Lecture 11

ARMA Models: Prediction and Forecasting

Reading: Bowerman, O'Connell, and Koehler (2005): Capter 10.3; Cryer and Chen (2008): Chapter 9.1, 9.3, 9.4

MATH 4070: Regression and Time-Series Analysis

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$\Rightarrow$ the best predictor (in terms of MSPE) is

$$m_n(\boldsymbol{X}_n) = \mathbb{E}\left[X_{n+h} | \boldsymbol{X}_n\right],$$

the conditional expectation of X_{n+h} given $\boldsymbol{X}_n$

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From now on let's definite

$$\mathbb{E}\left[(X_{n+h} - c_1 X_n - c_2 X_{n-1} - \cdots - c_n X_1)^2\right] = S(c_1, \cdots, c_n)$$

We are going to take derivative of the $S(c_1, \cdots, c_n)$ with respect to each coefficient c_j

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We obtain $\{c_i; i = 1, \cdots, n\}$ by solving the system of linear equations:

$$\left\{\gamma(h+j-1) = \sum_{i=1}^{n} c_i \gamma(i-j) : j = 1, \cdots, n\right\},$$

to find n unknown c_i's

Computing $P_n X_{n+h}$ via Matrix Operations

We can rewrite the system of prediction equations as

$$\boldsymbol{\gamma}_n = \Sigma_n \boldsymbol{c}_n,$$

with $\boldsymbol{\gamma}_n = (\gamma(h), \gamma(h+1), \cdots \gamma(h+n-1))^T$, $\boldsymbol{c}_n = (c_1, c_2, \cdots, c_n)^T$ and

$$\Sigma_n = \begin{bmatrix} \gamma(0) & \gamma(1) & \cdots & \gamma(n-1) \\ \gamma(1) & \gamma(0) & \cdots & \gamma(n-2) \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \gamma(n-1) & \gamma(n-2) & \cdots & \gamma(0) \end{bmatrix}$$

is the covariance matrix of $(X_1, X_2, \cdots, X_n)^T$.

Solving for $\boldsymbol{c}_n$ we have

$$\boldsymbol{c}_n = \Sigma_n^{-1} \boldsymbol{\gamma}_n$$

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We obtain the minimum value of the MSPE by substituting the expression for $\boldsymbol{c}_n$ into $\mathbb{E}\left[(X_{n+h} - P_n X_{n+h})^2\right]$:

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&+ \sum_{j=1}^{n}\sum_{k=1}^{n} c_j c_k \mathbb{E}\left[(X_{n+1-j} - \mu)(X_{n+1-k} - \mu)\right] \\
&= \gamma(0) - 2\sum_{j=1}^{n} c_j \gamma(h + j - 1) + \sum_{j=1}^{n}\sum_{k=1}^{n} c_j c_k \gamma(k - j) \\
&= \gamma(0) - 2\boldsymbol{c}_n^T \boldsymbol{\gamma}_n + \boldsymbol{c}_n^T \Sigma_n \boldsymbol{c}_n.
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The Minimum Mean Squared Prediction Error (Cont'd)

From the previous slide we have

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Recall that $\boldsymbol{c}_n = \Sigma_n^{-1}\boldsymbol{\gamma}_n$, therefore we have

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If $\{X_t\}$ is a Gaussian process then an approximate $100(1-\alpha)$% prediction interval for X_{n+h} is given by

$$P_nX_{n+h} \pm z_{1-\alpha/2}\sqrt{\mathrm{MSPE}}.$$

One-Step Ahead Prediction of AR(1) Process

Consider AR(1) process $X_t = \phi X_{t-1} + Z_t$, where $|\phi| < 1$ and $\{Z_t\} \sim \mathrm{WN}(0, 1 - \phi^2)$.

- Since $\mathrm{Var}(X_t) = 1$, $\gamma(h) = \rho(h) = \phi^{|h|}$
- To forecast X_{n+1} based upon $\boldsymbol{X}_n = (X_1, \cdots, X_n)^T$, using best linear predictor $P_n X_{n+1} = \boldsymbol{c}_n^T \boldsymbol{X}_n$, we need to solve $\Sigma_n \boldsymbol{c}_n = \boldsymbol{\gamma}_n$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & \phi & \cdots & \phi^{n-1} \\ \phi & 1 & \cdots & \phi^{n-2} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \cdots & \vdots \\ \phi^{n-1} & \phi^{n-2} & \cdots & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \\ \vdots \\ c_n \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \phi \\ \phi^2 \\ \vdots \\ \phi^n \end{bmatrix}$$

$\Rightarrow$ the solution is $\boldsymbol{c}_n = (\phi, 0, \cdots, 0)^T$, yielding

$$P_n X_{n+1} = \boldsymbol{c}_n^T \boldsymbol{X}_n = \phi X_n$$

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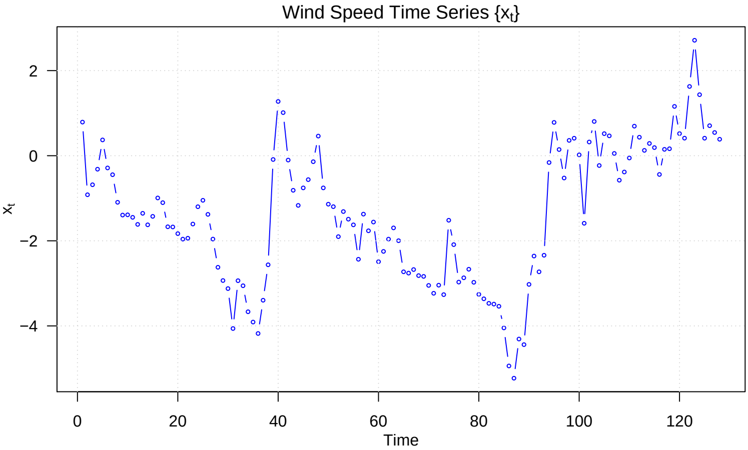
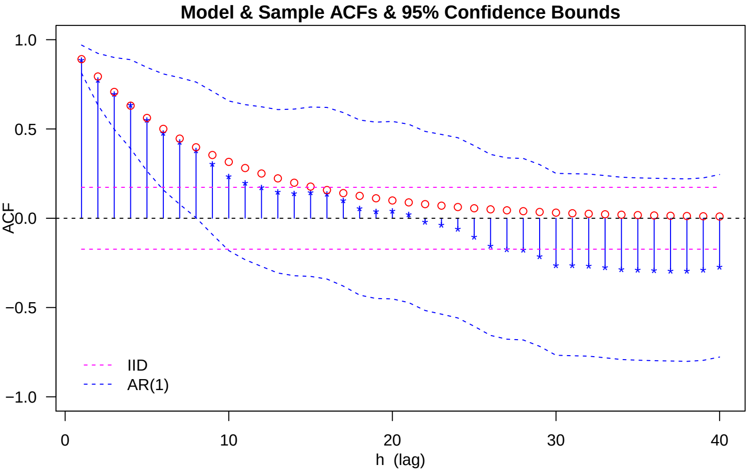
Wind Speed Time Series Example [Source: UW stat 519 lecture notes by Donald Percival]



Let's use this series to illustrate forecasting one step ahead

Model & Sample ACFs & 95% Confidence Bounds



The sample ACF indicates compatibility with AR(1) model

$\Rightarrow P_n X_{n+1} = \phi X_n$

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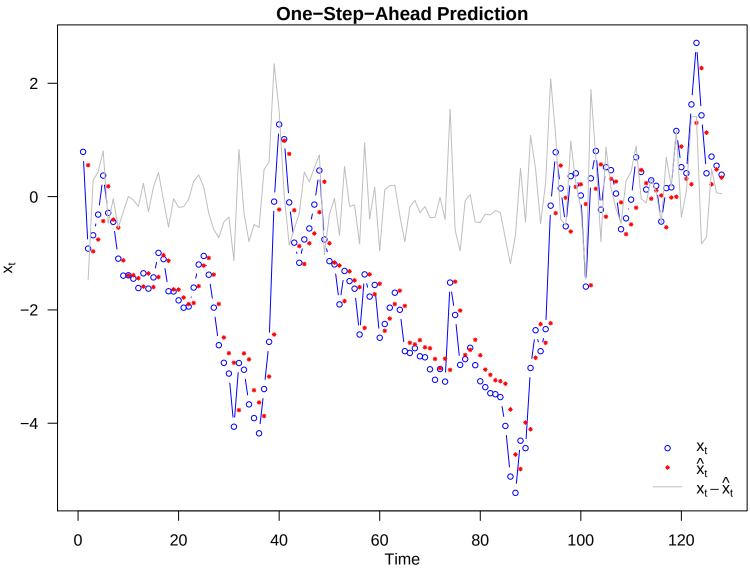

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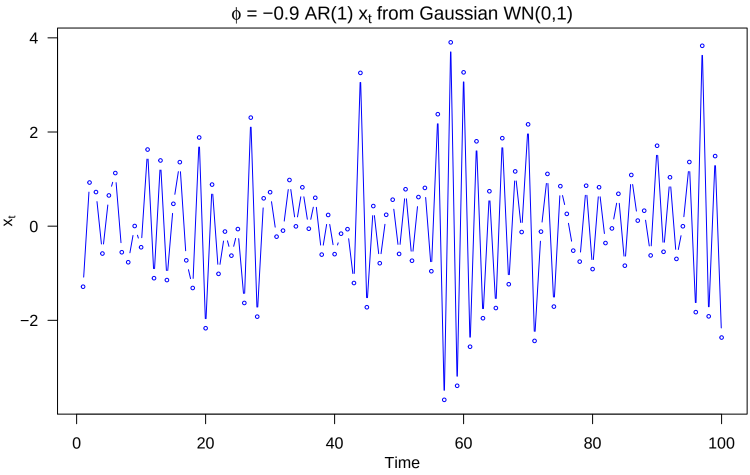
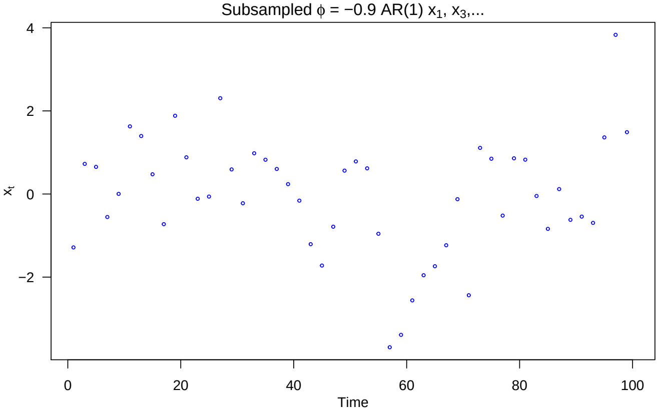
Another AR(1) Example with $\phi = -0.9$



Subsampled $X_1, X_3, \cdots$ and Removed $X_2, X_4, \cdots$



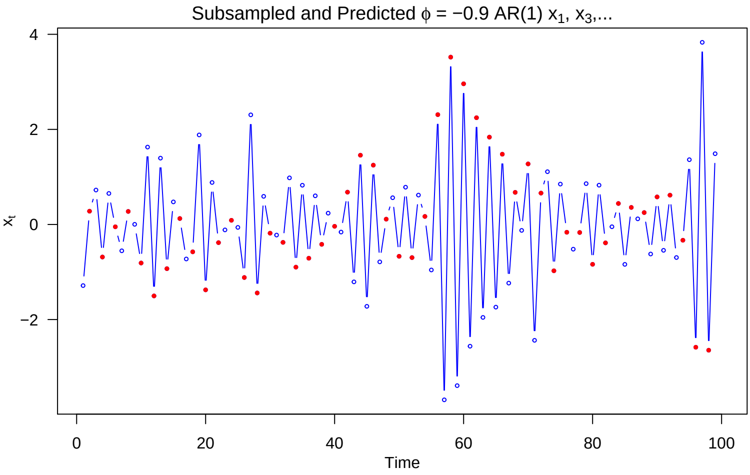
The best linear predictor of X_2 given X_1, X_3 is

$$\hat{X}_2 = \frac{\phi}{1+\phi^2}(X_1 + X_3),$$

and the MSPE is

$$\frac{\sigma^2}{1+\phi^2}$$

Predict $X_2, X_4, \cdots$ Using Best Linear Predictor



Prediction Errors from Best Linear Predictor