

Financial Time Series – (S)ARIMA processes and unit root tests

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- $\phi^*(B)X_t := \phi(B)(1 - B)^d X_t = \theta(B)Z_t$ where $Z \sim \text{WN}(0, \sigma^2)$ and ϕ and θ are polynomials of degree p and q
- $\phi(z) \neq 0$ for $|z| \leq 1$ while ϕ^* has a zero of degree d at $z = 1$
→ a *unit root*

Unit root tests for ARIMA processes

- When to difference a time series?
- Apply $(1 - B)$ until sample ACF is no longer "slowly decreasing".
- More systematic: *Unit root tests* (Dickey and Fuller). Restrict to $\text{ARIMA}(p, d, 0)$ vs. $\text{AR}(p)$.
- $H_0 = \{\text{there is a unit root}\}$, $H_1 = \{\text{there is no unit root}\}$
- To start: let (X_1, \dots, X_n) be observations of

$$X_t - \mu = \phi_1(X_{t-1} - \mu) + Z_t,$$

where $Z \sim \text{WN}(0, \sigma^2)$

- When $\phi_1 < 1$, this gives an $\text{AR}(1)$ process with mean μ so set $H_0 = \{\phi_1 = 1\}$ and $H_1 = \{\phi_1 < 1\}$
- Rewrite to

$$\nabla X_t = X_t - X_{t-1} = \phi_0^* + \phi_1^* X_{t-1} + Z_t,$$

where $\phi_0^* := \mu(1 - \phi_1)$, and $\phi_1^* := \phi_1 - 1$

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- Dickey and Fuller derived the limit distribution for $n \rightarrow +\infty$ under $H_0 : \phi_1 = 1$:

$$\hat{\tau}_\mu := \frac{\hat{\phi}_1^*}{\widehat{\text{SE}}(\hat{\phi}_1^*)}$$

- The 0.01, 0.05, and 0.10 quantiles are -3.43 , -2.86 , and -2.57 .

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- Extend to $AR(p)$ case:

$$X_t - \mu = \sum_{j=1}^p \phi_j (X_{t-j} - \mu) + Z_t,$$

- Rewrite to

$$\nabla X_t = \phi_0^* + \phi_1^* X_{t-1} + \sum_{j=2}^p \phi_j^* \nabla X_{t+1-j} + Z_t,$$

where

$$\phi_0^* := \mu \left(1 - \sum_{i=1}^p \phi_i \right),$$

$$\phi_1^* := \sum_{i=1}^p \phi_i - 1,$$

$$\phi_j^* := - \sum_{i=j}^p \phi_i$$

for $j = 2, \dots, p$.

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Method (Dickey–Fuller test)

Estimate ϕ_1^* as the coefficient of X_{t-1} in the OLS regression of ∇X_t onto $1, X_{t-1}, \nabla X_{t-1}, \dots, \nabla X_{t-1+p}$. For large n the t -ratio

$$\hat{\tau}_\mu := \frac{\hat{\phi}_1^*}{\widehat{\text{SE}}(\hat{\phi}_1^*)},$$

where $\widehat{\text{SE}}(\hat{\phi}_1^*)$ is the estimated standard error of $\hat{\phi}_1^*$, has the same limit distribution as for the AR(1) process with 0.01, 0.05, and 0.10 quantiles -3.43 , -2.86 , and -2.57 , respectively. Test the null hypothesis $H_0 : \phi_1^* = 0$ and reject according to the chosen level. If a root is detected, repeat the procedure with the differenced process until rejection to determine d .