

STATS 207: Time Series Analysis

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Lecture 7: ARMA/ARIMA Modelling

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- Homework assignment 1 is due today.
- Late submission policy: -20pt for each late submission day up to three late submission days.
- Homework assignment 2 will be out shortly. Due Monday 10/19/2020.
- Guest lecture next week: David Donoho.

FORECASTING

ESTIMATING **ARMA** PARAMETERS

Forecasting

- We seek for the **best linear predictor** of x_{n+m} based on x_1, \dots, x_n

$$x_{n+m}^{n,*} = \sum_{k=1}^n \alpha_{n+m,k}^{n,*} x_k = \boldsymbol{\alpha}_{n+1}^{\prime n,*} \mathbf{x}.$$

- The **vector of optimal weights** satisfies

$$\boldsymbol{\alpha}_{n+1}^{n,*} = \boldsymbol{\Gamma}_n^{-1} \boldsymbol{\gamma}_{n+m}^n.$$

Forecasting III – Under Stationarity

- If x_t is stationary

$$(\Gamma_n)_{ij} = \mathbb{E}[x_i x_j] = \gamma_x(i - j), \quad (\text{Toeplitz, non-negative definite})$$

$$(\gamma_{n+m}^n)_k = \mathbb{E}[x_{n+m} x_k] = \gamma_x(n + m - k).$$

- **Example:** One-step ahead prediction

$$\Gamma_n \alpha_{n+1}^{n,*} = \gamma_{n+1}^n.$$

Prediction error satisfies

$$P_{n+1}^n \equiv \mathbb{E}[(x_{n+1} - x_{n+1}^1)^2] = \gamma_x(0) - \gamma_{n+1}^n \Gamma_n^{-1} \gamma_{n+1}^n$$

Proof:

$$\begin{aligned} P_{n+1}^n &= \mathbb{E}[(x_{n+1} - \alpha_{n+1}^{n,*} x)^2] = \mathbb{E}[(x_{n+1} - \gamma_{n+1}^n \Gamma_n^{-1} x)^2] \\ &= \mathbb{E}[x_{n+1}^2 - 2\gamma_{n+1}^n \Gamma_n^{-1} x x_{n+1} + \gamma_{n+1}^n \Gamma_n^{-1} x x' \Gamma_n^{-1} \gamma_{n+1}^n] \\ &= \gamma(0) - 2\gamma_{n+1}^n \Gamma_n^{-1} \gamma_{n+1}^n + \gamma_{n+1}^n \Gamma_n^{-1} \Gamma_n \Gamma_n^{-1} \gamma_{n+1}^n \\ &= \gamma(0) - \gamma_{n+1}^n \Gamma_n^{-1} \gamma_{n+1}^n. \end{aligned}$$

- The **Durbin-Levinson Algorithm** (Property 3.2) solves $\alpha_{n+1}^{n,*}$ and P_{n+1}^n recursively.

One-Step Ahead Forecasting for $\text{AR}(p)$

- **Example 3.19:** One-step ahead forecasting with causal $\text{AR}(2)$:

$$x_t = \phi_1 x_{t-1} + \phi_2 x_{t-2} + w_t$$

- Based on x_1, x_2, \dots

$$\alpha_{n+1,n}^{n,*} = \Gamma_n^{-1} \gamma_{n+1}^n,$$

$$\alpha_{n+1,n}^{n,*} = \phi_1, \quad \alpha_{n+1,n-1}^{n,*} = \phi_2, \quad \alpha_{n+1,k}^{n,*} = 0, \quad k \geq n-2.$$

- Obvious generalization to $\text{AR}(p)$.
- Asymptotic relation to π weights

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \alpha_{n+1,n-k}^{n,*} = -\pi_k, \quad k = 1, 2, \dots, n$$

m -step Ahead Forecasting

- m -step ahead prediction error satisfies

$$P_{n+m}^n \equiv \mathbb{E} [(x_{n+m} - x_{n+m}^n)^2] = \gamma(0) - \gamma'_{n+m} \Gamma_n \gamma_{n+m}^n.$$

- **Prediction intervals:**

$$x_{n+m}^n \pm c_{\alpha/2} \sqrt{P_{n+m}^n}, \quad \Pr(|w_t| \geq c_{\alpha/2}) \leq \alpha$$

(need adjustment for multiple testing to get PI for more than one time period).

- **Example:** For **AR(1)** we have

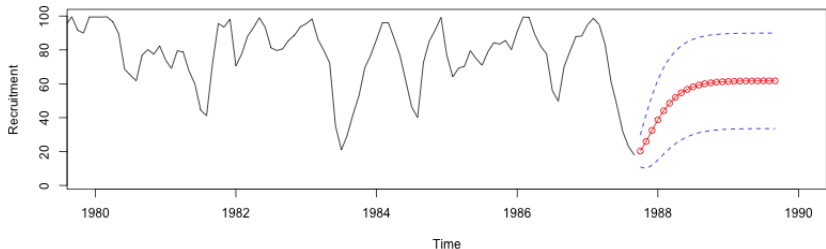
$$P_{n+1}^n = \sigma_w^2.$$

- **Example:** Long-range prediction

$$\lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} P_{n+m}^n = \gamma_x(0).$$

Forecasting – Example 3.26

```
regr = ar.ols(rec, order=2, demean=FALSE, intercept=TRUE)
fore = predict(regr, n.ahead=24)
ts.plot(rec, fore$pred, col=1:2, xlim=c(1980,1990), ylab="Recruitment")
lines(fore$pred, type="p", col=2)
lines(fore$pred+fore$se, lty="dashed", col=4)
lines(fore$pred-fore$se, lty="dashed", col=4)
```



Estimating ARMA parameters

Estimation – Motivation

- For an **ARMA**(p, q) model with **all parameters given**, we know:
 - Theoretical properties (invertibility, causality).
 - Description of second moments (ACF and PACF).
 - Predict future observations.

- Next:
 - **Estimate ARMA**(p, q) **parameters** given p and q under invertibility and causality assumptions.
 - Later: How to find p and q ?
 - Later: Is **ARMA** even a good model?

Three techniques:

1. Method of moments (MoM) and Yule-Walker estimates
2. Conditional Least Squares (C-LS)
3. Maximum Likelihood (ML)

- Use

$$\hat{\mu} = \bar{x} \equiv \frac{1}{n} \sum_{j=1}^n x_j.$$

- **Theorem A.5:** If x_t is a linear process and $\sum_j \psi_j \neq 0$, then

$$\sqrt{n}(\bar{x}_n - \mu) \xrightarrow{d} \mathcal{N}(0, V), \quad V = \sum_{h=-\infty}^{\infty} \gamma_x(h) = \sigma_w^2 \left(\sum_{j=-\infty}^{\infty} \psi_j \right)^2.$$

- Henceforth assume $\mu = 0$.

MoM II: Estimating AR(p) Parameters Yule-Walker Equations

- **Definition:** The **Yule-Walker equations** are

$$\begin{aligned}\gamma(h) &= \phi_1\gamma(h-1) + \dots + \phi_p\gamma(h-p), & h = 1, 2, \dots, p, \\ \sigma_w^2 &= \gamma(0) - \phi_1\gamma(1) - \dots - \phi_p\gamma(p).\end{aligned}$$

- In matrix notation

$$\Gamma_p \phi = \gamma_p, \quad \sigma_w^2 = \gamma(0) - \phi' \gamma_p,$$

$$\Gamma_p = \{\gamma(k-j)\}_{j,k=1}^p, \quad \phi = (\phi_1, \dots, \phi_p), \quad \gamma_p = (\gamma(1), \dots, \gamma(p))'$$

- **Method of moments** estimation (Yule-Walker estimators): Solve

$$\hat{\phi} = \hat{\Gamma}_p^{-1} \hat{\gamma}_p, \quad \hat{\sigma}_w^2 = \hat{\gamma}(0) - \hat{\gamma}_p' \hat{\Gamma}_p^{-1} \hat{\gamma}_p.$$

where

$$\hat{\Gamma}_p = \{\hat{\gamma}(k-j)\}_{j,k=1}^p, \quad \hat{\gamma}_p = (\hat{\gamma}(1), \dots, \hat{\gamma}(p))'.$$

- We can calculate $\hat{\phi}$ without inverting $\hat{\Gamma}_p$ using the **Durbin-Levinson algorithm**.

- **Property 3.8:** For a causal **AR**(p) process, as $n \rightarrow \infty$,

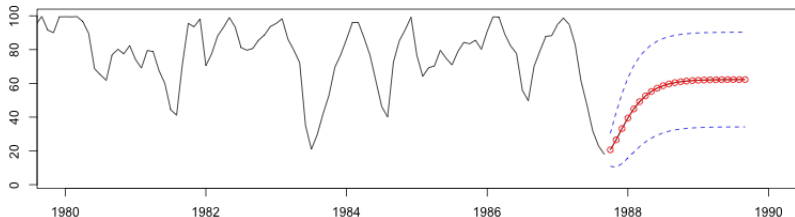
$$\sqrt{n}(\hat{\phi} - \phi) \xrightarrow{d} \mathcal{N}(0, \sigma_w^2 \mathbf{\Gamma}_p^{-1}), \quad \hat{\sigma}_w^2 \xrightarrow{P} \sigma_w^2.$$

YW Estimation of the Recruitment Series

```
rec.yw = ar.yw(rec, order=2)
rec.yw$x.mean # = 62.26278 (mean estimate)
rec.yw$ar     # = 1.3315874, -.4445447 (parameter estimates)
sqrt(diag(rec.yw$asy.var.coef)) # = .04222637, .04222637 (standard errors)
rec.yw$var.pred # = 94.79912 (error variance estimate)
```

Predicting using estimated **AR(2)** parameters:

```
rec.pr = predict(rec.yw, n.ahead=24)
U = rec.pr$pred + rec.pr$se
L = rec.pr$pred - rec.pr$se
minx = min(rec,L); maxx = max(rec,U)
ts.plot(rec, rec.pr$pred, xlim=c(1980,1990), ylim=c(minx,maxx))
lines(rec.pr$pred, col="red", type="o")
lines(U, col="blue", lty="dashed")
lines(L, col="blue", lty="dashed")
```



MoM III: Method of Moments Estimation for MA(1)

Example 3.29:

- Consider

$$x_t = w_t + \theta w_{t-1}, \quad |\theta| < 1.$$

- Recall $\gamma_x(0) = \sigma_w^2(1 + \theta^2)$ and $\gamma_x(1) = \sigma_w^2\theta$. An estimator $\hat{\theta}$ for θ is obtained from

$$\hat{\rho}_x(1) = \frac{\hat{\gamma}_x(1)}{\hat{\gamma}_x(0)} = \frac{\hat{\theta}}{1 + \hat{\theta}^2}.$$

Two solutions exist. **We pick the invertible one.**

- If $|\hat{\rho}_x(1)| \leq 1/2$,

$$\hat{\theta} = \frac{1 - \sqrt{1 - 4\hat{\rho}_x(1)^2}}{2\hat{\rho}_x(1)}$$

and (using the Delta Method)

$$\sqrt{n}(\hat{\theta} - \theta) \xrightarrow{d} \mathcal{N}\left(0, \frac{1 + \theta^2 + 4\theta^4 + \theta^6 + \theta^8}{(1 - \theta^2)^2}\right).$$

- If $|\hat{\rho}_x(1)| > 1/2$, **a real solution does not exist.**
- Later:** The ML estimator has a better large sample behavior.

- **Definition: Maximum Likelihood (ML) Estimator**

1. Write likelihood function in terms of model parameters

$$L(\phi_1, \dots, \phi_p, \theta_1, \dots, \theta_q, \sigma_w^2) = L(x_1, \dots, x_n; \phi_1, \dots, \phi_p, \theta_1, \dots, \theta_q, \sigma_w^2)$$

2. Solve

$$\hat{\phi}_1, \dots, \hat{\phi}_p, \hat{\theta}_1, \hat{\theta}_q, \hat{\sigma}_w^2 \equiv \operatorname{argmin} L(\phi_1, \dots, \phi_p, \theta_1, \dots, \theta_q, \sigma_w^2).$$

Example: (conditional) ML Estimation of AR(1)

$$x_t = \phi x_{t-1} + w_t, \quad |\phi| < 1, \quad w_t \stackrel{iid}{\sim} \mathcal{N}(0, \sigma_w^2).$$

- Likelihood function (conditioned on x_1)

$$L(\phi, \sigma_w^2) = f(x_1, \dots, x_n; \phi, \sigma_w^2) = \prod_{j=2}^n f(x_j | x_{j-1}; \phi, \sigma_w^2),$$

where

$$f(x_j | x_{j-1}; \phi, \sigma_w^2) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma_w^2}} \exp \left\{ - (x_j - \phi x_{j-1})^2 / \sigma_w^2 \right\}, \quad j = 2, \dots, n$$

- ML estimate

$$\hat{\phi} = \operatorname{argmin}_{\phi < 1} S_c(\phi; \mathbf{x}_1), \quad \hat{\sigma}_w^2 = S_c(\hat{\phi}; \mathbf{x}_1) / (n - 1),$$

where

$$S_c(\phi; \mathbf{x}_1) \equiv \sum_{j=2}^n (x_j - \phi x_{j-1})^2.$$

Conditional LS Estimate

- **Definition:** Conditional Least Squares Estimator for **ARMA**(p, q)

1. Set $\hat{w}_t = 0$ for $t \leq p$.
2. Write **LS objective**

$$\hat{w}_t = x_t - \phi_1 x_{t-1} - \dots - \phi_p x_{t-p} - \theta_1 \hat{w}_{t-1} - \dots - \theta_q \hat{w}_{t-q}, \quad t = p+1, \dots, n.$$

$$S_c(\phi_1, \dots, \phi_p, \theta_1, \dots, \theta_q) \equiv \sum_{t=p+1}^n \hat{w}_t^2.$$

3. Solve linear regression

$$\hat{\phi}_1, \dots, \hat{\phi}_p, \hat{\theta}_1, \dots, \hat{\theta}_q = \operatorname{argmin} S_c(\phi_1, \dots, \phi_p, \theta_1, \dots, \theta_q).$$

4. Set

$$\hat{\sigma}_w^2 \equiv \frac{1}{n-p-q} S_c(\hat{\phi}_1, \dots, \hat{\phi}_p, \hat{\theta}_1, \dots, \hat{\theta}_q)$$

- For **AR**(1), C-LS is almost identical to ML.

Example: Fitting AR(2) to Recruitment

Example 3.31

```
rec.mle = ar.mle(rec, order=2) rec.mle$x.mean  
rec.mle$ar  
sqrt(diag(rec.mle$asy.var.coef))  
rec.mle$var.pred
```

```
62.2615261054892  
1.35128085590502 -0.461273619173842  
0.0409915944162095 0.0409915944162095  
89.3359654276631
```

Compare with YW equations (Example 3.28):

```
rec.yw = ar.yw(rec, order=2)  
rec.yw$x.mean  
rec.yw$ar  
sqrt(diag(rec.yw$asy.var.coef))  
rec.yw$var.pred
```

```
62.2627816777042  
1.33158738866791 -0.444544697634474  
0.0422263743755033 0.0422263743755033  
94.7991188417802
```

Fitting AR(2) to Recruitment (cont'd)

Compare with C-LS (Example 3.18):

```
fit <- ar.ols(rec , order=2, demean=TRUE , intercept=TRUE)
fit$x.mean
fit$ar
fit$asy.se.coef$ar
fit$var.pred
```

```
62.2627816777042
1.35406847266143 -0.46317843167489
0.041789006654309 0.0418794219793695
89.71705
```

Large Sample Distribution

Property 3.10: Consider a causal invertible **ARMA**(p, q) process. Denote

$$\beta = (\phi_1, \dots, \phi_p, \theta_1, \dots, \theta_q).$$

Under appropriate conditions, C-LS estimate and ML estimate, all provide **asymptotically optimal** estimates $\hat{\beta}$ of β and $\hat{\sigma}_w^2$ of σ_w^2 . In particular

$$\sqrt{n} \left(\hat{\beta} - \beta \right) \xrightarrow{d} \mathcal{N} \left(0, \sigma_w^2 \Gamma_{p,q}^{-1} \right), \quad \Gamma_{p,q} \equiv \begin{pmatrix} \Gamma_{\phi\phi} & \Gamma_{\phi\theta} \\ \Gamma_{\theta\phi} & \Gamma_{\theta\theta} \end{pmatrix},$$

Where:

- $\Gamma_{\phi\phi} \equiv \{\gamma_x(i-j)\}_{i,j=1}^p$ where $\gamma_x(h)$ is the autocovariance of **AR**(p)
 $\phi(B)x_t = w_t$
- $\Gamma_{\theta\theta} \equiv \{\gamma_y(i-j)\}_{i,j=1}^q$ where $\gamma_y(h)$ is the autocovariance of **MA**(q)
 $y_t = \theta(B)w_t$.
- $\Gamma_{\phi\theta} \equiv \{\gamma_{xy}(i-j)\}_{i,j=1}^{p,q}$ where $\gamma_{xy}(h)$ is the crosscovariance of x_t and y_t .
- $\Gamma_{\theta\phi} = \Gamma'_{\phi\theta}$.

Specific Asymptotic Distributions

- **AR(1):**

$$\sqrt{n}(\hat{\phi} - \phi) \xrightarrow{d} \mathcal{N}(0, 1 - \phi^2).$$

- **AR(2):**

$$\sqrt{n} \left(\begin{pmatrix} \hat{\phi}_1 \\ \hat{\phi}_2 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} \phi_1 \\ \phi_2 \end{pmatrix} \right) \xrightarrow{d} \mathcal{N} \left(0, \begin{pmatrix} 1 - \phi_2^2 & -\phi_1(1 + \phi_2) \\ -\phi_1(1 + \phi_2) & 1 - \phi_2^2 \end{pmatrix} \right)$$

- **MA(1):**

$$\sqrt{n}(\hat{\theta} - \theta) \xrightarrow{d} \mathcal{N}(0, 1 - \theta^2)$$

- **ARMA(1, 1):**

$$\sqrt{n} \left(\begin{pmatrix} \hat{\phi} \\ \hat{\theta} \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} \phi \\ \theta \end{pmatrix} \right) \xrightarrow{d} \mathcal{N} \left(0, \begin{pmatrix} (1 - \phi^2)^{-1} & (1 + \phi\theta)^{-1} \\ (1 + \phi\theta)^{-1} & (1 - \theta^2)^{-1} \end{pmatrix}^{-1} \right)$$

Note: Variance inflation due to fitting **AR(2)** to **AR(1)**.

Recap

- **ARMA**(p, q) is a useful model for **stationary processes**.
- We can express **ACF** and **optimal linear m -step forecast** in terms of model's parameters.
- We can **fit ARMA**(p, q) **to data** using several techniques. All techniques lead to asymptotically normal estimators.

Next:

- Extensions (ARIMA, SARIMA)
- How to select p and q ?
- Is **ARMA** a good model for my data?