

# Stationary ARMA Model

## Class 9

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# *Introduction: ARMA Models*

# Approximation of Wold Representation

$$Y_t = \mu + e_t + \psi_1 e_{t-1} + \psi_2 e_{t-2} + \dots$$

- There are infinite number of parameters to estimate to analyze impulse-response.  $(\psi_1, \psi_2, \dots)$
- BTW, if  $\psi_1 = \phi$ ,  $\psi_2 = \phi^2$ ,  $\psi_3 = \phi^3$ ,  $\dots$ ,  $\psi_j = \phi^j$ ,  $\dots$ , then what we should estimate is just one,  $\phi$ .
- Actually, the above restrictions imply the following simple model:

$$Y_t = \delta + \phi Y_{t-1} + e_t$$

- Iterative substitution:

$$Y_t = \delta (1 + \phi + \phi^2 + \dots + \phi^{j-1}) + \phi^j Y_{t-j} + e_t + \phi e_{t-1} + \dots + \phi^j e_{t-j}$$

- $|\phi| < 1$ :  $\phi^j$  converges to zero when  $j \rightarrow \infty$ .
- $j \rightarrow \infty$ :  $Y_t = \frac{\delta}{1-\phi} + e_t + \phi e_{t-1} + \phi^2 e_{t-2} + \dots + \phi^j e_{t-j} + \dots$

## 1. AR( $p$ ) process (Auto-Regressive process of order $p$ )

$$Y_t = \delta + \phi_1 Y_{t-1} + \phi_2 Y_{t-2} + \cdots + \phi_p Y_{t-p} + e_t$$

- We can transform the above process to Wold representation using iterative substitution.
- While Wold representation has infinite components, AR( $p$ ) process has finite components.
- The specific model of AR process depends on  $p \rightarrow$  In the AR( $p$ ) process,  $Y_t$  is explained by its previous  $p$  terms.

## 2. MA( $q$ ) process (Moving-Average process of order $q$ )

$$Y_t = \mu + e_t + \theta_1 e_{t-1} + \theta_2 e_{t-2} + \cdots + \theta_q e_{t-q}$$

- Note that the shocks before time  $q$  do not affect  $Y_t$  on the above process.
- That is, in the MA( $q$ ) process,  $Y_t$  is explained by the current shock and previous  $q$  shocks.
- MA( $q$ ) process is a sort of approximation of Wold representation because it ignores very small  $\theta_{q+j}$  for  $j \geq 1$ .

## 3. ARMA( $p, q$ ) process

$$Y_t = \underbrace{\delta + \phi_1 Y_{t-1} + \cdots + \phi_p Y_{t-p}}_{AR(p)} + \underbrace{e_t + \theta_1 e_{t-1} + \cdots + \theta_q e_{t-q}}_{MA(q)}$$

- Mixed process:  $ARMA(p, q) = AR(p) + MA(q)$
- In that sense,  $AR(p) = ARMA(p, 0)$  and  $MA(q) = ARMA(0, q)$
- Also, we can transform the above process into Wold representation using iterative substitution.

# *Stationary AR(1) Process*

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$$Y_t = \delta + \phi Y_{t-1} + e_t, \quad e_t \sim iidN(0, \sigma^2)$$

## 1. Expectation

$$E(Y_t) = \delta + \phi E(Y_{t-1}) + E(e_t)$$

- Stationarity: Time-invariant expectation *i.e.*  $E(Y_t) = E(Y_{t-1})$
- White noise:  $E(e_t) = 0$

$$E(Y_t) = \delta + \phi E(Y_t)$$

$$\rightarrow (1 - \phi) E(Y_t) = \delta$$

$$\rightarrow E(Y_t) = \frac{\delta}{1 - \phi}$$



## 2. Variance

$$\text{Var}(Y_t) = \text{Var}(\delta) + \phi^2 \text{Var}(Y_{t-1}) + \text{Var}(e_t) + 2\text{Cov}(Y_{t-1}, e_t)$$

- Stationarity: Time-invariant variance *i.e.*  $\text{Var}(Y_t) = \text{Var}(Y_{t-1})$
- White noise:  $\text{Var}(e_t) = \sigma^2$

$$\text{Var}(Y_t) = \phi^2 \text{Var}(Y_t) + \sigma^2$$

$$\rightarrow (1 - \phi^2) \text{Var}(Y_t) = \sigma^2$$

$$\rightarrow \text{Var}(Y_t) = \frac{\sigma^2}{1 - \phi^2}$$

## 3. Auto-Covariance (Auto-Correlation)

- Additional assumption:  $\delta = 0$ 
  - Since we want to see a dynamics of  $Y_t$ , the constant  $\delta$  does not harm a result.
  - Note that the constant  $\delta$  matters for the first moment, not the second moment.
- Auto-Covariance:

$$\gamma_j = \text{Cov}(Y_t, Y_{t-j}) = E(Y_t Y_{t-j})$$

- Here,  $E(Y_t Y_{t-j}) = \gamma_j$ ,  $E(Y_{t-1} Y_{t-j}) = \gamma_{j-1}$  and  $E(e_t Y_{t-j}) = 0$ :

$$\gamma_j = \phi \gamma_{j-1}$$

- Since auto-correlation  $\rho_j$  is defined by  $\gamma_j / \gamma_0$ :

$$\rho_j = \phi \rho_{j-1}$$

# Stationarity Condition of AR(1) Model

$$\rho_0 = 1$$

$$\rho_1 = \phi$$

$$\rho_2 = \phi^2$$

$$\rho_3 = \phi^3$$

$\vdots$

$$\rho_\infty = \phi^\infty$$

- Recall, stationarity requires  $\rho_\infty = \phi^\infty \rightarrow 0!!$

$\therefore$  Stationary condition is  $|\phi| < 1$

# Impulse-Response Analysis

- Recall that we have the following under the stationary condition:

$$\frac{\partial Y_{t+j}}{\partial e_t} = \frac{\partial Y_t}{\partial e_{t-j}}$$

- In order to analyze impulse-response, we need the Wold representation.
- We can easily transform AR(1) model into the Wold representation:

$$\begin{aligned} Y_t &= \phi Y_{t-1} + e_t \\ &= \phi (\phi Y_{t-2} + e_{t-1}) + e_t = \phi^2 Y_{t-2} + e_t + \phi e_{t-1} \\ &\vdots \\ &= e_t + \phi e_{t-1} + \phi^2 e_{t-2} + \cdots + \phi^j e_{t-j} + \cdots \end{aligned}$$

- Therefore, we know that:

$$\frac{\partial Y_{t+j}}{\partial e_t} = \frac{\partial Y_t}{\partial e_{t-j}} = \phi^j$$

# *Stationary AR(2) Process*

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$$Y_t = \delta + \phi_1 Y_{t-1} + \phi_2 Y_{t-2} + e_t, \quad e_t \sim iidN(0, \sigma^2)$$

## 1. Expectation

$$E(Y_t) = \delta + \phi_1 E(Y_{t-1}) + \phi_2 E(Y_{t-2}) + E(e_t)$$

$$\rightarrow E(Y_t) = \delta + \phi_1 E(Y_t) + \phi_2 E(Y_t)$$

$$\rightarrow (1 - \phi_1 - \phi_2) E(Y_t) = \delta$$

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

## 2. Variance

- To earn the variance of  $Y_t$  we should compute a covariance between  $Y_{t-1}$  and  $Y_{t-2}$ , which requires complicated algebra.
- Just let the variance of  $Y_t$  be  $\gamma_0$  (without computation).

$$\text{Var}(Y_t) = \gamma_0$$



## 3. Auto-Covariance (Auto-Correlation)

- Again, additional assumption:  $\delta = 0$

$$\begin{aligned} Y_t &= \phi_1 Y_{t-1} + \phi_2 Y_{t-2} + e_t \\ \rightarrow Y_t Y_{t-j} &= (\phi_1 Y_{t-1} + \phi_2 Y_{t-2} + e_t) Y_{t-j} \\ &= \phi_1 Y_{t-1} Y_{t-j} + \phi_2 Y_{t-2} Y_{t-j} + e_t Y_{t-j} \end{aligned}$$

- Taking expectation operator:

$$\begin{aligned} E(Y_t Y_{t-j}) &= \phi_1 E(Y_{t-1} Y_{t-j}) + \phi_2 E(Y_{t-2} Y_{t-j}) + E(e_t Y_{t-j}) \\ \rightarrow \gamma_j &= \phi_1 \gamma_{j-1} + \phi_2 \gamma_{j-2} \\ (\rightarrow \rho_j &= \phi_1 \rho_{j-1} + \phi_2 \rho_{j-2}) \end{aligned}$$

- Stationarity when  $\gamma_j \rightarrow 0$  (or  $\rho_j \rightarrow 0$ ) as  $j \rightarrow \infty$ .

# Impulse-Response Analysis: State-Space Form

- Note that the impulse-response analysis in AR(1) was simple:  $\frac{\partial Y_{t+j}}{\partial e_t} = \phi^j$
- **Idea:** If we transform AR(2) to a form of AR(1), the impulse-response analysis would be simple!

- Define  $\tilde{Y}_t = \begin{pmatrix} Y_t \\ Y_{t-1} \end{pmatrix}$ , then  $\tilde{Y}_{t-1} = \begin{pmatrix} Y_{t-1} \\ Y_{t-2} \end{pmatrix}$

$$\begin{cases} Y_t = \phi_1 Y_{t-1} + \phi_2 Y_{t-2} + e_t & : \text{AR}(2) \\ Y_{t-1} = Y_{t-1} \end{cases}$$

$$\rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} Y_t \\ Y_{t-1} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \phi_1 & \phi_2 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} Y_{t-1} \\ Y_{t-2} \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} e_t \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\rightarrow \tilde{Y}_t = F \cdot \tilde{Y}_{t-1} + \tilde{e}_t \quad : \text{AR}(1) \text{ form}$$

- Likewise, we can transform not only AR(2) but also AR(3), AR(4),  $\dots$ , AR( $p$ ) into AR(1) form.
- We call the AR(1) form of AR( $p$ ) **State-Space form**.
  - *(optional)* A state-space model consists of a transition equation and a measurement equation.
    - **Transition equation** describes the evolution of the state vector over time.
    - **Measurement equation** relates the observed data to the state vector.
    - So, rigorously speaking, the AR(1) representation of AR( $p$ ) is the transition equation of the whole state-space representation.
- Now we can transform the state-space form of AR(2) to Wold representation.

$$\tilde{Y}_t = \tilde{\epsilon}_t + F\tilde{\epsilon}_{t-1} + F^2\tilde{\epsilon}_{t-2} + \dots + F^j\tilde{\epsilon}_{t-j} + \dots$$

- What we want to know is the impact of  $e_{t-j}$  on  $Y_t$ .

$$\begin{pmatrix} Y_t \\ Y_{t-1} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} e_t \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} \phi_1 & \phi_2 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} e_{t-1} \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} \phi_1 & \phi_2 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}^2 \begin{pmatrix} e_{t-2} \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \\ + \dots + \begin{pmatrix} \phi_1 & \phi_2 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}^j \begin{pmatrix} e_{t-j} \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + \dots$$

- Therefore,

$$\frac{\partial Y_{t+j}}{\partial e_t} = \frac{\partial Y_t}{\partial e_{t-j}} = F_{11}^j \quad : (1,1) \text{ element of } F^j$$

# Stationarity Condition of AR(2): Eigenvalue

- Note that  $\phi$  in AR(1)  $Y_t = \phi Y_{t-1} + e_t$  determines the persistence of shock.
- Likewise, there exists “something” that determines persistence in AR(2), which is related to *eigenvalues* of the matrix  $F$ .
- Please refer to your materials (or textbooks or Google materials) for ***Mathematics for Economics*** or ***Linear Algebra*** to understand *eigenvalues*, *eigenvectors*, *characteristic equation*, and *diagonalization*.
- We will skip the detailed mathematics for this course, and instead will take the results and will learn the shortcut obtaining eigenvalues of  $F$ .

- We can diagonalize the matrix  $F$  by:

$$F = C \cdot \Lambda \cdot C^{-1}$$

- where  $C$  is the matrix consisting of eigenvectors and  $\Lambda$  is a diagonal matrix that has distinct eigenvalues.
  - According to the properties of diagonalization,  $F^j = C \cdot \Lambda^j \cdot C^{-1}$ .
- Therefore,

$$F^j = \begin{pmatrix} c_{11} & c_{12} \\ c_{21} & c_{22} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_1^j & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_2^j \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} c_{11}^* & c_{12}^* \\ c_{21}^* & c_{22}^* \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\implies \frac{\partial Y_{t+j}}{\partial e_t} = F_{11}^j = c_{11} c_{11}^* \lambda_1^j + c_{12} c_{21}^* \lambda_2^j$$

- Stationarity condition requires  $F_{11}^j$  converges zero as  $j$  goes to infinity.
  - Note that  $c_{11}c_{11}^* + c_{12}c_{21}^* = 1$  ( $\because$  properties of inverse-matrix)
  - Thus,  $F_{11}^j$  is the weighted average of  $\lambda_1^j$  and  $\lambda_2^j$ .
- **Stationary condition**

$$|\lambda_1| < 1, \quad |\lambda_2| < 1$$

- That is,  $\phi$  in AR(1) is corresponding to  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2$  in AR(2).
- The eigenvalues determine the persistent of AR(2).
- We can apply the above condition to AR( $p$ ) *i.e.* the stationary condition of AR( $p$ ) is  $|\lambda_1| < 1, |\lambda_2| < 1, |\lambda_3| < 1, \dots, |\lambda_p| < 1$ .



- Then, how to get eigenvalue of the matrix  $F$ ?
  - We should derive the **characteristic equation** to obtain eigenvalues.
  - And we can derive the characteristic equation easily from the autocorrelation function (without any complicated procedure).
- **Autocorrelation function** of AR(2)

$$\begin{aligned}\rho_j &= \phi_1\rho_{j-1} + \phi_2\rho_{j-2} \\ \rightarrow \rho_j - \phi_1\rho_{j-1} - \phi_2\rho_{j-2} &= 0\end{aligned}$$

- **Characteristic equation** of AR(2)

$$\lambda^2 - \phi_1\lambda - \phi_2 = 0$$

# *MA(q) Process*

$$Y_t = \mu + e_t + \theta e_{t-1}, \quad e_t \sim iidN(0, \sigma^2)$$

## 1. Expectation

$$E(Y_t) = E(\mu) + E(e_t) + \theta E(e_{t-1}) = \mu$$

- Note that we do not need any assumption of stationarity.

## 2. Variance

$$Var(Y_t) = Var(e_t) + \theta^2 Var(e_{t-1}) = (1 + \theta^2) \sigma^2$$

- Again, we do not need any assumption of stationarity.

## 3. Auto-Covariance (Auto-Correlation)

- Additional assumption:  $\mu = 0$
- Auto-Covariance with time difference 1:

$$\begin{aligned}\gamma_1 &= \text{Cov}(Y_t, Y_{t-1}) = E(Y_t Y_{t-1}) \\ &= E[(e_t + \theta e_{t-1})(e_{t-1} + \theta e_{t-2})] \\ &= E(e_t e_{t-1} + \theta e_t e_{t-2} + \theta e_{t-1}^2 + \theta^2 e_{t-1} e_{t-2}) \\ &= \theta E(e_{t-1}^2) \\ &= \theta \sigma^2\end{aligned}$$

- How about auto-covariance with time difference 2:

$$\begin{aligned}\gamma_2 &= \text{Cov}(Y_t, Y_{t-2}) = E(Y_t Y_{t-2}) \\ &= E[(e_t + \theta e_{t-1})(e_{t-2} + \theta e_{t-3})] \\ &= E(e_t e_{t-2} + \theta e_t e_{t-3} + \theta e_{t-1} e_{t-2} + \theta^2 e_{t-1} e_{t-3}) \\ &= 0\end{aligned}$$

- Likewise, the auto-covariances with time difference greater than 2 are zero!
- Therefore, we know that

$$\begin{cases} \rho_1 \neq 0 \\ \rho_2 = \rho_3 = \rho_4 = \dots = 0 \end{cases}$$

## 4. Impulse-response analysis

- MA(1) process is the Wold representation in itself.

$$\frac{\partial Y_{t+1}}{\partial e_t} = \frac{\partial Y_t}{\partial e_{t-1}} = \theta$$

$$\frac{\partial Y_{t+j}}{\partial e_t} = \frac{\partial Y_t}{\partial e_{t-j}} = 0 \quad \text{for } j \geq 2$$

## 4. Stationary condition

- MA(1) process is ALWAYS stationary without any condition!

$$Y_t = \mu + e_t + \theta_1 e_{t-1} + \theta_2 e_{t-2}, \quad e_t \sim iidN(0, \sigma^2)$$

## 1. Expectation

$$E(Y_t) = E(\mu) + E(e_t) + \theta_1 E(e_{t-1}) + \theta_2 E(e_{t-2}) = \mu$$

## 2. Variance

$$\text{Var}(Y_t) = \text{Var}(e_t) + \theta_1^2 \text{Var}(e_{t-1}) + \theta_2^2 \text{Var}(e_{t-2}) = (1 + \theta_1^2 + \theta_2^2) \sigma^2$$

## 3. Auto-Covariance (Auto-Correlation)

$$\begin{cases} \gamma_1 \neq 0, \gamma_2 \neq 0 \\ \gamma_3 = \gamma_4 = \gamma_5 = \dots = 0 \end{cases}$$

- We can extend our result to MA( $q$ ) model.
- Then, MA( $q$ ) process is always stationary?
- Yes! MA( $q$ ) process is stationary only if  $q$  is **FINITE!**



# *Stationary ARMA( $p, q$ ) Model*

# Stationary ARMA Model

- So far, we have learned AR model and MA model.
  - We need the stationary condition for AR model, whereas MA model does not require any condition other than finite order.
- **ARMA model** is a mixed form of AR model and MA model → It is intuitive that **AR part determines the stationarity of ARMA model**.
  - For example, the stationary condition of ARMA(2,1) is equal to the stationary condition of AR(2) (or ARMA (2,0)).

- **Lag Operator ( $L$ )**

- In time series analysis, the lag operator  $L$  operates on an element of a time series to produce the previous element.
- For example,

$$LY_t = Y_{t-1}$$

- The lag operator can be raised to arbitrary integer powers so that

$$L^k Y_t = Y_{t-k}$$

- For example,

$$L^2 Y_t = LLY_t = L(LY_t) = LY_{t-1} = Y_{t-2}$$

$$L^3 Y_t = LLLY_t = LL(LY_t) = L(LY_{t-1}) = LY_{t-2} = Y_{t-3}$$

# AR Model in Lag Operator

- AR(1) model:

$$\begin{aligned} Y_t &= \phi Y_{t-1} + e_t \\ \rightarrow Y_t - \phi L Y_t &= e_t \\ \rightarrow (1 - \phi L) Y_t &= e_t \end{aligned}$$

- Define  $\phi(L) = 1 - \phi L$  which is called *polynomial equation in lag operator*.

- AR(2) model:

$$\begin{aligned} Y_t &= \phi_1 Y_{t-1} + \phi_2 Y_{t-2} + e_t \\ \rightarrow Y_t - \phi_1 L Y_t - \phi_2 L^2 Y_t &= e_t \\ \rightarrow (1 - \phi_1 L - \phi_2 L^2) Y_t &= e_t \\ \rightarrow \phi(L) Y_t &= e_t \quad \text{where } \phi(L) = 1 - \phi_1 L - \phi_2 L^2 \end{aligned}$$

# Converting into Wold Representation

- Why is the lag operator useful?
- Note that our goal is converting a stationary process into a Wold representation.
- **Method 1:** Iterative substitution

$$\begin{aligned} Y_t &= \phi Y_{t-1} + e_t \\ &= \phi (\phi Y_{t-2} + e_{t-2}) + e_t \\ &= \phi^2 Y_{t-2} + e_t + \phi e_{t-2} \\ &\vdots \\ &= e_t + \phi e_{t-1} + \phi^2 e_{t-2} + \dots \end{aligned}$$

- This method is not that difficult in the case of AR(1).
- But we already know that AR(2) or higher order AR( $p$ ) are complicated in using iteration.

- **Method 2:** Lag operator

$$\begin{aligned} Y_t &= \phi Y_{t-1} + e_t \\ \rightarrow (1 - \phi L) Y_t &= e_t \\ \rightarrow Y_t &= \frac{1}{1 - \phi L} e_t \end{aligned}$$

- The stationary condition of AR(1) is  $|\phi| < 1 \rightarrow$  If we treat it as  $|\phi L| < 1$ :

$$\frac{1}{1 - \phi L} = 1 + \phi L + (\phi L)^2 + (\phi L)^3 + \dots$$

- Then, the last equation becomes:

$$\begin{aligned} Y_t &= \left( 1 + \phi L + (\phi L)^2 + (\phi L)^3 + \dots \right) e_t \\ &= e_t + \phi e_{t-1} + \phi^2 e_{t-2} + \phi^3 e_{t-3} + \dots \end{aligned}$$

- We can generalize the method 2 with respect to  $AR(p)$ :

$$Y_t = \phi_1 Y_{t-1} + \phi_2 Y_{t-2} + \cdots + \phi_p Y_{t-p} + e_t$$
$$\rightarrow \phi(L) Y_t = e_t$$
$$\rightarrow Y_t = \phi^{-1}(L) e_t$$

# ARMA Model in Lag Operator

- MA(1) model:

$$Y_t = \mu + e_t + \theta e_{t-1}$$

$$\rightarrow Y_t = \mu + e_t + \theta L e_t$$

$$\rightarrow Y_t = \mu + (1 + \theta L) e_t$$

$$\rightarrow Y_t = \mu + \theta(L) e_t \text{ where } \theta(L) = 1 + \theta L$$

- In general MA( $q$ ) model is  $Y_t = \mu + \theta(L) e_t$
- Then, how about ARMA( $p, q$ )?

$$\phi(L) Y_t = \mu + \theta(L) e_t$$

- As we discussed, ARMA model can be always converted into the Wold representation.



# Stationary Condition Revisited

- Another usefulness of lag operator is regarding stationary condition.
- Recall, in the case of AR(2) model, the autocorrelation function is:

$$\rho_j = \phi_1\rho_{j-1} + \phi_2\rho_{j-2}$$

- We can derive the characteristic equation directly from the above:

$$\lambda^2 - \phi_1\lambda - \phi_2 = 0$$

- Then we can solve to  $\lambda$  and get two solutions  $\lambda_1$  and  $\lambda_2$ .
- The stationary condition of AR(2) is:

$$|\lambda_1| < 1, \quad |\lambda_2| < 1$$

- Note that the polynomial equation in lag operator for AR(2) is:

$$\phi(L) = 1 - \phi_1 L - \phi_2 L^2$$

- Suppose that we solve  $\phi(L) = 0$  to  $L$ . What are the solutions?
  - Substitute  $L$  with  $1/\lambda$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} 1 - \phi_1 \left( \frac{1}{\lambda} \right) - \phi_2 \left( \frac{1}{\lambda} \right)^2 &= 0 \\ \rightarrow \lambda^2 - \phi_1 \lambda - \phi_2 &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

- That is, the solutions of  $\phi(L) = 0$  is the reciprocal of the solutions of characteristic equations.

$$L_1 = \frac{1}{\lambda_1}, \quad L_2 = \frac{1}{\lambda_2}$$

- Therefore, we can rewrite the stationary condition by:

$$|\lambda_1| < 1, |\lambda_2| < 1 \iff |L_1| > 1, |L_2| > 1$$

- Also we can generalize the above result onto ARMA( $p, q$ )!

# *Box-Jenkin's Approach*

# Partial Autocorrelation Function

- **Question:** How to identify the order  $p$  and  $q$  for ARMA model?
  - In case of MA model, we can easily identify  $q$  from autocorrelation function.
  - However, AR model as well as ARMA model is difficult to identify the order just from the autocorrelation function.
  - Therefore, *partial autocorrelation* is suggested as a supplementary method.
- For example, suppose that we have a time series data  $Y_t$  that AR(1) model explains best.
  - But we don't know AR(1) model is the best one for  $Y_t$  ex ante.
  - So we consider all AR( $p$ ) models as candidates, and then test the significance of  $p$ .

$$\text{AR}(1) : Y_t = \phi_{11} Y_{t-1} + e_t$$

$$\text{AR}(2) : Y_t = \phi_{21} Y_{t-1} + \phi_{22} Y_{t-2} + e_t$$

$$\text{AR}(3) : Y_t = \phi_{31} Y_{t-1} + \phi_{32} Y_{t-2} + \phi_{33} Y_{t-3} + e_t$$

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$$\text{AR}(j) : Y_t = \phi_{j1} Y_{t-1} + \phi_{j2} Y_{t-2} + \cdots + \phi_{jj} Y_{t-j} + e_t$$

⋮

- Estimate each model and get  $\hat{\phi}_{11}, \hat{\phi}_{22}, \hat{\phi}_{33}, \dots, \hat{\phi}_{jj}, \dots$ .
  - $\hat{\phi}_{11}, \hat{\phi}_{22}, \hat{\phi}_{33}, \dots, \hat{\phi}_{jj}, \dots$  are called partial correlations.
  - Since the data is explained by AR(1) best,  $\hat{\phi}_{11}$  will be significant and the others will not be significant.
- In general, if we find significant  $\hat{\phi}_{jj}$ , the model that explains data best would be AR( $j$ ).

# Box-Jenkin's Approach to ARMA

- **Question:** How to identify the order  $p$  and  $q$  for ARMA model?
- **[Step 1]** Given data, draw the autocorrelation function and the partial autocorrelation function.
- **[Step 2]** Based on the ACF and the PACF, select the candidates of combination of  $p$  and  $q$  for ARMA  $(p, q)$ .
- **[Step 3]** Estimate the coefficients of each candidate.
- **[Step 4]** Diagnostic test: *White noise test*
  - If the residual of a model does not pass the white noise test, the model will not be a good one.
- **[Step 5]** Select the best model using **AIC** (Akaike Information Criterion) or **BSC** (Bayes-Schwartz Criterion)
  - We will choose the model whose score is lower.