

ECON 211C: Problem Set 4

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Question 1

Deduce the state-space representation for an $AR(p)$ model in [13.1.14] and [13.1.15] and the state-space representation for an $MA(1)$ model given in [13.1.17] and [13.1.18] as special cases of that for the $ARMA(r, r-1)$ model of [13.1.22] and [13.1.23].

Any $ARMA(p, q)$ process can be written in the state-space representation form of $ARMA(r, r-1)$ by defining $r \equiv \max\{p, q+1\}$. The state equation and the observation equation are

State equation ($r = \max\{p, q+1\}$):

$$\xi_{t+1} = \begin{bmatrix} \phi_1 & \phi_2 & \cdots & \phi_{r-1} & \phi_r \\ 1 & 0 & \cdots & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & \cdots & 0 & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \xi_t + \begin{bmatrix} \varepsilon_{t+1} \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad [13.1.22]$$

Observation equation ($n = 1$):

$$y_t = \mu + \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \theta_1 & \theta_2 & \cdots & \theta_{r-1} \end{bmatrix} \xi_t, \quad [13.1.23]$$

where

$$\xi_t = \begin{bmatrix} (1 - \phi_1 L - \phi_2 L^2 - \cdots - \phi_r L^r)^{-1} \varepsilon_t \\ (1 - \phi_1 L - \phi_2 L^2 - \cdots - \phi_r L^r)^{-1} \varepsilon_{t-1} \\ \vdots \\ (1 - \phi_1 L - \phi_2 L^2 - \cdots - \phi_r L^r)^{-1} \varepsilon_{t-r+1} \end{bmatrix}.$$

For an $AR(p)$ process, we must have

$$\begin{aligned} y_t - \mu &= \phi_1(y_{t-1} - \mu) + \phi_2(y_{t-2} - \mu) + \cdots + \phi_p(y_{t-p} - \mu) + \varepsilon_t \\ \iff (1 - \phi_1 L - \phi_2 L^2 - \cdots - \phi_p L^p)(y_t - \mu) &= \varepsilon_t \\ \iff y_t - \mu &= (1 - \phi_1 L - \phi_2 L^2 - \cdots - \phi_p L^p)^{-1} \varepsilon_t. \end{aligned}$$

Then we have

$$\xi_t = \begin{bmatrix} (1 - \phi_1 L - \phi_2 L^2 - \cdots - \phi_r L^r)^{-1} \varepsilon_t \\ (1 - \phi_1 L - \phi_2 L^2 - \cdots - \phi_r L^r)^{-1} \varepsilon_{t-1} \\ \vdots \\ (1 - \phi_1 L - \phi_2 L^2 - \cdots - \phi_r L^r)^{-1} \varepsilon_{t-r+1} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} y_t - \mu \\ y_{t-1} - \mu \\ \vdots \\ y_{t-r+1} - \mu \end{bmatrix}$$

Therefore, the state-space representation of an $AR(p)$ is

State equation ($r = p$):

$$\begin{bmatrix} y_{t+1} - \mu \\ y_t - \mu \\ \vdots \\ y_{t-p+2} - \mu \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \phi_1 & \phi_2 & \cdots & \phi_{p-1} & \phi_p \\ 1 & 0 & \cdots & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & \cdots & 0 & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \cdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} y_t - \mu \\ y_{t-1} - \mu \\ \vdots \\ y_{t-p+1} - \mu \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} \varepsilon_{t+1} \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad [13.1.14]$$

Observation equation ($n = 1$):

$$y_t = \mu + \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} y_t - \mu \\ y_{t-1} - \mu \\ \vdots \\ y_{t-p+1} - \mu \end{bmatrix}. \quad [13.1.15]$$

Now, for an $MA(1)$ model, $r = 1 + 1 = 2$ and $\phi_p = 0$ for any p . Then, we have

$$\boldsymbol{\xi}_t = \begin{bmatrix} (1 - \phi_1 L - \phi_2 L^2)^{-1} \varepsilon_t \\ (1 - \phi_1 L - \phi_2 L^2)^{-1} \varepsilon_{t-1} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \varepsilon_t \\ \varepsilon_{t-1} \end{bmatrix}$$

Therefore, the state-space representation of an $MA(1)$ is

State equation ($r = 2$):

$$\begin{bmatrix} \varepsilon_{t+1} \\ \varepsilon_t \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \varepsilon_t \\ \varepsilon_{t-1} \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} \varepsilon_{t+1} \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad [13.1.17]$$

Observation equation ($n = 1$):

$$y_t = \mu + \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \theta_1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \varepsilon_t \\ \varepsilon_{t-1} \end{bmatrix}. \quad [13.1.18]$$

Question 2

Derive equation [13.4.5] as a special case of [13.4.1] and [13.4.2] for the model specified in [13.4.3] and [13.4.4] by analysis of the Kalman filter recursion for this case.

From the given model

State equation ($r = 2$) :

$$\boldsymbol{\xi}_{t+1} = \begin{bmatrix} \varepsilon_{1,t+1} \\ \varepsilon_{2,t+1} \end{bmatrix} \quad [13.4.3]$$

Observation equation ($n = 1$):

$$y_t = \varepsilon_{1,t} + \varepsilon_{2,t}, \quad [13.4.4]$$

we have

$$\mathbf{F} = \mathbf{0}, \quad \mathbf{Q} = \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_1^2 & 0 \\ 0 & \sigma_2^2 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{A}' = 0, \quad \mathbf{H}' = [1 \ 1], \quad \mathbf{R} = 0.$$

By Kalman filter recursion,

for $t = 0$

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{\boldsymbol{\xi}}_{1|0} &= E[\boldsymbol{\xi}_1] = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \\ \mathbf{P}_{1|0} &= E[\boldsymbol{\xi}_1 \boldsymbol{\xi}_1'] = \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_1^2 & 0 \\ 0 & \sigma_2^2 \end{bmatrix}, \end{aligned}$$

for $t \geq 1$

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{\boldsymbol{\xi}}_{t+1|t} &= \mathbf{F} \hat{\boldsymbol{\xi}}_{t|t-1} + \mathbf{K}_t (y_t - \mathbf{A}' x_t - \mathbf{H}' \hat{\boldsymbol{\xi}}_{t|t-1}) \\ \mathbf{P}_{t+1|t} &= \mathbf{F} \mathbf{P}_{t|t} \mathbf{F}' + \mathbf{Q}, \end{aligned}$$

where the gain matrix \mathbf{K}_t is

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{K}_t &\equiv \mathbf{F} \mathbf{P}_{t|t} \mathbf{H} (\mathbf{H}' \mathbf{P}_{t|t-1} \mathbf{H} + \mathbf{R})^{-1} \\ &= \mathbf{0}. \end{aligned}$$

Hence,

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{\boldsymbol{\xi}}_{t+1|t} &= \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{P}_{t+1|t} &= \mathbf{Q} = \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_1^2 & 0 \\ 0 & \sigma_2^2 \end{bmatrix}. \end{aligned}$$

We can substitute values into equation [13.4.1]:

$$\begin{aligned}
 f_{\mathbf{Y}_t|\mathbf{X}_T, \mathbf{Y}_{t-1}}(\mathbf{y}_t|\mathbf{x}_t, \mathbf{Y}_{t-1}) &= (2\pi)^{-n/2} |\mathbf{H}'\mathbf{P}_{t|t-1}\mathbf{H} + \mathbf{R}|^{-1/2} \\
 &\quad \times \exp \left\{ -\frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{y}_t - \mathbf{A}'\mathbf{x}_t - \mathbf{H}'\hat{\boldsymbol{\xi}}_{t|t-1})'(\mathbf{H}'\mathbf{P}_{t|t-1}\mathbf{H} + \mathbf{R})^{-1}(\mathbf{y}_t - \mathbf{A}'\mathbf{x}_t - \mathbf{H}'\hat{\boldsymbol{\xi}}_{t|t-1}) \right\}. \\
 &= (2\pi)^{-1/2}(\sigma_1^2 + \sigma_2^2)^{-1/2} \exp \left\{ -\frac{1}{2}y_t^2(\sigma_1^2 + \sigma_2^2)^{-1} \right\}.
 \end{aligned}$$

Substituting into the sample log likelihood [13.4.2], we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 \sum_{t=1}^T \log f_{\mathbf{Y}_t|\mathbf{X}_T, \mathbf{Y}_{t-1}}(\mathbf{y}_t|\mathbf{x}_t, \mathbf{Y}_{t-1}) &= \sum_{t=1}^T \log \left\{ (2\pi)^{-1/2}(\sigma_1^2 + \sigma_2^2)^{-1/2} \exp \left\{ -\frac{1}{2}y_t^2(\sigma_1^2 + \sigma_2^2)^{-1} \right\} \right\} \\
 &= \log \left\{ \left((2\pi)^{-1/2}(\sigma_1^2 + \sigma_2^2)^{-1/2} \right)^T \right\} - \sum_{t=1}^T y_t^2 / [2(\sigma_1^2 + \sigma_2^2)] \\
 &= -(T/2) \log(2\pi) - (T/2) \log(\sigma_1^2 + \sigma_2^2) - \sum_{t=1}^T y_t^2 / [2(\sigma_1^2 + \sigma_2^2)]. \quad [13.4.5]
 \end{aligned}$$