

1. Given any variables X_1, \dots, X_n , the best linear prediction for a random variable X is the linear combination $\sum_{i=1}^n a_i X_i$ that minimizes the mean-squared error (assuming the means of all variables are 0),

$$\begin{aligned} & E\left(X - \sum_{i=1}^n a_i X_i\right)^2 \\ &= \text{Var}(X) - 2 \sum_{i=1}^n a_i \text{Cov}(X, X_i) \\ &+ \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n a_i a_j \text{Cov}(X_i, X_j) \end{aligned}$$

Show that the partial derivative of the MSE with respect to a_i is

$$-2\text{Cov}(X, X_i) + 2 \sum_{j=1}^n \text{Cov}(X_i, X_j) a_j. \quad (1)$$

These n equations can be written in matrix notation

$$R\mathbf{a} = \mathbf{b} \quad (2)$$

where R is an $n \times n$ matrix whose (i, j) th element is $\text{Cov}(X_i, X_j)$, i.e.,

$$\begin{aligned} R &= (\text{Cov}(X_i, X_j)), \text{ and} \\ \mathbf{b} &= (\text{Cov}(X, X_1), \dots, \text{Cov}(X, X_n))'. \\ \mathbf{a} &= (a_1, \dots, a_n)'. \end{aligned}$$

2. Let us apply the result to a stationary sequence Y_t with mean 0. Write the best linear predictor for Y_{n+1} given Y_n, \dots, Y_1 as

$$\hat{Y}_{n+1} = \sum_{i=1}^n \phi_{n,i} Y_{n+1-i}.$$

Write

$$\begin{aligned} \phi_n &= (\phi_{n,1}, \dots, \phi_{n,n})' \text{ note this is a vector} \\ R_n &= (\gamma(i-j))_{n \times n} \\ k_n &= (\gamma(1), \dots, \gamma(n))'. \end{aligned}$$

By (2),

$$\phi_n = R_n^{-1} k_n. \quad (3)$$

You can use this to obtain the partial autocorrelation function (PACF) $\phi_{n,n}$, which is the last element of ϕ_n .

3. The Durbin-Levinson Algorithm. There is an iterative way to get the PACF. It goes as follows.

$$\phi_{11} = \gamma(1)/\gamma(0); v_1 = \gamma(0)(1 - \phi_{11}^2).$$

For $n \geq 1$

$$\phi_{n+1,n+1} = (\gamma(n+1) - \sum_{j=1}^n \phi_{n,j} \gamma(n+1-j))/v_n,$$

$$\phi_{n+1,j} = \phi_{n,j} - \phi_{n+1,n+1} \phi_{n,n-j+1}, \quad j = 1, 2, \dots, n,$$

or

$$\begin{pmatrix} \phi_{n+1,1} \\ \vdots \\ \phi_{n+1,n} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \phi_{n,1} \\ \vdots \\ \phi_{n,n} \end{pmatrix} - \phi_{n+1,n+1} \begin{pmatrix} \phi_{n,n} \\ \vdots \\ \phi_{n,1} \end{pmatrix}, \text{ and}$$

$$v_{n+1} = v_n(1 - \phi_{n+1,n+1}^2)$$

Proof is simple by using block matrix. Write $\mathbf{b}_n = (\gamma(n), \dots, \gamma(1))'$. Then

$$R_{n+1} = \begin{pmatrix} R_n & \mathbf{b}_n \\ \mathbf{b}_n' & \gamma(0) \end{pmatrix}.$$

The inverse of this block matrix is given by

$$R_{n+1}^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} R_n^{-1} + c_n R_n^{-1} \mathbf{b}_n \mathbf{b}_n' R_n^{-1} & -c_n R_n^{-1} \mathbf{b}_n \\ -c_n \mathbf{b}_n' R_n^{-1} & c_n \end{pmatrix}$$

where $c_n = (\gamma(0) - \mathbf{b}_n' R_n^{-1} \mathbf{b}_n)^{-1}$.

By (3), we have

$$\phi_{n+1} = R_{n+1}^{-1} \mathbf{k}_{n+1}. \quad (4)$$

The proof is completed by applying the inverse given in the previous page and the fact that

$$c_n = 1/v_n, n \geq 1. \quad (5)$$

The last equation can be shown by induction.

Project Due Friday March 25

You work as a group of 3 to 4 people and turn in one report.

1. Prove equation (1).
2. Prove equation (5) and use equation (4) to complete the proof of the Durbin-Levinson algorithm. Hint: You just need to show that $c_1 = 1/v_1$ and

$$1/c_{n+1} = (1 - \phi_{nn}^2)/c_n \text{ for } n > 1.$$

3. Write a computer program to calculate the PACF of an $MA(q)$ model up to the lag of 50 by applying equation (3). Your computer program should take the MA coefficients $\theta_1, \dots, \theta_q$ as the only input and your output should be the 50 PACFs.
4. Do the same thing in the previous problem by applying the Durbin-Levinson algorithm. Report the number of lines in your code.