Time Series Analysis 3 DS351

AutoRegressive Integrated Moving Average (ARIMA)

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What are statistical properties?









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- we usually don't know the distribution of these variables.
- It is usually easier to detect that a time series is not stationary by looking at its plot.



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Find stationarity from the plot

In summary, a time series is **not** stationary if there is

- trend
- seasonality
- ▶ increase/decrease in variance



Random walk

Random walk is a simple non-stationary process.

$$y_t = y_{t-1} + \epsilon_t.$$

where ϵ_t is a *white noise* with zero mean and variance σ^2 e.g. $\epsilon_t \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \sigma^2)$.



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In general, we try to make a stationary time series by transforming $z_t = y_t - y_{t-1}$. This is known as **differencing**.

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Seasonal differencing

To remove seasonality, we take the difference between an observation and the previous observation from the same season.

$$z_t = y_t - y_{t-m},$$

where m is the length of seasonality e.g. m = 12 for annual seasonality.



Unit root

The random walk is an example of a time series that has a **unit** root: the value of α in $y_t = \alpha y_{t-1} + \epsilon_t$ is $\alpha = 1$.

In general, a time series is non-stationary if it has a unit root.



 $y_t = 0.8y_{t-1} + \epsilon_t$

Kwiatkowski-Phillips-Schmidt-Shin (KPSS) test

This is a test to see if we want differencing.

KPSS test

 $H_0: y_t$ is stationary $H_a: y_t$ is **not** stationary

If H_0 is rejected (*p*-value < 0.05) then differencing y_t is required.

Google Stock Price



p-value < 0.01

Google Stock Price (first differencing)



p-value > 0.1

Autocorrelation

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The autocorrelation at lag k, r_k can be written as

$$r_k = \frac{\sum_{t=k+1}^{T} (y_t - \bar{y})(y_{t-k} - \bar{y})}{\sum_{t=1}^{T} (y - \bar{y})^2}$$

Beer production



The values beyond blue lines are significantly different than zero.

Trend and seasonality in ACF plots

- When data have a trend, the autocorrelations for small lags tend to be large and positive because observations nearby in time are also nearby in size. So the ACF of trended time series tend to have positive values that slowly decrease as the lags increase.
- When data are seasonal, the autocorrelations will be larger for the seasonal lags (at multiples of the seasonal frequency) than for other lags.

Australian electricity demand







Partial autocorrelation function (PACF)

Partial autocorrelation function measures the part of the correlation that has not been explained by the earlier lags.





Autoregressive model

An autoregressive model of order p, AR(p), is

$$y_t = c + \phi_1 y_{t-1} + \phi_2 y_{t-2} + \dots + \phi_p y_{t-p} + \varepsilon_t,$$

which is a multiple linear regression with y_{t-p}, \ldots, y_{t-1} as predictors and y_t as the responses variable.



Moving average model

A moving average model, MA(q), uses past errors to forecast.

$$y_t = c + \varepsilon_t + \theta_1 \varepsilon_{t-1} + \theta_2 \varepsilon_{t-2} + \dots + \theta_q \varepsilon_{t-q}.$$



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The value of c and d have the following effects on the long-term forecast.

- c = 0 d = 0 forecasts go to zero.
- c = 0 d = 1 forecasts go to a non-zero constant.
- c = 0 d = 2 forecasts follow a straight line.
- $c \neq 0$ d = 0 forecasts go to the mean of the data.
- $c \neq 0$ d = 1 forecasts follow a straight line.
- $c \neq 0$ d = 2 forecasts follow a quadratic trend.

Example: Quarterly US consumption



Find p and q from ACF and PACF plots



ACF and PACF plots of differenced data can help us find

- \blacktriangleright p in ARIMA(p, d, 0)
- q in ARIMA(0, d, q)
- Plots do not help for ARIMA(p, d, q) when p, q > 0.

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Residual Autocorrelations for adjusted units







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The likelihood depends on the model. For time-series, the likelihood can be very complicated

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Bayesian Information Criterion

$$\mathsf{BIC} = \mathsf{AIC} + [\log(T) - 2](p + q + k + 1).$$

These scores follow the same concepts.

- Better model has higher likelihood.
- But model with too many parameters (high p + q) tends to overfit and should be penalized.

We prefer AICc for ARIMA. The lower the score, the better.

Also check out seasonal ARIMA (this week's lab).