

## Time Series Models: Auto-Regressive model

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## Moving Average model of order $\infty$

$MA(\infty)$ :

Let  $\varepsilon_t$  be white noise. The  $MA(\infty)$  model is defined as follows:

$$Y_t = \mu + \sum_{j \geq 0} \psi_j \varepsilon_{t-j}; \quad \mu, \psi_j \text{ are constants.}$$

$MA(\infty)$  is stationary if  $\sum_{j \geq 0} |\psi_j| < \infty$  because all statistical moments  $\mu, \gamma_0, \gamma_1, \dots$  are finite and constant if the coefficients  $\psi_j$  are absolutely summable.

Further,  $MA(\infty)$  is ergodic if  $\sum_{j \geq 0} |\psi_j| < \infty$  !

## AR(1) model

Definition:  $Y_t = c + \phi Y_{t-1} + \varepsilon_t$  where  $\phi$  is a real constant.

**Note:** When  $|\phi| \geq 1$ , no stationary AR model exists! (ignore this case!)

When  $|\phi| < 1$ , we will show  $AR(1)$  is complementary to  $MA(\infty)$ !  
The stable solution to  $AR(1)$  defined above is obtained from

$$\begin{aligned} Y_t &= w_t + \phi w_{t-1} + \phi^2 w_{t-2} + \dots; & w_t &= c + \varepsilon_t \\ &= \frac{c}{1-\phi} + \varepsilon_t + \phi \varepsilon_{t-1} + \phi^2 \varepsilon_{t-2} + \dots \end{aligned}$$

which is  $MA(\infty)$  with  $\mu = \frac{c}{1-\phi}$  and  $\psi_j = \phi^j$ .

Also,  $\sum_{j \geq 0} |\psi_j| = \sum_{j \geq 0} |\phi|^j = \frac{1}{1-\phi} \infty$  when  $|\phi| < 1$ .

## Auto-covariances of AR(1)

**Exercise:** Use the  $MA(\infty)$  model to compute the following.

- $\gamma_0 = E(Y_t - \mu)^2 = \frac{\sigma^2}{1-\phi^2}$
- $\gamma_j = E(Y_t - \mu)(Y_{t-j} - \mu) = \frac{\phi^j}{1-\phi^2} \sigma^2$
- $\rho_j = \frac{\gamma_j}{\gamma_0} = \phi^j$

## AR(p) model

$Y_t = c + \phi_1 Y_{t-1} + \phi_2 Y_{t-2} + \dots + \phi_p Y_{t-p} + \varepsilon_t$  where

$$\mu = \frac{c}{1 - \phi_1 - \phi_2 - \dots - \phi_p}, \text{ and}$$

$$\gamma_0 = \phi_1 \gamma_1 + \phi_2 \gamma_2 + \dots + \phi_p \gamma_p \text{ and}$$

$$\gamma_j = \sum_{m \geq 1}^p \phi_m \gamma_{j-m} \quad \forall j > 1 \text{ along with } \gamma_j = \gamma_{-j}.$$

## Yule Walker model

$$\rho_j = \sum_{m \geq 1}^p \phi_m \rho_{j-m}; \quad j = 1, 2, \dots \text{ are the Yule Walker equations.}$$

We will do a laboratory experiment using the Yule Walker model to forecast employment growth statistics!

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## MA is complementary to AR

Likewise,  $MA(1)$  is an  $AR(\infty)$  process!

## ARMA(p,q)

$$Y_t = c + \phi_1 Y_{t-1} + \phi_2 Y_{t-2} + \dots + \phi_p Y_{t-p} + \varepsilon_t + \theta_1 \varepsilon_{t-1} + \theta_2 \varepsilon_{t-2} + \dots + \theta_q \varepsilon_{t-q}.$$

## Practise problem

**Ques:** Consider the  $MA(2)$  process

$$Y_t = \mu + \varepsilon_t + \theta_1 \varepsilon_{t-1} + \theta_2 \varepsilon_{t-2} \text{ with } \theta_1 = 2/5 \text{ and } \theta_2 = -1/5.$$

Calculate all the autocorrelation functions.

**Soln.:**  $\rho_0 = 1, \rho_1 = 4/15, \rho_2 = -1/6$  and  $\rho_j = 0 \quad \forall j > 2.$