Lecture 8

AR, MA, and ARMA Models

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What are the properities of $AR(p)$,

1. Expected value?
2. Autocovariance / autocorrelation?
3. Stationarity conditions?

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$$\begin{aligned} L^2 y_t &= L\,(L\,y_t) \\ &= L\,y_{t-1} \\ &= y_{t-2} \end{aligned}$$

therefore,

$$L^k\,y_t = y_{t-k}$$

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This polynomial of lags

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\phi_p(L) = (1 - \phi_1\, L - \phi_2\, L^2 - \cdots - \phi_p\, L^p)
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is called the characteristic polynomial of the AR process.

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If we define $\lambda = 1/L$ then we can rewrite the characteristic polynomial as

$$(\lambda^p - \phi_1 \lambda^{p-1} - \phi_2 \lambda^{p-2} - \cdots - \phi_{p-1} \lambda - \phi_p)$$

then as a corollary of our claim the $AR(p)$ process is stationary if the roots of this new polynomial are *inside* the complex unit circle (i.e. $|\lambda| < 1$).

Example AR(1)

Example AR(2)

AR(2) Stationarity Conditions

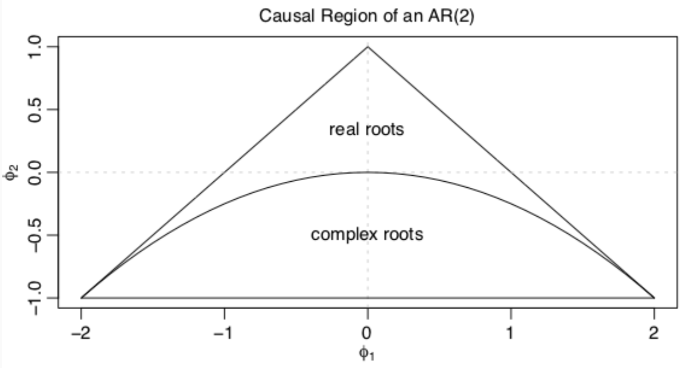

Fig. 3.3. *Causal region for an AR(2) in terms of the parameters.*

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Proof Sketch

We can rewrite the $AR(p)$ model into an $AR(1)$ form using matrix notation

$$\begin{aligned} y_t &= \delta + \phi_1\, y_{t-1} + \phi_2\, y_{t-2} + \cdots + \phi_p\, y_{t-p} + w_t \\ \boldsymbol{\xi}_t &= \boldsymbol{\delta} + \mathbf{F}\, \boldsymbol{\xi}_{t-1} + \mathbf{w}_t \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}
\begin{bmatrix} y_t \\ y_{t-1} \\ y_{t-2} \\ \vdots \\ y_{t-p+1} \end{bmatrix} &= \begin{bmatrix} \delta \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} \phi_1 & \phi_2 & \phi_3 & \cdots & \phi_{p-1} & \phi_p \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & \cdots & 0 & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \cdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \cdots & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} y_{t-1} \\ y_{t-2} \\ y_{t-3} \\ \vdots \\ y_{t-p} \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} w_t \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \\
&= \begin{bmatrix} \delta + w_t + \sum_{i=1}^{p} \phi_i\, y_{t-i} \\ y_{t-1} \\ y_{t-2} \\ \vdots \\ y_{t-p+1} \end{bmatrix}
\end{aligned}$$

Proof sketch (cont.)

So just like the original $AR(1)$ we can expand out the autoregressive equation

$$\begin{aligned}\boldsymbol{\xi}_t &= \boldsymbol{\delta} + \mathbf{w}_t + \mathbf{F}\,\boldsymbol{\xi}_{t-1} \\ &= \boldsymbol{\delta} + \mathbf{w}_t + \mathbf{F}\left(\boldsymbol{\delta} + \mathbf{w}_{t-1}\right) + \mathbf{F}^2\left(\boldsymbol{\delta} + \mathbf{w}_{t-2}\right) + \cdots \\ &\qquad + \mathbf{F}^{t-1}\left(\boldsymbol{\delta} + \mathbf{w}_1\right) + \mathbf{F}^t\left(\boldsymbol{\delta} + \mathbf{w}_0\right) \\ &= (\sum_{i=0}^{t} F^i)\boldsymbol{\delta} + \sum_{i=0}^{t} F^i\, w_{t-i}\end{aligned}$$

and therefore we need $\lim_{t\to\infty} F^t \to 0$.

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Using this property we can rewrite our equation from the previous slide as

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$$\mathbf{\Lambda}^i = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1^i & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_2^i & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & \lambda_p^i \end{bmatrix}$$

Therefore,

$$\lim_{t \to \infty} F^t \to 0$$

when

$$\lim_{t \to \infty} \Lambda^t \to 0$$

which requires that

$$|\lambda_i| < 1 \quad \text{for all } i$$

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which if we multiply by $1/\lambda^p$ where $L = 1/\lambda$ gives

$$1 - \phi_1\,L - \phi_2\,L^2 - \cdots - \phi_{p_1}\,L^{p-1} - \phi_p\,L^p = 0$$

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$$E(Y_t) = \frac{\delta}{1 - \phi_1 - \phi_2 - \cdots - \phi_p}$$

$$\begin{aligned} Var(y_t) = \gamma(0) &= \phi_1\gamma(1) + \phi_2\gamma(2) + ... + \phi_p\gamma(p) + \sigma_w^2 \\ \gamma(h) &= \phi_1\gamma(h-1) + \phi_2\gamma(h-2) + ... + \phi_p\gamma(h-p) \end{aligned}$$

$$\rho(h) = \phi_1\,\rho(h-1) + \phi_2\,\rho(h-2) + ... + \phi_p\,\rho(h-p)$$

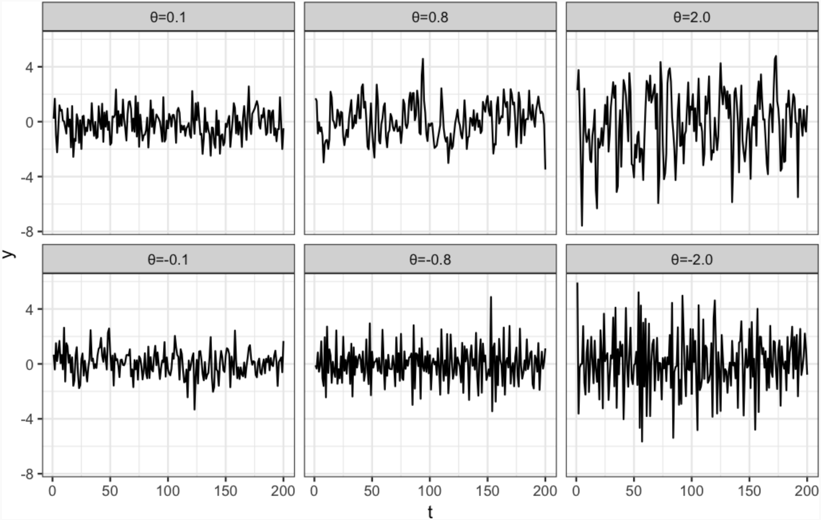
Moving Average (MA) Processes

A moving average process is similar to an AR process, except that the autoregression is on the error term.

$$MA(1): \qquad y_t = \delta + w_t + \theta\, w_{t-1}$$

Properties:

Time series



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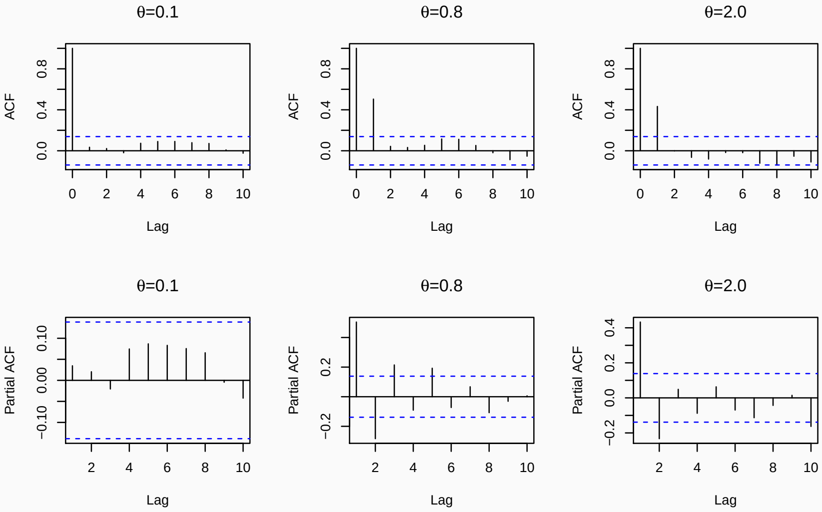


MA(q)

$$MA(q): \qquad y_t = \delta + w_t + \theta_1 \, w_{t-1} + \theta_2 \, w_{t-2} + \cdots + \theta_q \, w_{t-q}$$

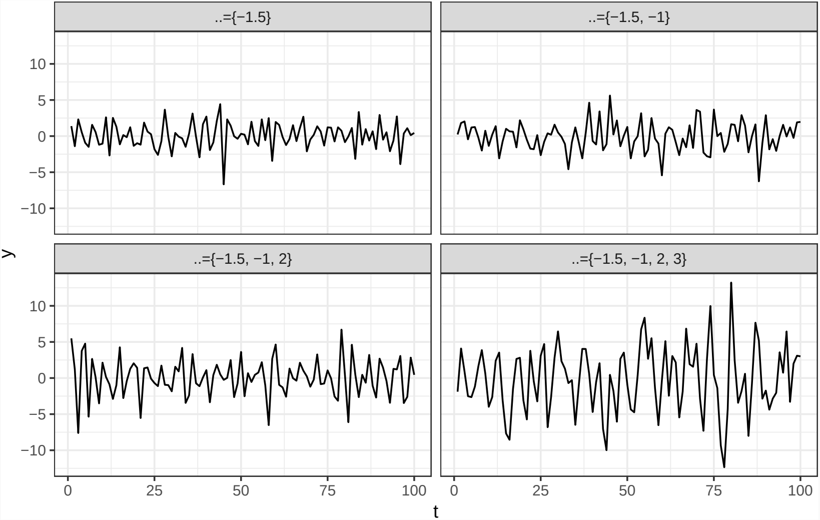
Properties:

$$E(y_t) = \delta$$

$$\gamma(0) = (1 + \theta_1^2 + \theta_2^2 + \cdots + \theta_q^2) \, \sigma_w^2$$

$$\gamma(h) = \begin{cases} -\theta_k + \theta_1\theta_{k+1} + \theta_2\theta_{k+2} + \cdots + \theta_{q+k}\theta_q & \text{if } |k| \in \{1, \dots, q\} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Example series



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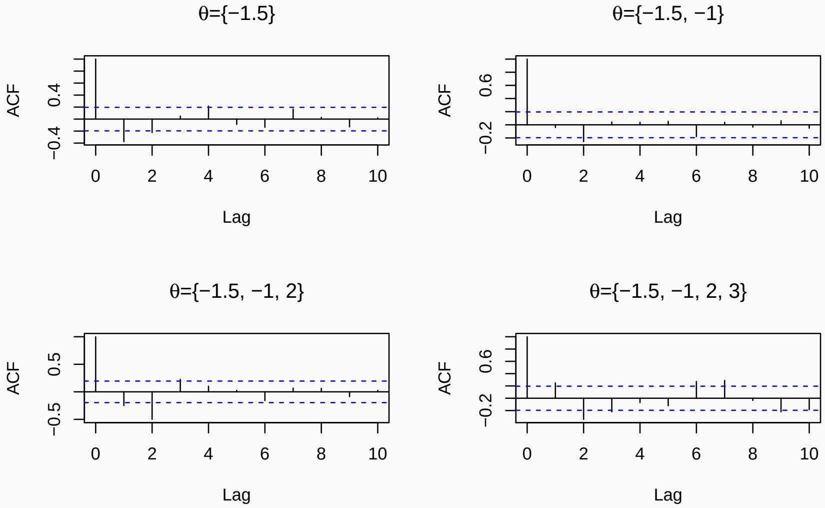

ARMA Model

An ARMA model is a composite of AR and MA processes,

$ARMA(p, q)$:

$$y_t = \delta + \phi_1 \, y_{t-1} + \cdots \phi_p \, y_{t-p} + w_t + \theta_1 w_{t-1} + \cdots + \theta_q w_{t_q}$$

$$\phi_p(L) y_t = \delta + \theta_q(L) w_t$$

Since all MA processes are stationary, we only need to examine the AR aspect to determine stationarity (roots of $\phi_p(L)$ lie outside the complex unit circle).

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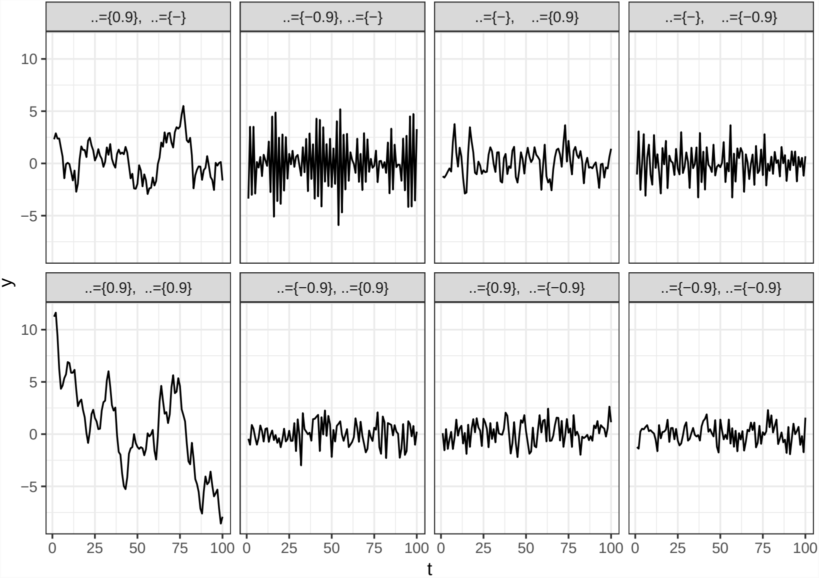

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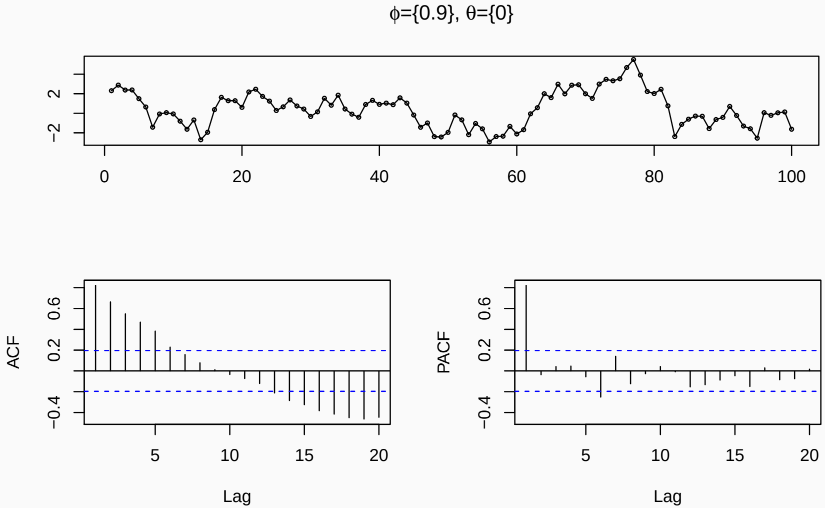

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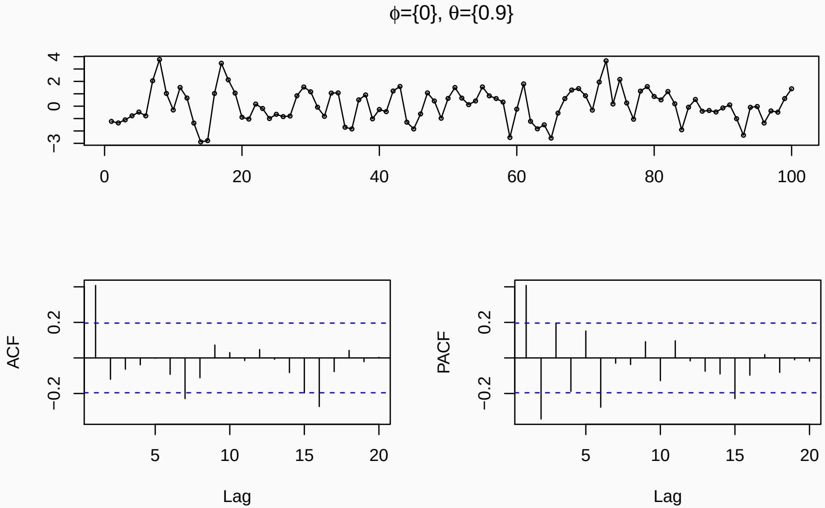

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