

# ARMA processes

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**DEF** weakly stationary process  $(X_t)_{t \in \mathbb{Z}}$  is called ARMA(p,q) process if it satisfies ARMA difference equations

$$X_t - \varphi_1 X_{t-1} - \dots - \varphi_p X_{t-p} = Z_t + \vartheta_1 Z_{t-1} + \dots + \vartheta_q Z_{t-q}, \quad t \in \mathbb{Z}$$

for some real numbers  $\varphi_1, \dots, \varphi_p, \vartheta_1, \dots, \vartheta_q$  &  
 $Z_t \sim \mathcal{WN}(0, \sigma^2)$

For simplicity we typically set

$$Z_t \sim IID(0, \sigma^2)$$

ARMA equation can be written using the backward shift operator  $B$ ,

$$B^{-d} X_t = X_{t-d} \quad d \geq 0, t \in \mathbb{Z}$$

& polynomials

$$\varphi(z) = 1 - \varphi_1 z - \cdots - \varphi_p z^p$$

$$\psi(z) = 1 + \psi_1 z + \cdots + \psi_q z^q$$

EXAMPLE 1 (MA(2) process)

$$X_t = Z_t + \vartheta_1 Z_{t-1} + \vartheta_2 Z_{t-2}, \quad t \in \mathbb{Z}$$

$X_t$  is clearly stationary,

$$\ell(z) = 1 + \vartheta_1 z + \vartheta_2 z^2$$

EXAMPLE 2 (AR(p) process)

$$X_t = \ell_1 X_{t-1} + \cdots + \ell_p X_{t-p} + Z_t, \quad t \in \mathbb{Z}$$

Here

$$\ell(z) = 1 + \ell_1 z + \cdots + \ell_p z^p, \quad \eta(z) = 1.$$

But, it's not clear a priori that such a stationary process exist.  
We know for  $p=1$

$$\ell^0 = \ell_1 = (-1, 1)$$

stationary solution is

$$X_t = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \varphi_j z_{t-j}$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathbb{E} X_t = 0, \quad f_X(h) = e^{ih}$$

For  $|\ell| > 1$  stationary solution is not causal

$$X_t = \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \ell^{-j} Z_{t+j}$$

In both cases stationary AR(p) process exists  $\varepsilon$  is linear.

In general of ARMA(p,q) process has representation

$$X_t = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \psi_j Z_{t+j}$$

for  $(\psi_j)$  s.t.  $|\sum \psi_j| < \infty$  we say that  $(X_t)$  is causal (cf Ch. I)

Note that for two real sequences  
 $(a_n), (b_n)$  corresponding linear filter  
 can be composed if  
 $\sum |a_j|, \sum |b_j| < \infty$

Then power series

$$\begin{aligned} f(z) = a(2) b(z) &= \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} a_j z^j \\ &\text{converges absolutely for } |z| \leq 1 \\ \Rightarrow a(B) b(B) X_t &= f(B) X_t \\ &\quad (\text{from analogy}) \end{aligned}$$

THEOREM 1

Suppose polynomials  $\ell$  &  $\varphi$  have no common zeros in  $C$ , then

- i) if  $\ell(z) \neq 0$  for  $z \in C$ ,  $|z| = 1$   
then there exists a linear process  $(X_t)$  satisfying corresponding ARMA equations
- ii) process  $(X_t)$  in i) is causal  
if and only if  
 $\ell(z) \neq 0$  for  $|z| \leq 1$ ,  $z \in C$

In both i) & ii) coefficients in linear representation of  $(X_t)$  are determined by

$$\psi(z) = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \psi_j z^j = \frac{\eta(z)}{\ell(z)}, \quad |z| \leq 1.$$

Recall if

$$\psi(z) = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \psi_j z^j, \quad z \in \mathbb{C}, \quad \text{and } |z| \leq \varepsilon > 0$$

then the coefficients  $\psi_j$  are uniquely determined

Recall that if

$$z_t \sim WN(0, \sigma^2)$$

then

$$x_t = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \psi_j z_{t-j}$$

is weakly stationary ( $(\text{Ch T, Lemma 1})$ ) &

$$\gamma_X(h) = \sigma^2 \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} |\psi_j \psi_{j+h}|$$

$$\gamma_X(h) = \frac{\sum_{j=0}^{\infty} |\psi_j \psi_{j+h}|}{\sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \psi_j^2}$$

Theorem 1 characterizes ARMA equations which have a stationary solution since it holds that

### THEOREM 2

Suppose  $\ell$  has a zero on the sphere  $|z_1| = 1$  which is not a zero of  $\varphi$ , then corresponding ARMA equations have no stationary solution

### EXAMPLE 3 (ARMA(2,1) process)

Suppose

$$(1 - B + \frac{1}{4} B^2) X_t = (1 + B) Z_t$$

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$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{L}(z) &= 1 - z + \frac{1}{4} z^2, & \varphi(z) &= 1 + z \\ &= \left(1 - \frac{z}{2}\right)^2\end{aligned}$$

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By this there is a stationary linear  $\mathcal{L}$  causal solution of this ARMA equation

$$X_t = \psi(\beta) Z_t$$

$\psi(z) = \frac{\varphi(z)}{\ell(z)}$   $\Rightarrow$  coefficients of  $\varphi$   
can be calculated

e.g. by comparing coefficients of

$$\psi(z) \ell(z) = \varphi(z)$$

$$\sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \psi_j z^j (1 - z + \frac{1}{4} z^2) = 1 + z$$

$\Downarrow$

$$\begin{aligned} j=0 : \quad \psi_0 \cdot 1 &= 1 \\ j=1 : \quad \psi_1 - \psi_0 &= 1 \quad \Rightarrow \psi_1 = 2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} j \geq 2 : \quad \psi_j - \psi_{j-1} + \frac{1}{4} \psi_{j-2} &= 0 \quad \leftarrow \text{difference equation} \end{aligned}$$

General solution can be found as

$$\psi_n = (\alpha + n\beta) \cdot 2^n \quad n \geq 0$$

Using:  $\psi_0 = 1, \quad \psi_1 = 2$

$$\Rightarrow \alpha = 1, \quad \beta = 3 \quad \text{i.e.}$$

$$\psi_n = (1 + 3n) \cdot 2^n \quad n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

Ex(1) Show that ARMA(2,1) equations

$$(1 - \frac{1}{2}B)X_t = (1 + \frac{1}{2}B)(1 + 0.7B)Z_t$$

have causal weakly stationary solution.

Find coefficients in the linear representation

$$X_t = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \psi_j Z_{t-j}$$

DEF ARMA( $p, q$ ) process  $(X_t)$  is invertible if for some sequence  $(\pi_j)_{j \in \mathbb{N}_0}$ ,  $\sum |\pi_j| < \infty$

$$Z_t = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \pi_j X_{t-j}$$

THEOREM 3

Suppose  $(X_t)$  is weakly stationary ARMA process, s.t.  $\varphi$  &  $\psi$  have no common zeros. Then  $(X_t)$  is invertible  
 $\Leftrightarrow \psi(\varphi) \neq 0$  for  $|2| \leq 1$ ,  $2 \in C$

EXAMPLE 4

$X_t = Z_t + \frac{1}{2} Z_{t-2}$  is invertible

$X_t = Z_t - 1.01 Z_{t-1}$  is not invertible

FUNCTIONS  $\mathcal{Y}_t, \mathcal{G}_t$  &  $\alpha$  FOR ARMA PROCESSES

Assume  $(X_t)$  is causal ARMA process

$$\text{st. } \mathcal{L}(\beta) X_t = \alpha(\beta) Z_t \quad t \in \mathbb{Z}$$

$$\Rightarrow X_t = \sum_0^{\infty} \psi_j Z_{t-j}, \quad \sum_0^{\infty} |\psi_j| < \infty$$

$$\stackrel{\text{causal}}{\Rightarrow} E X_t = 0$$

$$\text{g } Y^{(h)} = E(X_t X_{t+h}) = \sigma^2 \sum_0^{\infty} \psi_j \psi_{j+h}$$

EXAMPLE 5

a) MA(q) process :  $X_t = Z_t + v_1 Z_{t-1} + \dots + v_q Z_{t-q}$

we showed  $\sigma^2 \sum_{j=0}^{q-1} v_j v_{j+1} \quad , \quad |v_i| < 1$

$$Y_X(h) = \begin{cases} \sigma^2 \sum_{j=0}^{q-1} v_j v_{j+h} & , \\ 0 & , \text{ otherwise} \end{cases}$$

b) ARMA(1,1) process

$$X_t - \ell X_{t-1} = Z_t + v Z_{t-1}$$

Suppose  $|\ell| < 1$  (P 12-13)

$$b) Y_X(0) = \sigma^2 \left( 1 + \frac{(v+\ell)^2}{1-\ell^2} \right)$$

$$Y_X(1) = \sigma^2 \left( v + \ell + \frac{(v+\ell)^2 \cdot \ell}{1-\ell^2} \right), \quad Y_X(h) = \ell^{h-1} Y_X(1)$$

$h \geq 2$

c) AR(2) process

$$X_t - \ell_1 X_{t-1} - \ell_2 X_{t-2} = Z_t$$

(in c)

$$\gamma(h) = \frac{\delta^2 \cdot r^4}{r^2 - 1} \cdot \frac{\sin(h\varphi + \psi)}{(r^4 - 2r^2 \cos 2\varphi + 1) \sin \varphi} \cdot r^{-h}$$

if  $\ell$  has zeros  $r e^{\pm i\varphi}$ ,  $\psi = \arctan\left(\frac{r^2 + 1}{r^2 - 1} \tan \varphi\right)$

To define partial autocorrelation function  
 $\alpha(h)$  we have used

$$\alpha(0) = 1, \quad \alpha(h) = \varphi_h^{(h)} \quad h \geq 1$$

where

$$\Gamma_h = \begin{pmatrix} \varphi_1^{(h)} \\ \vdots \\ \varphi_h^{(h)} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} y^{(1)} \\ \vdots \\ y^{(h)} \end{pmatrix}$$

So if  $\Gamma_h$  is regular matrix  $\varphi_h^{(h)}$  can be directly calculated.

We have seen that for  $A\epsilon(1)$  process

$$X_t = \ell X_{t-1} + Z_t, \quad |\ell| < 1$$

$$\alpha_X(h) = \begin{cases} \ell, & h = 1 \\ 0, & h \geq 2 \end{cases}$$

EXAMPLE 6 ( $AR(p)$  process)

$$\Rightarrow \alpha_X(p) = \ell_p$$

$$\alpha_X(h) = 0 \quad \text{for } h > p$$

## EXAMPLE 7 (MA(1) process)

$$X_t = Z_t + vZ_{t-1}$$

One can show

$$\alpha_X(h) = \mathcal{L}_h^{(h)} = \dots = \frac{-(-v)^h}{(1+v^2+\dots+v^{2h})}$$

which decays exponentially

↳ **DUALITY** of  $\text{AR}$  &  $\text{MA}$  processes !

By plotting sample versions of functions  $\hat{\alpha}$  &  $\hat{\beta}$  ie.  $\hat{\alpha}_1$  &  $\hat{\beta}_1$  we can get an idea about suitability of  $AR(p)$  &  $MA(q)$  processes for modeling of a given data set.

## ESTIMATION FOR ARMA PROCESSES

Suppose that for given observations

$$X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$$

we want to estimate a certain ARMA model. To select the model we can use graphs of  $\hat{e}^2$  &  $\hat{Z}$  or some called information criteria (to be mentioned later)

## YULE - WALKER ESTIMATORS

Suppose we have decided we want to fit  $AR(p)$  model

$$X_t - \ell_1 X_{t-1} - \dots - \ell_p X_{t-p} = \varepsilon_t \quad (*)$$

How do we estimate  $\ell_1, \dots, \ell_p$ ?

Idea multiply  $(*)$  with  $X_t, \dots, X_{t-p}$   
2 take expectation to obtain:

$$\text{e.g. } \mathbb{E} X_t^2 - \ell_1 \mathbb{E} X_t X_{t-1} - \cdots - \ell_p \mathbb{E} X_t X_{t-p} = \mathbb{E} X_t^2$$

Show  $\mathbb{E} X_t^2 = \sigma^2$  ( $\ell_0, \ell_1, \dots, \ell_p$ ) to get

$$\begin{aligned} y^{(0)} - \ell_1 y^{(1)} - \cdots - \ell_p y^{(p)} &= \sigma^2 \\ y^{(1)} - \ell_1 y^{(0)} - \cdots - \ell_p y^{(p-1)} &= 0 \\ \vdots \\ y^{(p)} - \ell_1 y^{(p-1)} - \cdots - \ell_p y^{(0)} &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

That is

$$\begin{aligned} \Gamma_p \begin{pmatrix} \ell_0 \\ \ell_1 \\ \vdots \\ \ell_p \end{pmatrix} &= \begin{pmatrix} y^{(0)} \\ y^{(1)} \\ \vdots \\ y^{(p)} \end{pmatrix} \\ \text{2} \quad y^{(0)} - (\ell_1 \dots \ell_p) \begin{pmatrix} y^{(0)} \\ y^{(1)} \\ \vdots \\ y^{(p)} \end{pmatrix} &= \sigma^2 \end{aligned}$$

These equations motivate so called

Yule-Walker equations

$$\hat{\Gamma}_P \begin{pmatrix} \hat{\epsilon}_1 \\ \vdots \\ \hat{\epsilon}_p \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \hat{y}^{(1)} \\ \vdots \\ \hat{y}^{(p)} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\hat{\sigma}^2 = \hat{y}^{(0)} - (\hat{\epsilon}_1 \cdots \hat{\epsilon}_p) \begin{pmatrix} \hat{y}^{(1)} \\ \vdots \\ \hat{y}^{(p)} \end{pmatrix}$$

One can show that if

$$\hat{y}(0) > 0 \Rightarrow \hat{\Gamma}_P \text{ is non singular}$$

& y-W equations have unique solution

REMARK In practice these equations are solved using some efficient algorithms (e.g. Durbin - Levinson / Innovations). Our cell phones solve one such equation every 10 ms during the call (cf. Durbin)

## EXAMPLE 8

(Y-W estimators in AR(1) case)

$$\begin{aligned}
 X_t &= \ell X_{t-1} + \varepsilon_t, \quad |\ell| < 1 \\
 \hat{\gamma}^2 &= \hat{\gamma}^{(0)} - \hat{\ell} \hat{\gamma}^{(1)} \quad \& \quad 0 = \hat{\gamma}^{(1)} - \hat{\ell} \hat{\gamma}^{(0)} \\
 \Rightarrow \hat{\gamma} &= \frac{\hat{\gamma}^{(1)}}{\hat{\gamma}^{(0)}} = \hat{\gamma}^{(1)} \quad \& \quad \hat{\sigma}^2 = \hat{\gamma}^{(0)} (1 - \hat{\gamma}^2)
 \end{aligned}$$

ExE 2) Show that estimators of  $\sigma^2$  &  $\ell$  are consistent in this case if  $(\varepsilon_t) \sim \text{IID}(0, \sigma^2)$ .

Remark By construction  $\hat{\gamma}_k$ -estimators belong to class of moment estimators

One can show (see Brockwell & Davis) that for AR( $p$ ) process with iid noise

(2+)

$$\sqrt{n} \left[ \begin{pmatrix} \hat{\ell}_1 \\ \vdots \\ \hat{\ell}_p \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} \ell_1 \\ \vdots \\ \ell_p \end{pmatrix} \right] \xrightarrow{d} N(0, \sigma^2 \Gamma_p^{-1})$$

which can be used to obtain confidence intervals for  $\ell_i$ ; moreover  $\hat{\sigma}^2 \xrightarrow{P} \sigma^2$ .

## GAUSSIAN MAXIMUM LIKELIHOOD

Yule-Walker is suited for AR( $P$ ) model,  
but there are methods which can  
estimate parameters of general  
ARMA( $P, q$ ) process.

One of them is derived under  
assumptions:

$(X_t)$  is Gaussian, invertible & causal  
 $(Z_t) \sim \text{IID}, N(0, \sigma^2)$

For a given vectors of observations

$$\vec{X}_n = \begin{pmatrix} X_1 \\ \vdots \\ X_n \end{pmatrix}$$

& parameters  $\vec{\beta} = \begin{pmatrix} \beta_1 \\ \vdots \\ \beta_p \end{pmatrix}, \vec{v} = \begin{pmatrix} v_1 \\ \vdots \\ v_L \end{pmatrix}$

we maximize likelihood w.r.t.  $(\vec{\beta}, \vec{v}, \sigma^2) = f(\beta, \sigma^2)$

$$L(\beta, \sigma^2) = L(\Gamma_n(\beta, \sigma^2)) =$$

$$(2\pi)^{-n} \cdot (\det \Gamma_n)^{-1} \cdot \exp \left\{ -\frac{1}{2} \vec{X}_n^\top \Gamma_n^{-1} \vec{X}_n \right\}$$

- In practice MLE is found by numerical optimization, such as estimator  $\hat{\beta}_n$  of  $\beta$  is called Gaussian MLE.
- It works even when data are not Gaussian (cf. Brockwell & Davis) reasonably well.

One can show that for causal, invertible, Gaussian time series  $(X_t)$  with iid noise

$$\sqrt{n} \left[ \begin{pmatrix} \hat{\varphi}_1 \\ \vdots \\ \hat{\varphi}_q \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} e_1 \\ \vdots \\ v_1 \end{pmatrix} \right] = \sqrt{n} \left( \hat{\beta}_n - \beta_0 \right) \xrightarrow{d} N(\sigma, W(\beta_0))$$

## MODEL SELECTION

There are several information criterion  
that can be used to select the  
"correct order" of the ARMA model.  
They all attempt to penalize overfitting  
Thus if  $RSS_k$  denotes the residual  
sum of squares under the model with  
 $k$  parameters, we define

$$\hat{\sigma}^2 = \frac{RSS_k}{n}$$

The earliest methods of order selection are due to Akaike (1969, '73, '74). They chose the model which minimizes appropriate information criteria

① Akaike information criterion (AIC)

$$AIC = \ln \hat{\sigma}_k^2 + \underbrace{\frac{n+2k}{n}}_{\text{penalty}}$$

Other penalties are possible

② Corrected AIC (AICC)

$$AICC = \ln \hat{\sigma}^2_k + \frac{n+k}{n-k-2}$$

③ Bayesian (Schwarz's) inf. criterion (BIC)

$$BIC = \ln \hat{\sigma}^2_k + \frac{k \cdot \ln n}{n}$$

see (Shumway & Stoffer or Brockwell & Davis)