \beta_2 Z_{t-2}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \underline{k=0}: \quad \gamma(0) &= \left(\sum_{i=0}^{2-0} \psi_i \psi_{i+0} \right) \sigma_z^2 \\ &= (\psi_0^2 + \psi_1^2 + \psi_2^2) \sigma_z^2 \\ &= (1 + \beta_1^2 + \beta_2^2) \sigma_z^2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \underline{k=\pm 1}: \quad \gamma(\pm 1) &= \left(\sum_{i=0}^{2-1} \psi_i \psi_{i+1} \right) \sigma_z^2 \\ &= (\psi_0 \psi_1 + \psi_1 \psi_2) \sigma_z^2 \\ &= (1)(\beta_1) + (\beta_1)(\beta_2) \sigma_z^2 \\ &= (\beta_1 + \beta_1 \beta_2) \sigma_z^2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \underline{k=\pm 2}: \quad \gamma(\pm 2) &= \left(\sum_{i=0}^{2-2} \psi_i \psi_{i+2} \right) \sigma_z^2 \\ &= (\psi_0 \psi_2) \sigma_z^2 \\ &= \beta_2 \sigma_z^2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\underline{|k| > 2}: \quad \gamma(\pm k) = 0 \text{ for } |k| > 2$$

Therefore, we have the following ACF:

(ii) We have the following MA(3) process:

$$Y_t = Z_t + \beta_1 Z_{t-1} + \beta_2 Z_{t-2} + \beta_3 Z_{t-3}$$

$$\text{ACVF: } \gamma(0) = (1 + \beta_1^2 + \beta_2^2 + \beta_3^2) \sigma_z^2$$

$$\gamma(\pm 1) = (\beta_1 + \beta_1 \beta_2 + \beta_2 \beta_3) \sigma_z^2$$

$$\gamma(\pm 2) = (\beta_2 + \beta_1 \beta_3) \sigma_z^2$$

$$\gamma(\pm 3) = \beta_3 \sigma_z^2$$

$$\gamma(\pm k) = 0 \text{ for } |k| > 3$$

$$\text{ACF: } \rho(k) = \begin{cases} \frac{\gamma(0)}{\gamma(0)} = 1 & \text{if } k=0 \\ \frac{\gamma(\pm 1)}{\gamma(0)} = \frac{\beta_1 + \beta_1 \beta_2 + \beta_2 \beta_3}{1 + \beta_1^2 + \beta_2^2 + \beta_3^2} & \text{if } k=\pm 1 \\ \frac{\gamma(\pm 2)}{\gamma(0)} = \frac{\beta_2 + \beta_1 \beta_3}{1 + \beta_1^2 + \beta_2^2 + \beta_3^2} & \text{if } k=\pm 2 \\ \frac{\gamma(\pm 3)}{\gamma(0)} = \frac{\beta_3}{1 + \beta_1^2 + \beta_2^2 + \beta_3^2} & \text{if } k=\pm 3 \\ 0 & \text{if } |k| > 3 \end{cases}$$

(i) $ma2 = c(0.8, 0.5)$

(ii) $ma3 = c(0.8, -0.4, -0.3)$

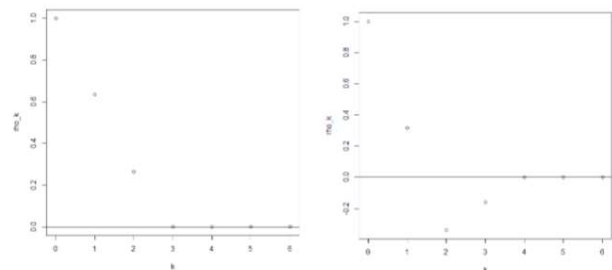


Figure 1: Autocorrelation functions for Q1(b).

$$\rho(k) = \begin{cases} \frac{\gamma(0)}{\gamma(0)} = 1 & , \text{ if } k=0 \\ \frac{\gamma(\pm 1)}{\gamma(0)} = \frac{\beta_1 + \beta_1 \beta_2}{1 + \beta_1^2 + \beta_2^2} & , \text{ if } |k|=1 \\ \frac{\gamma(\pm 2)}{\gamma(0)} = \frac{\beta_2}{1 + \beta_1^2 + \beta_2^2} & , \text{ if } |k|=2 \\ 0 & , \text{ if } |k| > 2 \end{cases}$$
