Financial Time Series – Linear time series

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for all $t \in \mathbb{Z}$, where $Z \sim WN(0, \sigma^2)$ and $(\psi_j, j \in \mathbb{Z})$ is a sequence of real numbers with $\sum_{j \in \mathbb{Z}} |\psi_j| < +\infty$.

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With $\psi(B) := \sum_{j \in \mathbb{Z}} \psi_j B^j$ we write (1) as $X_t = \psi(B) Z_t$

Proposition

Let Y be a stationary time series with mean zero and ACVF γ_Y and let $\psi(B)$ be the filter from before. Then the time series X defined by

$$X_t := \psi(B)Y_t$$

for all $t \in \mathbb{Z}$ is stationary with mean zero and ACVF

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$$= \sum_{j \in \mathbb{Z}} \psi_j \mathbb{E}(Y_{t-j}) = 0,$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathsf{Cov}(X_t, X_{t+h}) &= \mathbb{E}\left(\sum_{j,k\in\mathbb{Z}} \psi_j Y_{t-j} \psi_k Y_{t+h-k}\right) \\ &= \sum_{j,k\in\mathbb{Z}} \psi_j \psi_k \mathbb{E}(Y_{t-j} Y_{t+h-k}) \\ &= \sum_{j,k\in\mathbb{Z}} \psi_j \psi_k \gamma_Y ((t+h-k) - (t-j)) \\ &= \sum_{j,k\in\mathbb{Z}} \psi_j \psi_k \gamma_Y (h+j-k), \end{aligned}$$