Spectral Density Estimation via Autoregressive Modeling

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Characteristics of Time Series

Time Series (Discrete-Time Stochastic Processes)

• A time series is a sequence of random variables $\{Y_t, t=0,\pm 1,\pm 2,\ldots\}$





Second Order Statistical Description

Definition

Stochastic process $\{Y_t, t \in T\}$ is said to be a second-order process if $EY_t^2 < \infty$ for all $t \in T$.

Mean

• Mean $EY_t = \mu_t < \infty$ for all $t \in T$.

Autocovariance and Autocorelation

• Autocovariance $C_Y(t,s)$ of a random process $\{Y_t, t \in \mathbb{Z}\}$ is defined as the covariance of Y_t and Y_s :

$$C_Y(t,s) = E(Y_t - EY_t)(Y_s - EY_s)$$

• In particular, when t = s, we have

$$C_Y(t,t) = E(Y_t - EY_t)^2 = DY_t$$

• Autocorrelation coefficient is defined as $R_Y(t,s) = \frac{C_Y(t,s)}{\sqrt{DY_t DY_s}}$

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Weak Stationarity

• We introduce weak stationarity which require that time series exhibit certain time-invariant behavior.

Definition

- A time series $\{Y_t, t \in \mathbb{Z}\}$ is (weak) stationary if $EY_t < \infty$ for each t, and
 - (i) $EY_t = \mu$ is a constant, independent of t, and
 - (ii) $C_Y(t, t+k)$ is independent of t for each k.

Notation

• If
$$\{Y_t, t \in \mathbb{Z}\}$$
 is (weak) stationary denote by
 $\gamma_Y(k) = C_Y(t, t+k)$
 $\rho_Y(k) = R_Y(t, t+k)$ for all t .

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Spectral theory

Spectral density

Let $\{Y_t, t \in \mathbb{Z}\}$ be a zero mean stationary random sequence with the autocovariance function satisfying

$$\sum_{=-\infty}^{\infty} |\gamma(t)| < \infty.$$

Then the spectral density function is the continuous function $f(\lambda)$ given by the uniformly convergent series

$$f(\lambda) = \sum_{t=-\infty}^{\infty} \gamma(t) e^{-i\lambda t}$$

(see Doob 1953, p. 476).

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White Noise

Definition

The process $\{\varepsilon_t, t \in T\}$ is said to be an White Noise

- if ε_t are uncorrelated random variables,
- each with zero mean and variance $\sigma_{\varepsilon}^2 > 0$

Notation: $\varepsilon_t \sim WN(0, \sigma_{\varepsilon}^2)$.

Definition

If ε_t are also independent and identically distributed, then the process $\{\varepsilon_t, t \in T\}$ is said to be an **IID process**.

Notation: $\varepsilon_t \sim IID(0, \sigma_{\varepsilon}^2)$.

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Gaussian White Noise





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Exponential White Noise



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Beta-distributed White Noise



ARMA Process

Definition

The process $\{Y_t, t \in \mathbb{Z}\}$ is said to be an ARMA(p, q) process

- if $\{Y_t, t \in \mathbb{Z}\}$ is stationary and
- if for every $t \in \mathbb{Z}$,

$$Y_t - \varphi_1 Y_{t-1} - \dots - \varphi_p Y_{t-p} = \varepsilon_t + \theta_1 \varepsilon_{t-1} + \dots + \theta_q \varepsilon_{t-q}$$

where $\varepsilon_t \sim WN(0, \sigma_{\varepsilon}^2)$.

We say that $\{Y_t, t \in \mathbb{Z}\}$ is an ARMA(p,q) process with mean μ

• if $\{Y_t - \mu, t \in \mathbb{Z}\}$ is an ARMA(p, q) process.

Special cases

- If p = 0 then Y_t is said to be moving average process MA(q).
- If q = 0 then Y_t is said to be autoregressive AR(p).

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Backshift Operators and Characteristic Polynomials

Backshift Operator B such that

$$BY_t = BY_{t-1}$$
 and $B^kY_t = BY_{t-k}$ for all $k \in \mathbb{Z}$

ARMA notation using backshift operators

$$Y_t \sim ARMA(p,q) : \Phi(B)Y_t = \Theta(B)\varepsilon_t$$

Characteristic polynomials

$$\begin{array}{ll} AR \text{ part } & \Phi(z) = 1 - \varphi_1 z - \dots - \varphi_p z^p \\ MA \text{ part } & \Theta(z) = 1 + \theta_1 z + \dots + \theta_q z^p \\ \parallel < 1 \end{array}$$

defined on |z| < 1.

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Causality and Invertibility of ARMA Processes

Definition

An ARMA(p, q) process is said to be **causal** (relative to $\{\varepsilon_t\}$) if there exists a sequence of constants $\{\psi_i\}$ such that $\sum_{i=0}^{\infty} |\psi_i| < \infty$ and $Y_t = \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \psi_i \varepsilon_{t-i}, \ t \in \mathbb{Z}$

Which is equivalent to the condition

$$\Phi(z) = 1 - \varphi_1 z - \ldots - \varphi_p z^p \neq 0, \ \forall \ |z| < 1$$

A similar definition for the invertibility of an ARMA(p,q) process relative to ε_t can be presented if we interchange the role of $\{Y_t\}$ with $\{\varepsilon_t\}$. Then the invertibility is equivalent to the condition

$$\Theta(z) = 1 + \theta_1 z + \ldots + \theta_p z^q \neq 0, \ \forall \ |z| < 1$$

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Spectral density of ARMA process

Spectral density of a MA(q) process $f_Y(\omega) = \frac{\sigma_{\varepsilon}^2}{2\pi} \left| \Theta\left(e^{-i\omega} \right) \right|^2$ for $\omega \in \langle -\pi, \pi \rangle$

Spectral density of a AR(p) process

$$f_Y(\omega) = rac{\sigma_arepsilon^2}{2\pi} rac{1}{|\Phi(e^{-i\omega})|^2} \qquad ext{for} \qquad \omega \in \langle -\pi,\pi
angle$$

Spectral density of a ARMA(p, q) process

$$f_{Y}(\omega) = rac{\sigma_{arepsilon}^{2}}{2\pi} rac{|\Theta(e^{-i\omega})|^{2}}{|\Phi(e^{-i\omega})|^{2}} \qquad ext{for} \qquad \omega \in \langle -\pi,\pi
angle$$

where

 $\Theta(z) = 1 + \theta_1 z + \ldots + \theta_q z^q \quad \text{and} \quad \Phi(z) = 1 - \varphi_1 z - \ldots - \varphi_p z^p.$ $(\Box \triangleright \langle \Box \rangle \langle$

Moments of the AR(p) process

To calculate the mean we need causal AR(p) process:

$$EY_t = E \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \psi_j \varepsilon_{t-j} = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \psi_j E \varepsilon_{t-j} = 0.$$

Calculation of the autocovariance function is complicated: first equation $Y_t = \varphi_1 Y_{t-1} + \dots + \varphi_p Y_{t-p} + \varepsilon_t$ multiplied by a term Y_{t-k} and calculate the mean values of both sides, i.e.

$$\underbrace{EY_tY_{t-k}}_{=\gamma(k)} = \varphi_1\underbrace{EY_{t-1}Y_{t-k}}_{=\gamma(k-1)} + \dots + \varphi_p\underbrace{EY_{t-p}Y_{t-k}}_{=\gamma(k-p)} + E\varepsilon_tY_{t-k}.$$

then we compute

$$\begin{split} EY_{t-k}\varepsilon_t &= E(\sum_{j=0}^{\infty}\psi_j\varepsilon_{t-j-k})\varepsilon_t = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty}\psi_jE\varepsilon_{t-j-k}\varepsilon_t = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty}\psi_j\sigma_{\varepsilon}^2\delta_{j+k} \\ &= \begin{cases} \sigma_{\varepsilon}^2 & k = 0, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \end{split}$$

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Yule–Walker equations

By simple modifications of the previous equations we get Yule–Walker equations

for the autocovariance function

for
$$k = 0$$
: $\gamma(0) - \varphi_1 \gamma(1) - \dots - \varphi_p \gamma(p) = \sigma_{\varepsilon}^2$
for $k \neq 0$: $\gamma(k) - \varphi_1 \gamma(k-1) - \dots - \varphi_p \gamma(k-p) = 0$

for the autocorrelation function

for
$$k = 0$$
: $\underbrace{\rho(0)}_{=1} - \varphi_1 \rho(1) - \cdots - \varphi_p \rho(p) = \frac{\sigma_{\varepsilon}^2}{\gamma(0)}$
for $k \neq 0$: $\rho(k) - \varphi_1 \rho(k-1) - \cdots - \varphi_p \rho(k-p) = 0$ (YW_{*})

Yule–Walker equation is a widely used method to estimate the coefficients of the AR(p) models.

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Limit properties of the $\rho(k)$ of the AR(p) process

Solution of the homogeneous differential equation, which we marked with a (YW_*) , we get in addition to recurrent relationship too explicit form of the autocorrelation function

$$\rho_{AR(p)}(k) = \sum_{j=1}^{m} \left(\sum_{s=0}^{p_j-1} c_{js} k^s \right) \lambda_j^k = \sum_{j=1}^{m} \left(\sum_{s=0}^{p_j-1} c_{js} k^s \right) r_j^k e^{ik\theta_j},$$

where c_{js} are constants determined by the initial conditions and $\lambda_j = r_j e^{i\theta_j}$ are the inverse of the roots of the $\Phi(z) = 1 - \varphi_1 z - \ldots - \varphi_p z^p$ with multiplicities p_j . Because holds

$$|\lambda_j| = r_j < 1,$$
 kde $\Phi(z_{0j}) = 0$ pro $z_{0j} = rac{1}{\lambda_j},$

we get here, that $\rho(k)$ decreases for $k \to \infty$ exponentially to zero, i.e.

$$\rho(k) \xrightarrow[k \to \infty]{} 0,$$

which is a very important property identification autoregressive AR(p) processes.

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Seasonal linear models

So far we have discussed the links between neighboring random variables

 $\ldots, Y_t, Y_{t+1}, Y_{t+2}, \ldots$

If a random process also includes seasonal fluctuations, it is necessary to notice the dependencies between random variables, which divides season length L.

$$\ldots, Y_t, Y_{t+L}, Y_{t+2L}, \ldots$$

First, we introduce seasonal differential operator of length L > 0:

$$\Delta_{L} Y_{t} = Y_{t} - Y_{t-L} = (1 - B^{L}) Y_{t}$$

$$\Delta_{L}^{2} Y_{t} = \Delta_{L} (\Delta_{L} Y_{t}) = \Delta_{L} (Y_{t} - Y_{t-L})$$

$$= (Y_{t} - Y_{t-L}) - (Y_{t-L} - Y_{t-2L})$$

$$= Y_{t} - 2Y_{t-L} + Y_{t-2L} = (1 - B^{L})^{2} Y_{t}$$

$$\Delta_L^D Y_t = (1 - B^L)^D Y_t$$

Construction seasonal models

• To better understand the structure of seasonal patterns in the B–J methodology, divide, for example, monthly data (L = 12) for r years in the following table.

Year	January	February	•••	December
1	<i>Y</i> ₁	Y ₂	• • •	Y ₁₂
2	Y ₁₃	Y ₁₄	• • •	Y ₂₄
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r	$Y_{1+12(r-1)}$	$Y_{2+12(r-1)}$		$Y_{12+12(r-1)}$

For each column j ∈ {1,...,12} separately consider a ARMA(P, Q) model of the same type:

$$Y_{j+12t} = \pi_1 Y_{j+12(t-1)} + \dots + \pi_P Y_{j+12(t-1)} + \eta_{j+12t} + \psi_1 \eta_{j+12(t-1)} + \dots + \psi_Q \eta_{j+12(t-1)}$$

• Because all 12 random processes is of the same type, we can write $\pi(B^{12})Y_t = \Psi(B^{12})\eta_t.$

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Remap white noise to the new process

When 12 white noise of the same type $\{\eta_{1+12t}\} \sim WN(0, \sigma_{\eta}^2)$ $\{\eta_{2+12t}\} \sim WN(0, \sigma_{\eta}^2)$ $\vdots \vdots \vdots$ $\{\eta_{12+12t}\} \sim WN(0, \sigma_{\eta}^2)$

sequentially assemble in time and create a single random process

 $\{\eta_t^*, t = 0, \pm 1, \pm 2, \ldots\},\$

we do not get white noise, it is recalled that:

 $E\eta_t^*\eta_{t+h}^* = 0$ only where *h* that are multiples of 12 $E\eta_t^*\eta_{t+h} \neq 0$ may occur for any other *h*,

therefore model the process η_t as a general ARMA(pq) process

 $\Phi(B)\eta_t^* = \Theta(B)\varepsilon_t, \qquad \varepsilon_t \sim WN(0, \sigma_{\varepsilon}^2).$

Stationary SARMA models

• General stationary seasonal mixed SARMA model:

 $\Phi(B)\pi(B^{L})Y_{t} = \Theta(B)\Psi(B^{L})\varepsilon_{t} \sim SARMA(p,q) \times (P,Q)_{L}$

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•
$$\Phi(B) = 1 - \varphi_1 B - \dots - \varphi_p B^p$$

• $\pi(B^L) = 1 - \pi_1 B^L - \dots - \pi_p B^{PL}$
• $\Theta(B) = 1 + \theta_1 B^1 + \dots + \theta_p B^p$

•
$$\Psi(B^L) = 1 + \psi_1 B + \dots + \psi_q B^q$$

• $\Psi(B^L) = 1 + \psi_1 B^L + \dots + \psi_Q B^Q$

• MA homogeneous seasonal models

$$Y_t = \Theta(B)\Psi(B^L)\varepsilon_t \sim SARMA(0,q) \times (0,Q)_L.$$

• AR homogeneous seasonal models

$$\Phi(B)\pi(B^L)Y_t = \varepsilon_t \sim SARMA(p,0) \times (P,0)_L$$

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SARMA model as a special type of ARMA model

• Consider a simple example $SARMA(1,0) \times (1,0)_{12}$ model:

$$\Phi(B)\pi(B^{12})Y_t = \varepsilon_t$$

$$(1 - \varphi_1 B)(1 - \pi_1 B^{12})Y_t = \varepsilon_t$$

$$(1 - \varphi_1 B - \pi_1 B^{12} + \varphi_1 \pi_1 B^{13})Y_t = \varepsilon_t$$

$$Y_t - \varphi_1 Y_{t-1} - \pi_1 Y_{t-12} + \varphi_1 \pi_1 Y_{t-13} = \varepsilon_t$$

- We see that it is a special case of AR(13) model in which:
 - 10 coefficients are zero,
 - three remaining non-zero coefficients were created on two parameters:.

Relationship between SARMA and ARMA models

Model $SARMA(p,q) \times (P,Q)_L$ is actually ARMA(p + PL, QL + q) model with additional conditions on AR and MA coefficients.










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Estimation of moments

Let $\mathbf{Y} = (Y_1, \dots, Y_n)^T$ be a time series observed at equally-spaced time points t_1, \dots, t_n . We consider the problem of using these data to forecast Y_{n+1} at time t_{n+1} .



Without loss of generality, we can therefore assume that $t_i = i$.

Estimation of the second order moments

Suppose we have data Y_1, \ldots, Y_n from a stationary time series. We can estimate

Empirical Mean Estimator

$$\hat{Y} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{t=1}^{n} Y_t$$

Empirical Autocovariance Function Estimator

$$C_k = \widehat{\gamma}(k) = \frac{1}{n-k} \sum_{t=1}^{n-k} (Y_t - \bar{Y})(Y_{t+k} - \bar{Y})$$
 for $k = 0, 1, ..., n-1$

Empirical Autocorrelation Function Estimator

$$\widehat{\rho}(k) = rac{\widehat{\gamma}(k)}{\widehat{\gamma}(0)}$$

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Example with ACF estimates for AR(2)





Example with ACF estimates for AR(2)



Example with ACF estimates for AR(2) (cont.)



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Example with ACF estimates for AR(2) (cont.)



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Monte Carlo study for the 1000 replication



Monte Carlo study for the 1000 replication (cont. 1)



Monte Carlo study for the 1000 replication (cont. 2)



LA Pollution-Mortality Study: Total Mortality (weekly data)



LA Pollution-Mortality Study: Total Mortality

Spectral Density



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LA Pollution-Mortality Study: Total Mortality



LA Pollution-Mortality Study: Cardiovascular Mortality



LA Pollution-Mortality Study: Cardiovascular Mortality Spectral Density



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LA Pollution-Mortality Study: Cardiovascular Mortality



LA Pollution-Mortality Study: Temperature (weekly data)



LA Pollution-Mortality Study: Temperature

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LA Pollution-Mortality Study: Temperature



LA Pollution-Mortality Study: Relative Humidity



LA Pollution-Mortality Study: Relative Humidity

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LA Pollution-Mortality Study: Relative Humidity (weekly data)



LA Pollution-Mortality Study: Carbon Monoxide (weekly data)



LA Pollution-Mortality Study: Carbon Monoxide (weekly data)

Spectral Density



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LA Pollution-Mortality Study: Carbon Monoxide (weekly



LA Pollution-Mortality Study: Hydrocarbons



LA Pollution-Mortality Study: Hydrocarbons

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LA Pollution-Mortality Study: Hydrocarbons





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