

ECON30401: Time Series Econometrics

Lecture 2: ARMA(p,q) Processes & Stationarity

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Overview

Recap of Last Lecture

Time Series Process vs. Realisation

Defined Stationarity & White Noise

Introduced $AR(1)$, $MA(q)$, $ARMA(1,1)$ Processes

Derived ACF of $MA(q)$

Today's Lecture

Introduce $MA(\infty)$ Process & its importance

Derive Properties of AR(1)

Outline properties of ARMA(1,1) [Derivations in Exercise 2]

Introduce the Lag Operator and its use

Introduce ARMA(p,q) Models

Conditions for Stationarity in ARMA(p,q)

MA(∞) Process

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Condition for Stationarity of $MA(\infty)$

Y_t is $MA(\infty)$ then $\mathbb{E}[Y_t]$, $Var[Y_t]$, $Cov(Y_t, Y_{t-j})$ not a function of t .

If $Var[Y_t] < \infty$ then $MA(\infty)$ satisfies Stationarity Condition.

Definition: Squared Summability(SS)

$$\sum_{s=0}^{\infty} \theta_s^2 < \infty$$

Definition: Absolute Summability(AS)

$$\sum_{s=0}^{\infty} |\theta_s| < \infty$$

Stationary if $MA(\infty)$ coefficients Absolutely Summable

Theorem 2.1: Wold Decomposition

Any stationary process can be represented as $MA(\infty)$:

$$Y_t = \alpha + \sum_{s=0}^{\infty} \theta_s \varepsilon_{t-s}, \quad \theta_0 = 1 \quad \varepsilon_t \sim WN(\sigma^2)$$

for $\theta_1, \dots, \theta_{\infty}$ satisfying Square Summability

Derive mean, variance and ACF of any stationary process by finding its $MA(\infty)$ form and using [general formulas](#) for $MA(\infty)$.

We use this method for the stationary AR(1) Process

AR(1) Process

AR(1) Process $|\phi_1| < 1$

$$Y_t = \mu + \phi_1 Y_{t-1} + \varepsilon_t$$

$$= \mu + \mu\phi_1 + \phi_1^2 Y_{t-2} + \phi_1 \varepsilon_{t-1} + \varepsilon_t \quad (\text{Subst. } Y_{t-1} = \mu + \phi_1 Y_{t-2} + \varepsilon_{t-1})$$

$$= \mu + \mu\phi_1 + \mu\phi_1^2 + \phi_1^3 Y_{t-3} + \phi_1^2 \varepsilon_{t-2} + \phi_1 \varepsilon_{t-1} + \varepsilon_t \quad (\text{Subs. } Y_{t-2} = \mu + \phi_1 Y_{t-3} + \varepsilon_{t-2})$$

\vdots

$$= \mu + \mu\phi_1 + \dots + \mu\phi_1^j + \phi_1^{j+1} Y_{t-(j+1)} + \phi_1^j \varepsilon_{t-j} + \phi_1^{j-1} \varepsilon_{t-j+1} + \dots + \varepsilon_t$$

\vdots

$$= \frac{\mu}{1 - \phi_1} + \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \phi_1^j \varepsilon_{t-j} \quad \text{if } |\phi_1| < 1 \quad \phi_1^{j+1} Y_{t-(j+1)} \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } j \rightarrow \infty$$

MA(∞) Process where $\alpha = \frac{\mu}{1 - \phi_1}$ and $\theta_s = \phi_1^s$

AR(1): Mean & Variance

$$\text{MA}(\infty) \text{ form of stationary AR(1): } Y_t = \frac{\mu}{1-\phi_1} + \sum_{s=0}^{\infty} \phi_1^s \varepsilon_{t-s}$$

Mean

$$\mathbb{E}[Y_t] = \frac{\mu}{1-\phi_1}$$

Variance

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Var}(Y_t) &= \sigma^2 \sum_{s=0}^{\infty} \theta_s^2 \\ &= \sigma^2 \sum_{s=0}^{\infty} (\phi_1^s)^2 \\ &= \sigma^2 (1 + \phi_1^2 + \phi_1^4 + \dots) \\ &= \sigma^2 \frac{1}{1 - \phi_1^2} \quad \text{if } |\phi_1| < 1 \end{aligned}$$

AR(1): Autocovariance and Autocorrelation Function

Autocovariance Function

$$\gamma(k) = \sigma^2 \sum_{s=0}^{\infty} \theta_s \theta_{s+k}$$

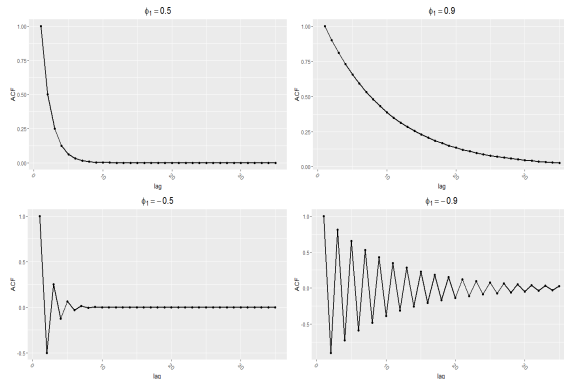
$$= \sigma^2 \sum_{s=0}^{\infty} \phi_1^s \phi_1^{s+k}$$

$$= \phi_1^k \sigma^2 \sum_{s=0}^{\infty} \phi_1^{2s}$$

$$= \phi_1^k \gamma(0) \quad k = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

Autocorrelation Function

$$\rho(k) = \phi_1^k$$



ARMA(1,1)

MA(∞) form of ARMA(1,1)

$$Y_t = \mu + \phi_1 Y_{t-1} + \eta_1 \varepsilon_{t-1} + \varepsilon_t$$

$$= \mu + \mu\phi_1 + \phi_1^2 Y_{t-2} + \phi_1 \eta_1 \varepsilon_{t-2} + (\phi_1 + \eta_1) \varepsilon_{t-1} + \varepsilon_t$$

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\vdots

$$= \frac{\mu}{1 - \phi_1} + (\eta_1 + \phi_1) \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \phi_1^{j-1} \varepsilon_{t-j} + \varepsilon_t$$

ARMA(1,1) stationary when $|\phi_1| < 1$

$$\mathbb{E}[Y_t] = \frac{\mu}{1 - \phi_1}$$

$$\text{Var}[Y_t] = \sigma^2 \frac{(1 + 2\phi_1\eta_1 + \eta_1^2)}{1 - \phi_1^2}$$

$$\gamma(k) = \begin{cases} \sigma^2(\phi_1 + \eta_1) \left[1 + \frac{(\phi_1 + \eta_1)}{1 - \phi_1^2} \right] & : k = 1 \\ \phi_1^{k-1} \gamma(1) & : k > 1 \end{cases}$$

ARMA(p,q) Process

Definition: Autoregressive Process of Order p (AR(p))

$$Y_t = \mu + \phi_1 Y_{t-1} + \dots + \phi_p Y_{t-p} + \varepsilon_t \quad \varepsilon_t \sim WN(\sigma^2)$$

Definition: Autoregressive Moving Average Process order (p,q)

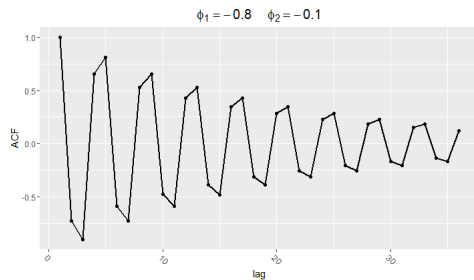
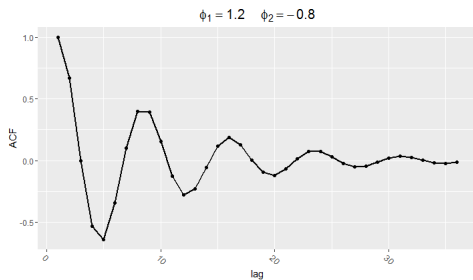
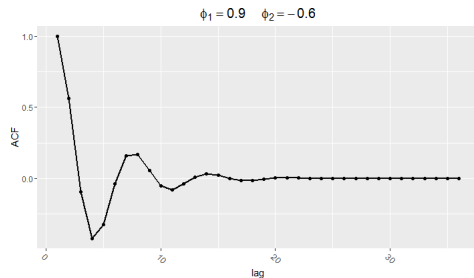
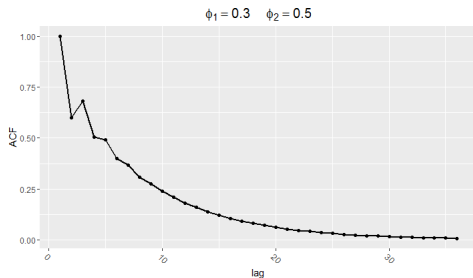
$$Y_t = \mu + \phi_1 Y_{t-1} + \dots + \phi_p Y_{t-p} + \varepsilon_t + \eta_1 \varepsilon_{t-1} + \dots + \eta_q \varepsilon_{t-q} \quad \varepsilon_t \sim WN(\sigma^2)$$

$p = 0$ is MA(q)

$q = 0$ is AR(p)

ARMA(p,q) general class of processes capable of modelling complex dynamics

Example ACF of AR(2)



Allows more complex correlation patterns relative to AR(1)

Stationarity ARMA(p,q) Processes

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Important Property: L 'behaves' like Polynomial

$$\begin{aligned}(1 - L)(1 + L)Y_t &= (1 - L)(Y_t + LY_t) \\ &= (1 - L)(Y_t + Y_{t-1}) \\ &= (Y_t + Y_{t-1}) - L(Y_t + Y_{t-1}) \\ &= (Y_t + Y_{t-1}) - Y_{t-1} - Y_{t-2} \\ &= Y_t - Y_{t-2}\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}(1 - L^2)Y_t &= Y_t - L^2Y_t \\ &= Y_t - Y_{t-2}\end{aligned}$$

Intuition for Stationarity Condition in AR(p) for p=2

$$Y_t = \mu + \phi_1 Y_{t-1} + \phi_2 Y_{t-2} + \varepsilon_t \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad (1 - \phi_1 L - \phi_2 L^2) Y_t = \mu + \varepsilon_t$$

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Require $|\lambda_1| < 1$ and $|\lambda_2| < 1$ for stationarity

Suppose not and $\lambda_2 = 1$

$$\begin{aligned} (1 - \lambda_1 L) Y_t &= (1 - L)^{-1} (\mu + \varepsilon_t) \\ &= (1 + L + L^2 + \dots) (\mu + \varepsilon_t) \\ &\rightarrow \infty \end{aligned}$$

Stationarity Condition in general AR(p)

$$Y_t = \mu + \phi_1 Y_{t-1} + \dots + \phi_p Y_{t-p} + \varepsilon_t \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad (1 - \phi_1 L - \dots - \phi_p L^p) Y_t = \alpha + \varepsilon_t$$

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$|\lambda_j| < 1$ for $j = \{1, \dots, p\}$ for Stationarity

Stationarity Condition for ARMA(p,q) Processes

$$Y_t = \mu + \phi_1 Y_{t-1} + \dots + \phi_p Y_{t-p} + \varepsilon_t + \eta_1 \varepsilon_{t-1} + \dots + \eta_q \varepsilon_{t-q}$$

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$MA(q)$ always stationary

Stationarity of $ARMA$ depends only on AR

Stationarity Condition for ARMA(p,q) same as for $AR(p)$

Recap & Moving on..

Discussed $MA(\infty)$ and its use

Derived properties of $AR(1)$

Conditions for stationarity of $ARMA(p,q)$ models

Sample autocorrelation function

Estimation of ARMA models

Model Selection & hypothesis testing

Model Specification (testing for serial correlation)

Reading: **Chapter 2** of notes and **Chapter 3** in prep for next lecture on Estimation.