

# Intro to ARMA models

FISH 507 – Applied Time Series Analysis

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# Topics for today

## Review

- White noise
- Random walks

Autoregressive (AR) models

Moving average (MA) models

Autoregressive moving average (ARMA) models

Using ACF & PACF for model ID

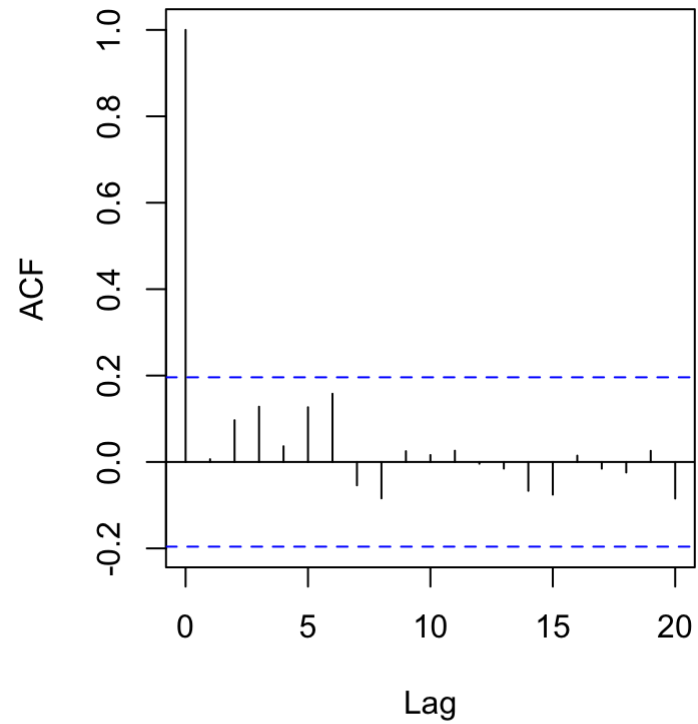
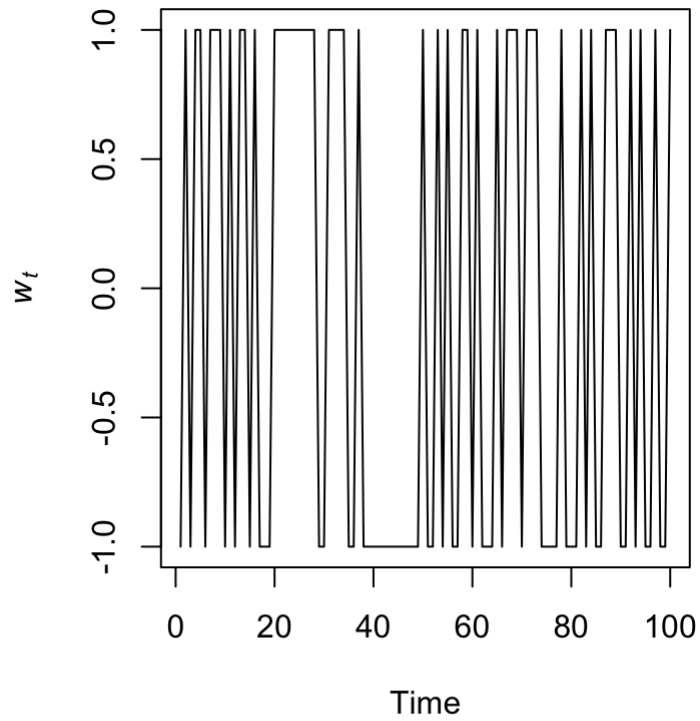
# White noise (WN)

A time series  $\{w_t\}$  is discrete white noise if its values are

1. independent
2. identically distributed with a mean of zero

The distributional form for  $\{w_t\}$  is flexible

# White noise (WN)



$$w_t = 2e_t - 1; e_t \sim \text{Bernoulli}(0.5)$$

# Gaussian white noise

We often assume so-called *Gaussian white noise*, whereby

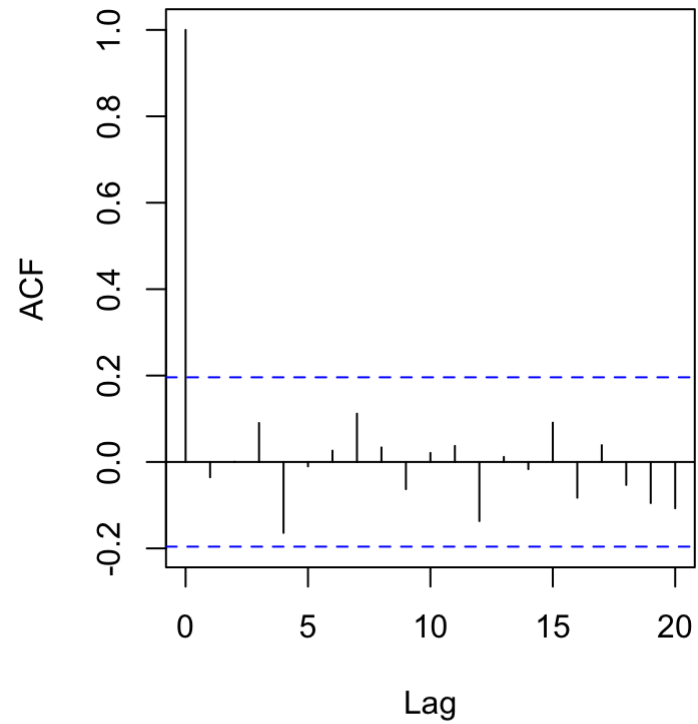
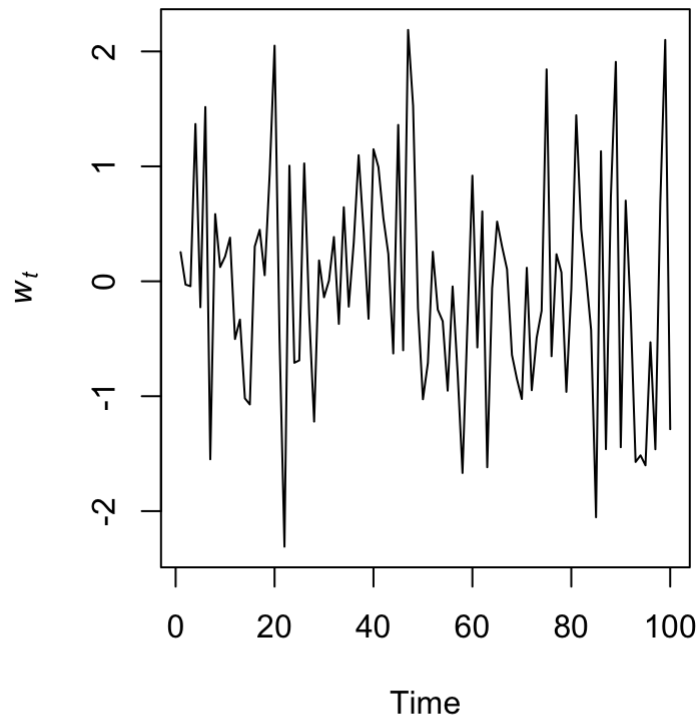
$$w_t \sim N(0, \sigma^2)$$

and the following apply as well

$$\text{autocovariance: } \gamma_k = \begin{cases} \sigma^2 & \text{if } k = 0 \\ 0 & \text{if } k \geq 1 \end{cases}$$

$$\text{autocorrelation: } \rho_k = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } k = 0 \\ 0 & \text{if } k \geq 1 \end{cases}$$

# Gaussian white noise



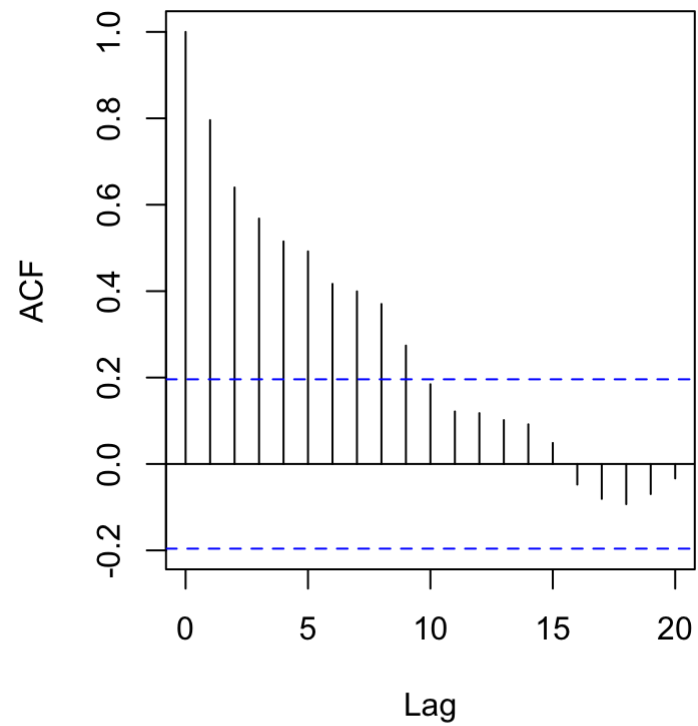
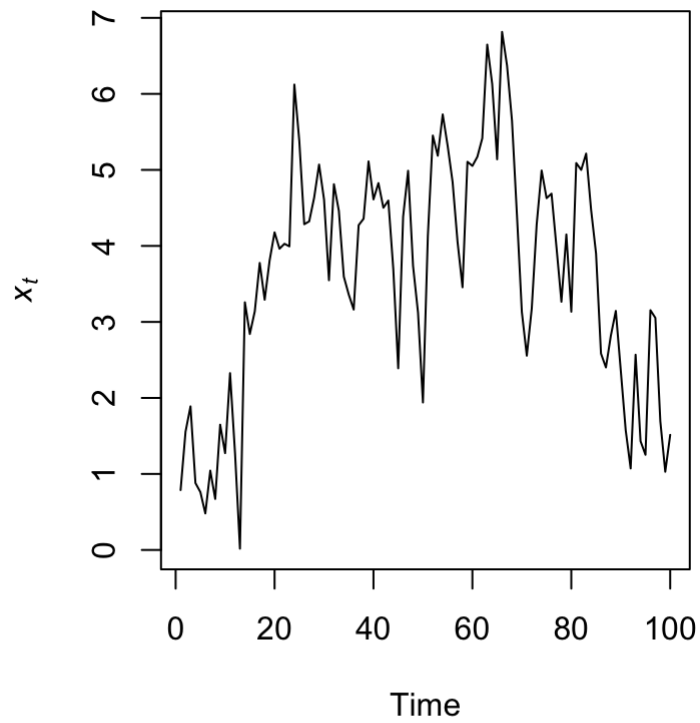
$$w_t \sim N(0, 1)$$

# Random walk (RW)

A time series  $\{x_t\}$  is a random walk if

1.  $x_t = x_{t-1} + w_t$
2.  $w_t$  is white noise

# Random walk (RW)



$$x_t = x_{t-1} + w_t; w_t \sim N(0, 1)$$



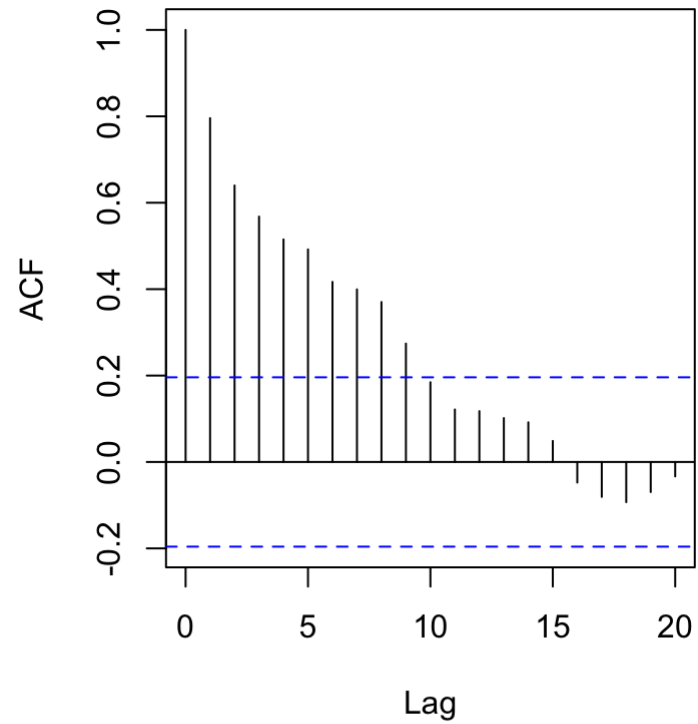
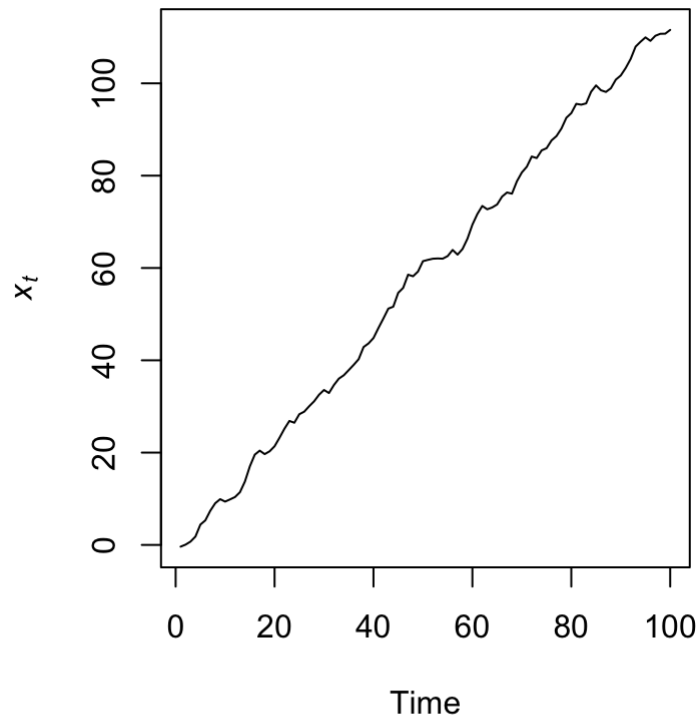
# Biased random walk

*A biased random walk (or random walk with drift) is written as*

$$x_t = x_{t-1} + u + w_t$$

where  $u$  is the bias (drift) per time step and  $w_t$  is white noise

# Biased random walk



$$x_t = x_{t-1} + 1 + w_t; w_t \sim N(0, 1)$$

# Differencing a biased random walk

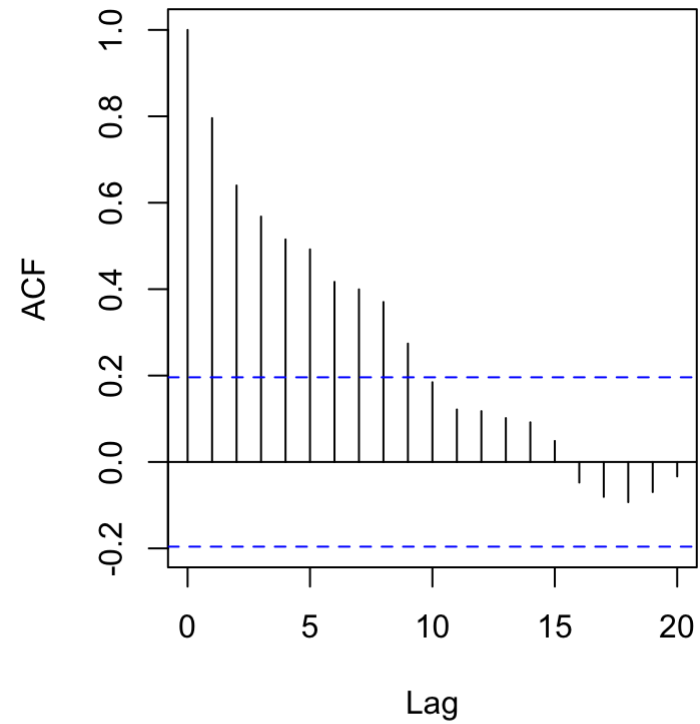
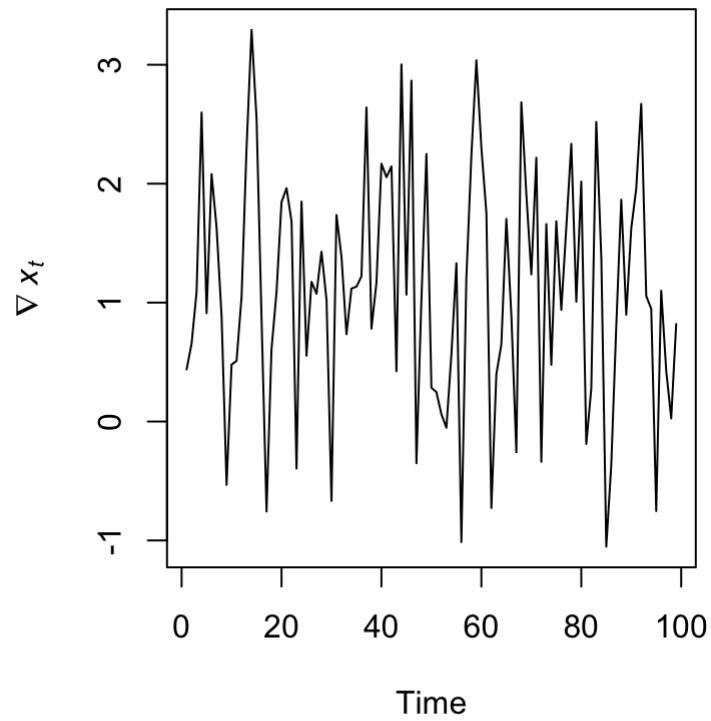
First-differencing a biased random walk yields a constant mean (level)  $u$  plus white noise

$$\nabla X_t = X_{t-1} + u + w_t$$

$$X_t - X_{t-1} = X_{t-1} + u + w_t - X_{t-1}$$

$$X_t - X_{t-1} = u + w_t$$

# Differencing a biased random walk



$$x_t = x_{t-1} + 1 + w_t; w_t \sim N(0, 1)$$

# LINEAR STATIONARY MODELS

# Linear stationary models

We saw last week that linear filters are a useful way of modeling time series

Here we extend those ideas to a general class of models call *autoregressive moving average* (ARMA) models

# Autoregressive (AR) models

Autoregressive models are widely used in ecology to treat a current state of nature as a function its past state(s)

# Autoregressive (AR) models

An *autoregressive* model of order  $p$ , or  $AR(p)$ , is defined as

$$X_t = \phi_1 X_{t-1} + \phi_2 X_{t-2} + \dots + \phi_p X_{t-p} + w_t$$

where we assume

1.  $w_t$  is white noise
2.  $\phi_p \neq 0$  for an order- $p$  process



# Examples of AR( $p$ ) models

AR(1)

$$x_t = 0.5x_{t-1} + w_t$$

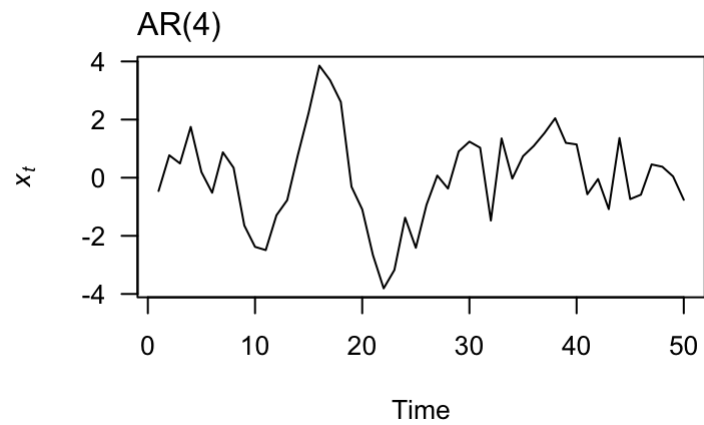
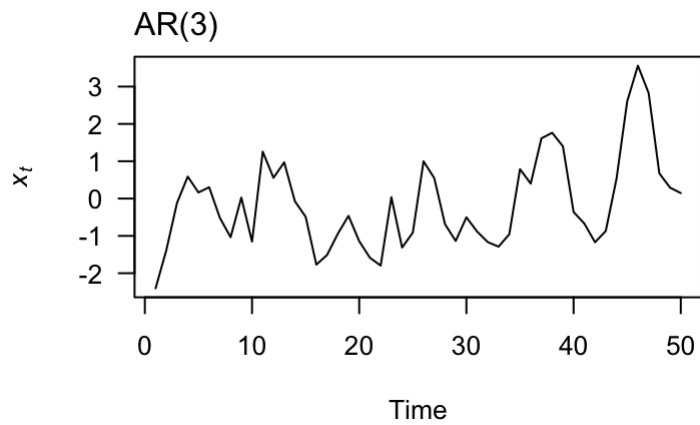
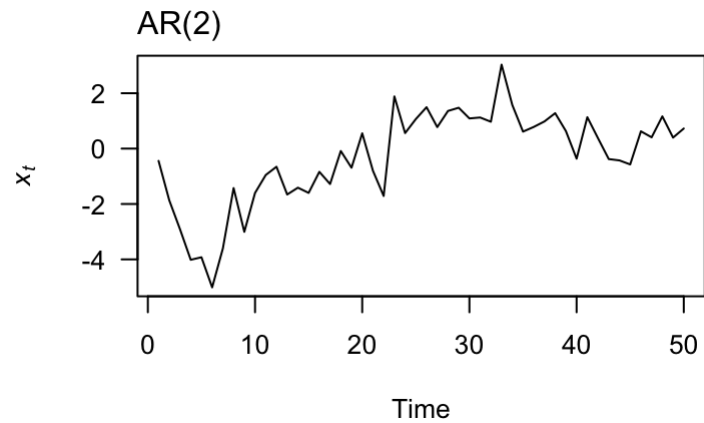
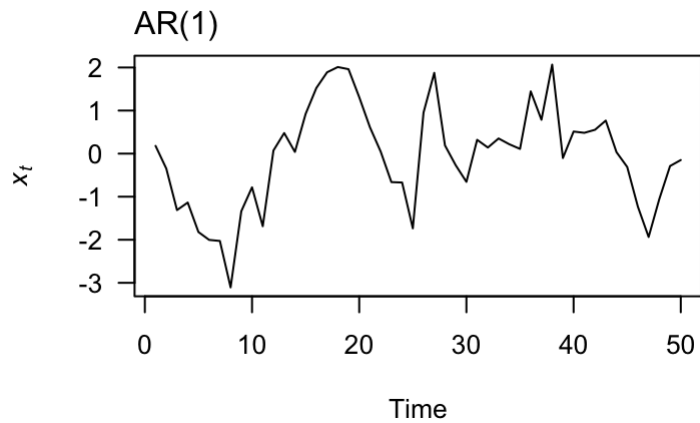
AR(1) with  $\phi_1 = 1$  (random walk)

$$x_t = x_{t-1} + w_t$$

AR(2)

$$x_t = -0.2x_{t-1} + 0.4x_{t-2} + w_t$$

# Examples of AR( $p$ ) models



# Stationary AR( $p$ ) models

Recall that *stationary* processes have the following properties

1. no systematic change in the mean or variance
2. no systematic trend
3. no periodic variations or seasonality

We seek a means for identifying whether our AR( $p$ ) models are also stationary

# Stationary AR( $p$ ) models

We can write out an AR( $p$ ) model using the backshift operator

$$X_t = \theta_1 X_{t-1} + \theta_2 X_{t-2} + \dots + \theta_p X_{t-p} + w_t$$

↓

$$X_t - \theta_1 X_{t-1} - \theta_2 X_{t-2} - \dots - \theta_p X_{t-p} = w_t$$

$$(1 - \theta_1 \mathbf{B} - \theta_2 \mathbf{B}^2 - \dots - \theta_p \mathbf{B}^p) X_t = w_t$$

$$\theta_p (\mathbf{B}) X_t = w_t$$

# Stationary AR( $p$ ) models

If we treat  $\mathbf{B}$  as a number (or numbers), we can out write the *characteristic equation* as

$$\begin{aligned} \cdot \quad p(\mathbf{B})x_t &= w_t \\ &\Downarrow \\ \cdot \quad p(\mathbf{B}) &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

To be stationary, **all roots** of the characteristic equation **must exceed 1 in absolute value**

# Stationary AR( $p$ ) models

For example, consider this AR(1) model from earlier

$$x_t = 0.5x_{t-1} + w_t$$

$$x_t - 0.5x_{t-1} = w_t$$

$$(1 - 0.5\mathbf{B})x_t = w_t$$

# Stationary AR( $p$ ) models

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$$\begin{aligned}x_t &= 0.5x_{t-1} + w_t \\x_t - 0.5x_{t-1} &= w_t \\(1 - 0.5\mathbf{B})x_t &= w_t \\&\Downarrow \\1 - 0.5\mathbf{B} &= 0 \\-0.5\mathbf{B} &= -1 \\ \mathbf{B} &= 2\end{aligned}$$

This model is indeed stationary because  $\mathbf{B} > 1$

# Stationary AR( $p$ ) models

What about this AR(2) model from earlier?

$$x_t = -0.2x_{t-1} + 0.4x_{t-2} + w_t$$

$$x_t + 0.2x_{t-1} - 0.4x_{t-2} = w_t$$

$$(1 + 0.2\mathbf{B} - 0.4\mathbf{B}^2)x_t = w_t$$



# Stationary AR( $p$ ) models

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This model is *not* stationary because only one  $\mathbf{B} > 1$

# What about random walks?

Consider our random walk model

$$X_t = X_{t-1} + W_t$$

$$X_t - X_{t-1} = W_t$$

$$(1 - 1\mathbf{B})X_t = W_t$$

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↓

$$1 - 1\mathbf{B} = 0$$

$$-1\mathbf{B} = -1$$

$$\mathbf{B} = 1$$

Random walks are **not** stationary because  $\mathbf{B} = 1 \neq 1$

# Stationary AR(1) models

We can define a space over which all AR(1) models are stationary

# Stationary AR(1) models

For  $x_t = \beta x_{t-1} + w_t$ , we have

$$1 - \beta = 0$$

$$\beta = -1$$

$$\beta = \frac{1}{\beta} > 1 \Rightarrow 0 < \beta < 1$$

# Stationary AR(1) models

For  $x_t = \alpha x_{t-1} + w_t$ , we have

$$1 - \alpha < 1 \Rightarrow 0 < \alpha < 1$$

$$\alpha < -1$$

$$\alpha > 1 \Rightarrow 0 < \alpha < 1$$

For  $x_t = -\alpha x_{t-1} + w_t$ , we have

$$1 + \alpha < 1 \Rightarrow -1 < \alpha < 0$$

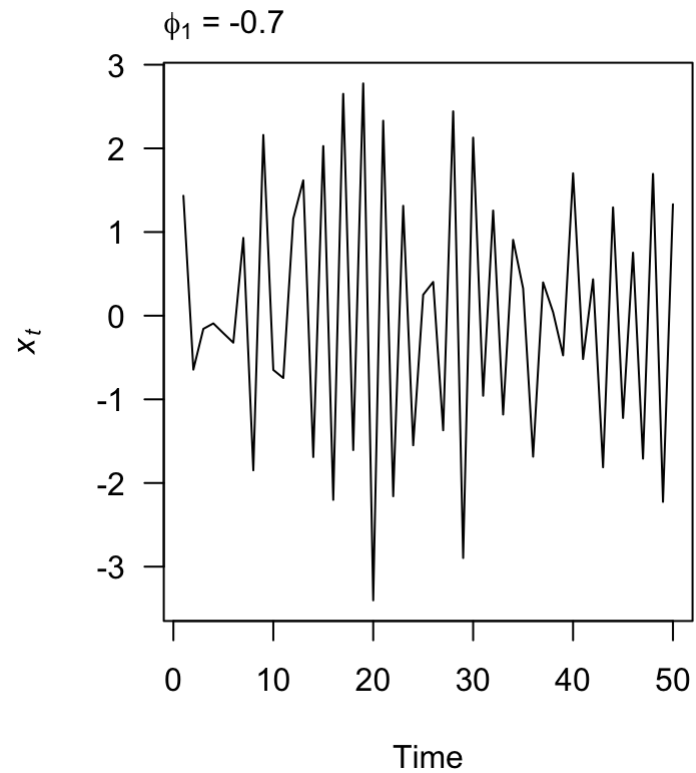
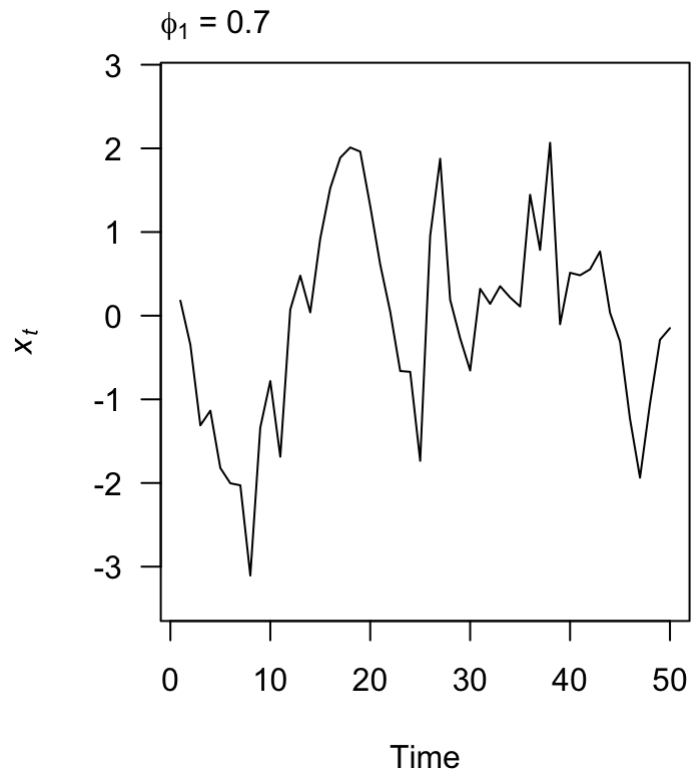
$$\alpha < -1$$

$$\alpha > 1 \Rightarrow -1 < \alpha < 0$$

# Stationary AR(1) models

Thus, AR(1) models are stationary if and only if  $|\alpha| < 1$

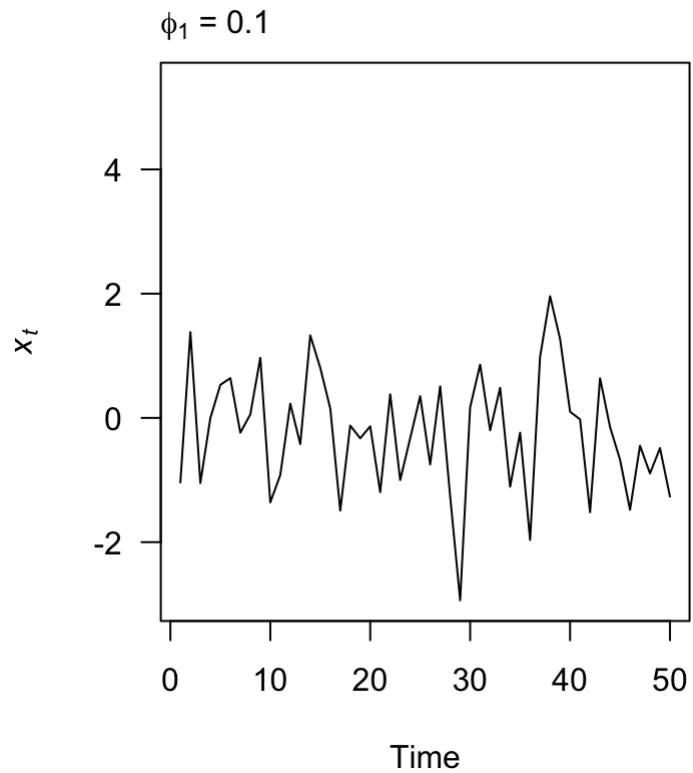
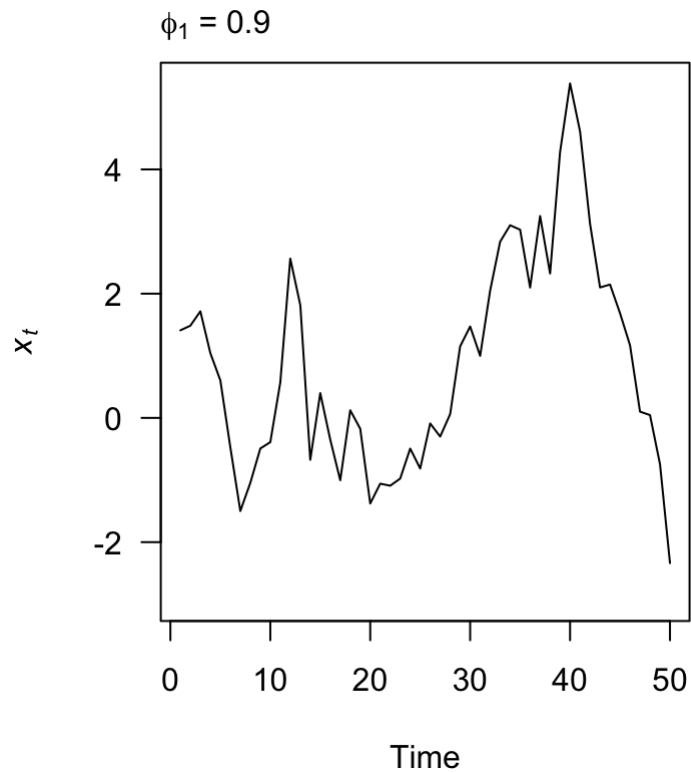
# Coefficients of AR(1) models



Same value, but different sign



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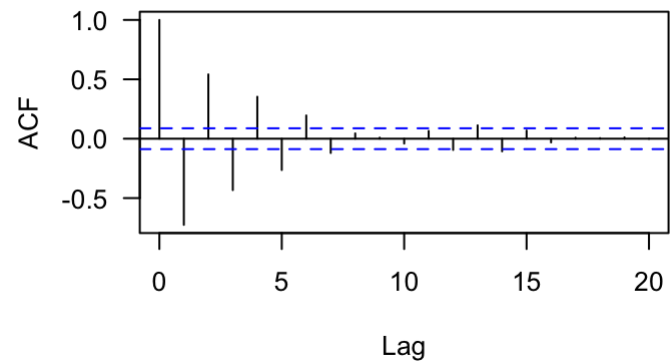
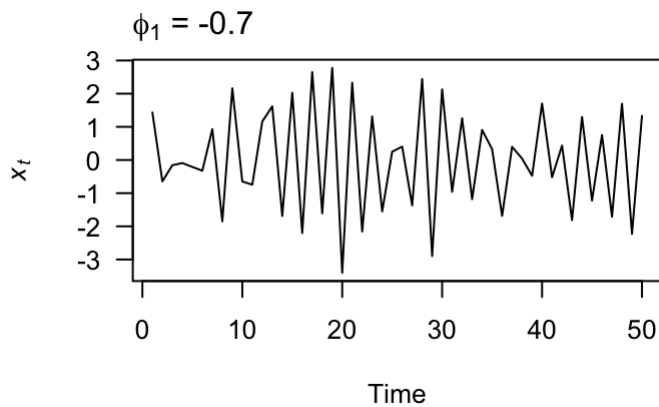
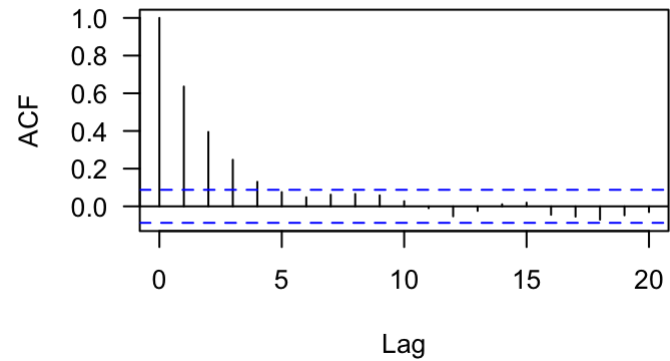
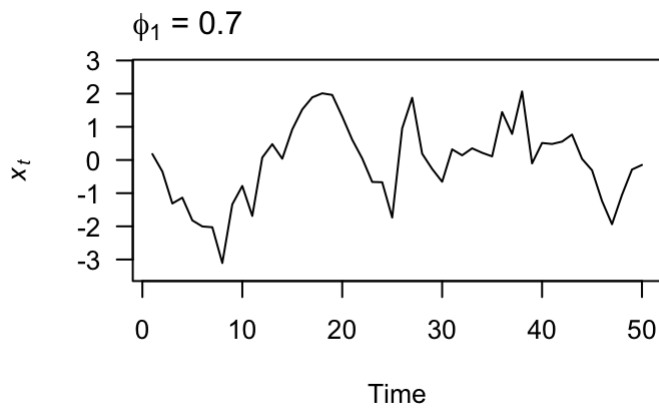


Both positive, but different magnitude

# Autocorrelation function (ACF)

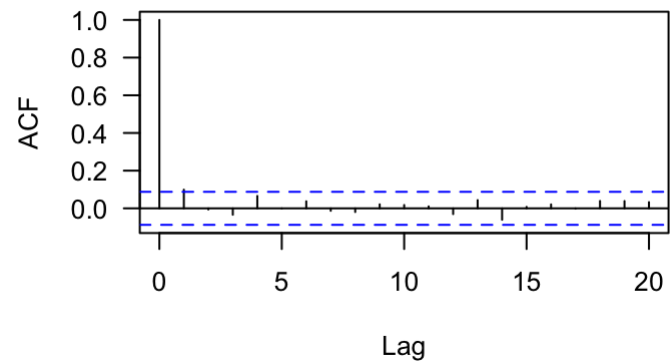
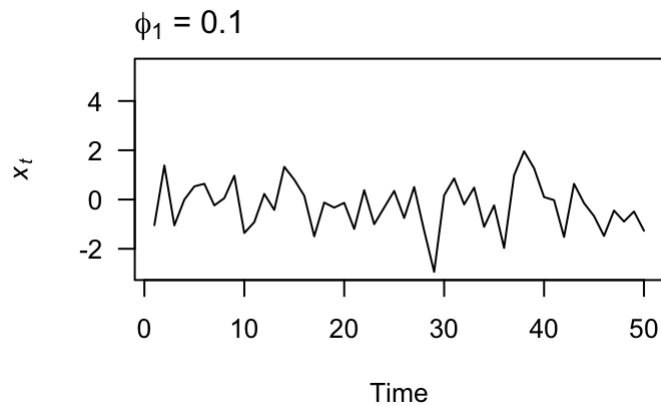
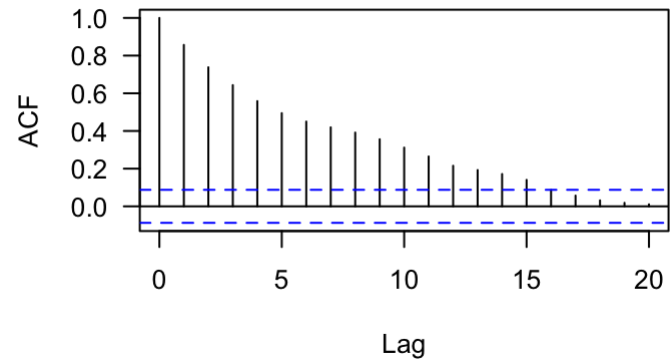
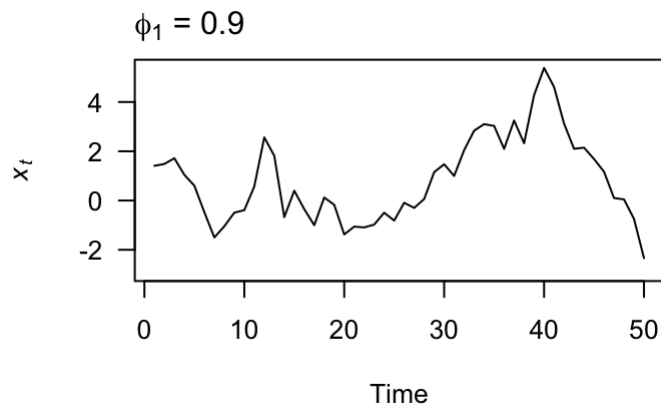
Recall that the *autocorrelation function*  $\gamma(k)$  measures the correlation between  $\{x_t\}$  and a shifted version of itself  $\{x_{t+k}\}$

# ACF for AR(1) models



ACF oscillates for model with  $\phi_1 < 0$ .

# ACF for AR(1) models



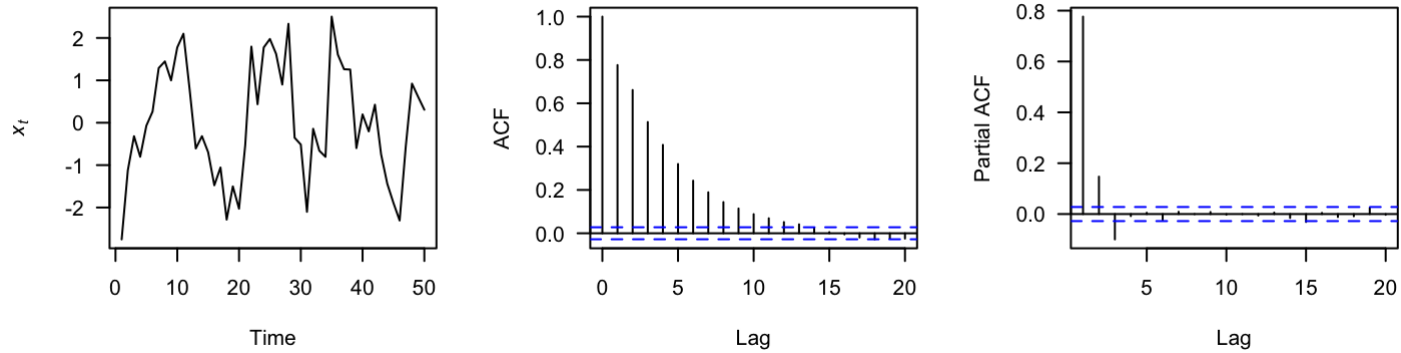
For model with large  $\phi_1$ , ACF has longer tail

# Partial autocorrelation function (PACF)

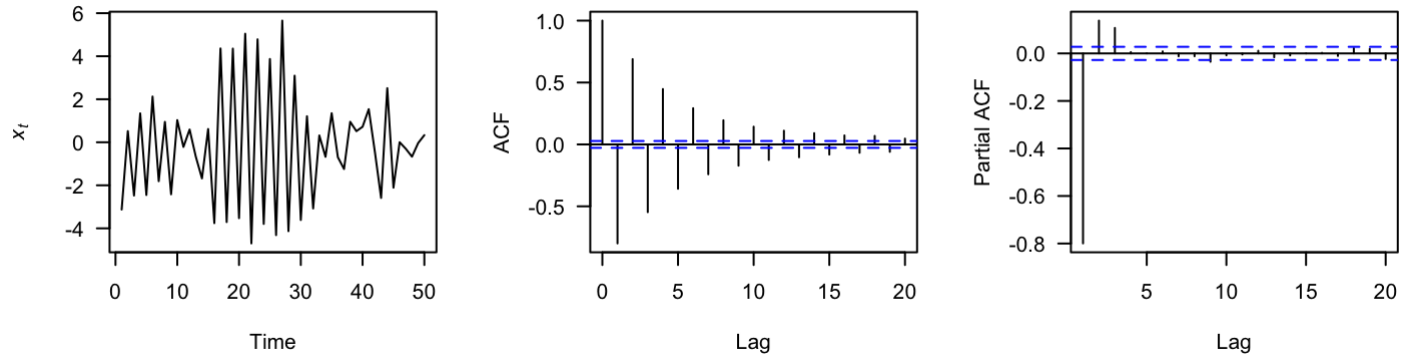
Recall that the *partial autocorrelation function* ( $\alpha_k$ ) measures the correlation between  $\{x_t\}$  and a shifted version of itself  $\{x_{t+k}\}$ , with the linear dependence of  $\{x_{t-1}, x_{t-2}, \dots, x_{t-k-1}\}$  removed

# ACF & PACF for AR(p) models

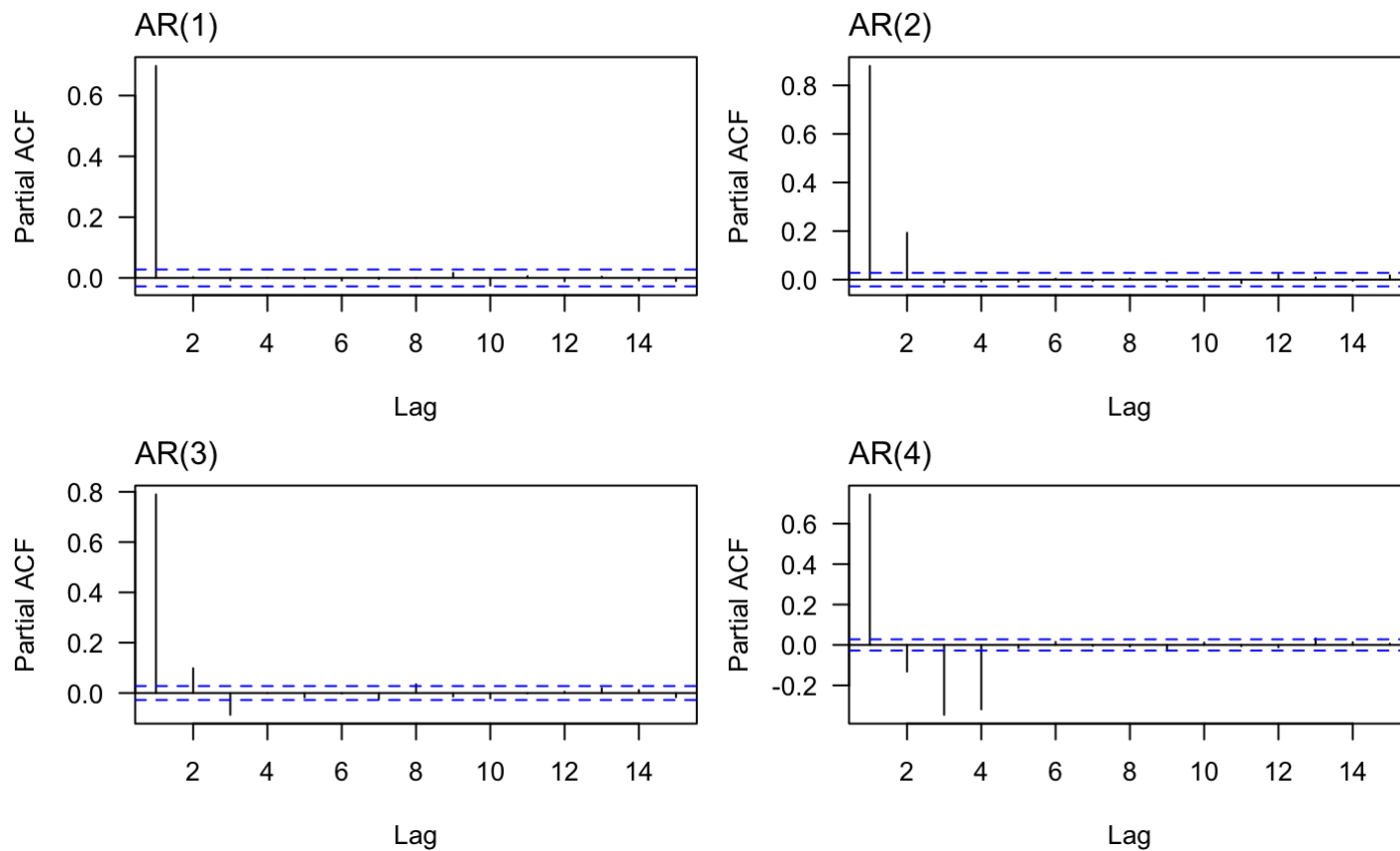
AR(3) with  $\phi_1 = 0.7, \phi_2 = 0.2, \phi_3 = -0.1$



AR(3) with  $\phi_1 = -0.7, \phi_2 = 0.2, \phi_3 = 0.1$



# PACF for AR( $p$ ) models



Do you see the link between the order  $p$  and lag  $k$ ?

# Using ACF & PACF for model ID

Model

ACF

PACF

$AR(p)$

Tails off slowly

Cuts off after lag  $p$

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# Moving average (MA) models

Moving average models are most commonly used for forecasting a future state

# Moving average (MA) models

A moving average model of order  $q$ , or  $MA(q)$ , is defined as

$$x_t = w_t + \theta_1 w_{t-1} + \theta_2 w_{t-2} + \dots + \theta_q w_{t-q}$$

where  $w_t$  is white noise

Each of the  $x_t$  is a sum of the most recent error terms

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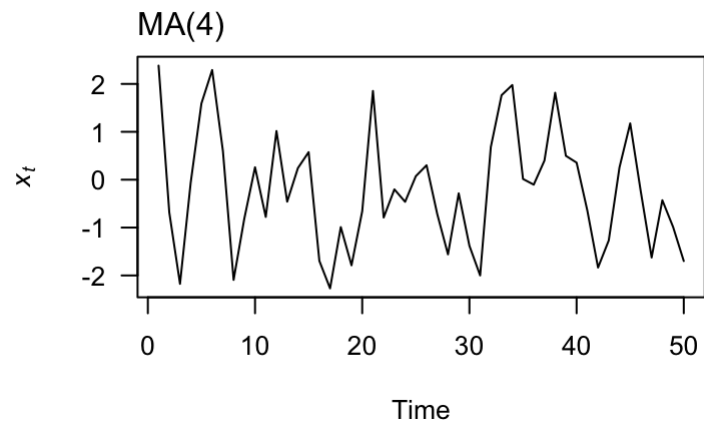
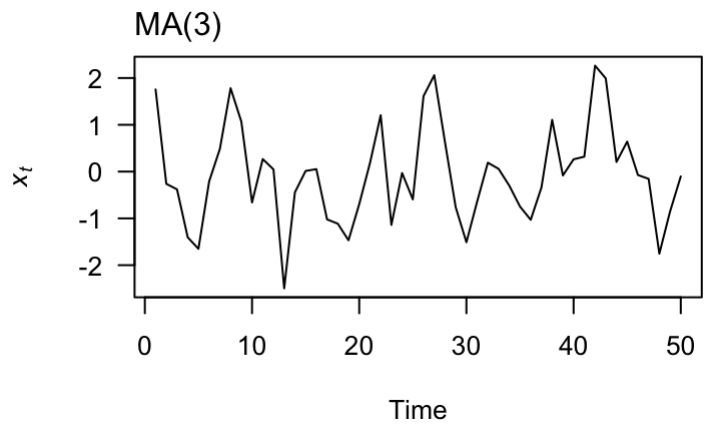
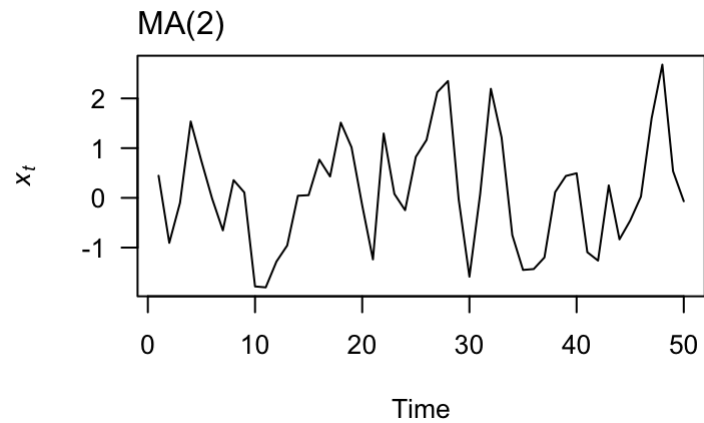
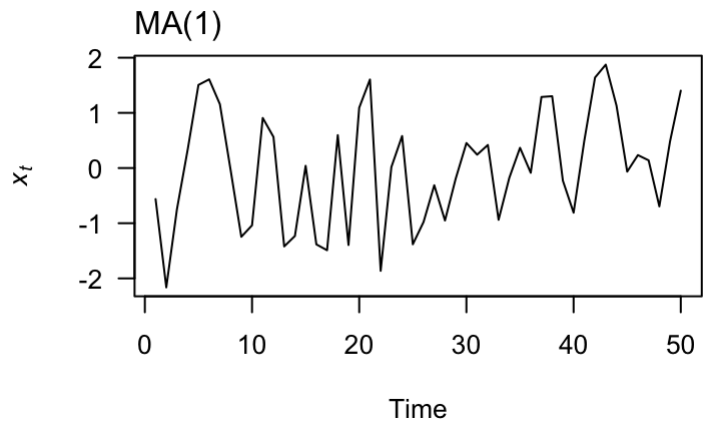
$$x_t = w_t + \theta_1 w_{t-1} + \theta_2 w_{t-2} + \dots + \theta_q w_{t-q}$$

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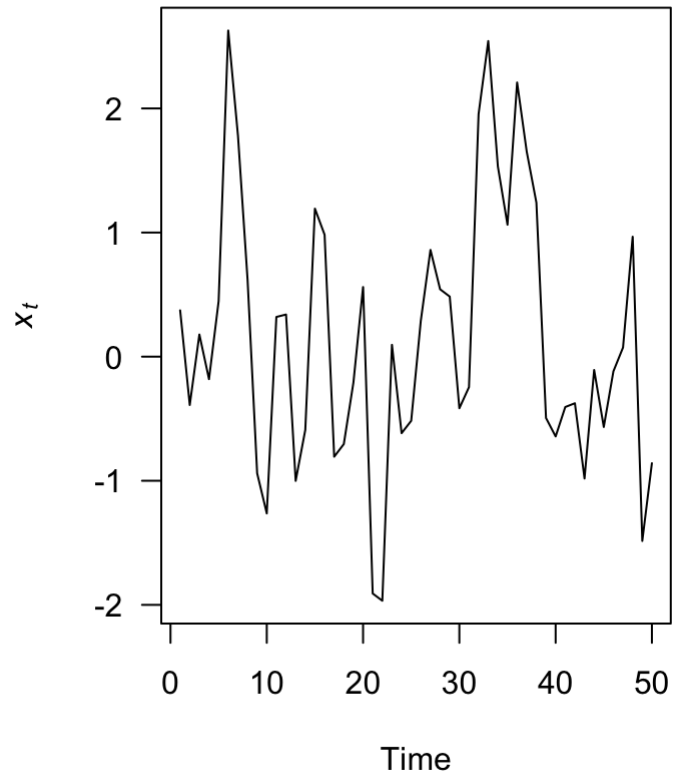
Thus, *all* MA processes are stationary because they are finite sums of stationary WN processes

# Examples of MA( $q$ ) models

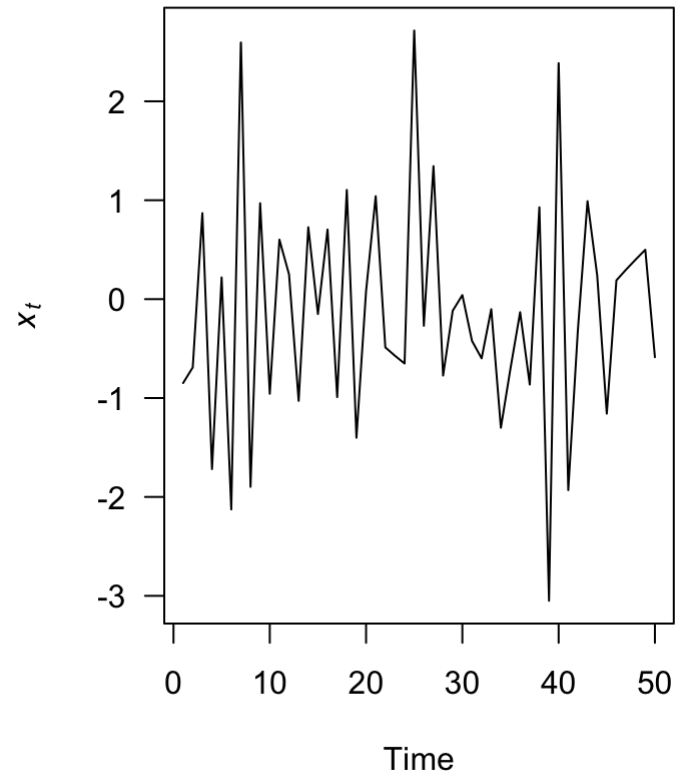


# Examples of MA( $q$ ) models

MA(1):  $x_t = w_t + 0.7 w_{t-1}$



MA(2):  $x_t = w_t - w_{t-1} + 0.7 w_{t-2}$



# AR( $p$ ) model as an MA( $\infty$ ) model

It is possible to write an AR( $p$ ) model as an MA( $\infty$ ) model

# AR(1) model as an MA( $\infty$ ) model

For example, consider an AR(1) model

$$X_t = X_{t-1} + W_t$$

$$X_t = (X_{t-2} + W_{t-1}) + W_t$$

$$X_t = X_{t-2} + W_{t-1} + W_t$$

$$X_t = X_{t-3} + W_{t-2} + W_{t-1} + W_t$$

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$$X_t = W_t + W_{t-1} + W_{t-2} + \dots + W_{t-k} + X_{t-k-1}$$

# AR(1) model as an MA( $\infty$ ) model

If our AR(1) model is stationary, then

$$| \alpha | < 1 \Rightarrow \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \alpha^{k+1} = 0$$

SO

$$X_t = w_t + \alpha w_{t-1} + \alpha^2 w_{t-2} + \dots + \alpha^k w_{t-k} + \alpha^{k+1} X_{t-k-1}$$

$\Downarrow$

$$X_t = w_t + \alpha w_{t-1} + \alpha^2 w_{t-2} + \dots + \alpha^k w_{t-k}$$



# Invertible MA( $q$ ) models

An MA( $q$ ) process is invertible if it can be written as a *stationary autoregressive process of infinite order without an error term*

# Invertible MA(1) model

For example, consider an MA(1) model

$$\begin{aligned}x_t &= w_t + \theta w_{t-1} \\ \Downarrow \\ w_t &= x_t - \theta w_{t-1} \\ w_t &= x_t - \theta (x_{t-1} - \theta w_{t-2}) \\ w_t &= x_t - \theta x_{t-1} + \theta^2 w_{t-2} \\ &\vdots \\ w_t &= x_t - \theta x_{t-1} + \dots + (-\theta)^k x_{t-k} + (-\theta)^{k+1} w_{t-k-1}\end{aligned}$$

# Invertible MA(1) model

If we constrain  $|\theta| < 1$ , then

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} (\theta)^{k+1} w_{t-k-1} = 0$$

and

$$w_t = x_t - \theta x_{t-1} + \dots + (\theta)^k x_{t-k} + (\theta)^{k+1} w_{t-k-1}$$

$\Downarrow$

$$w_t = x_t - \theta x_{t-1} + \dots + (\theta)^k x_{t-k}$$

$$w_t = x_t + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (\theta)^k x_{t-k}$$

# Invertible MA( $q$ ) models

Q: Why do we care if an MA( $q$ ) model is invertible?

A: It helps us identify the model's parameters

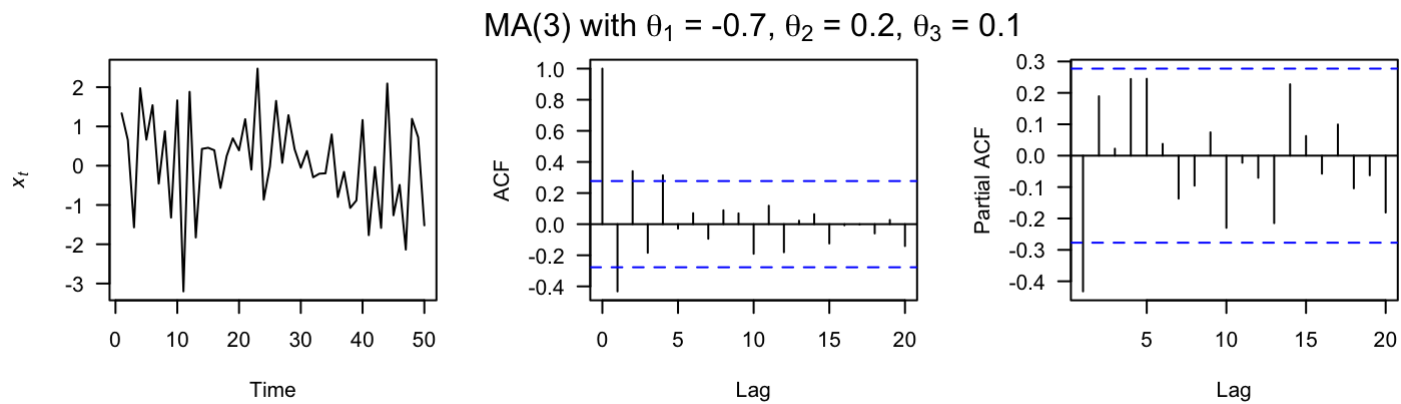
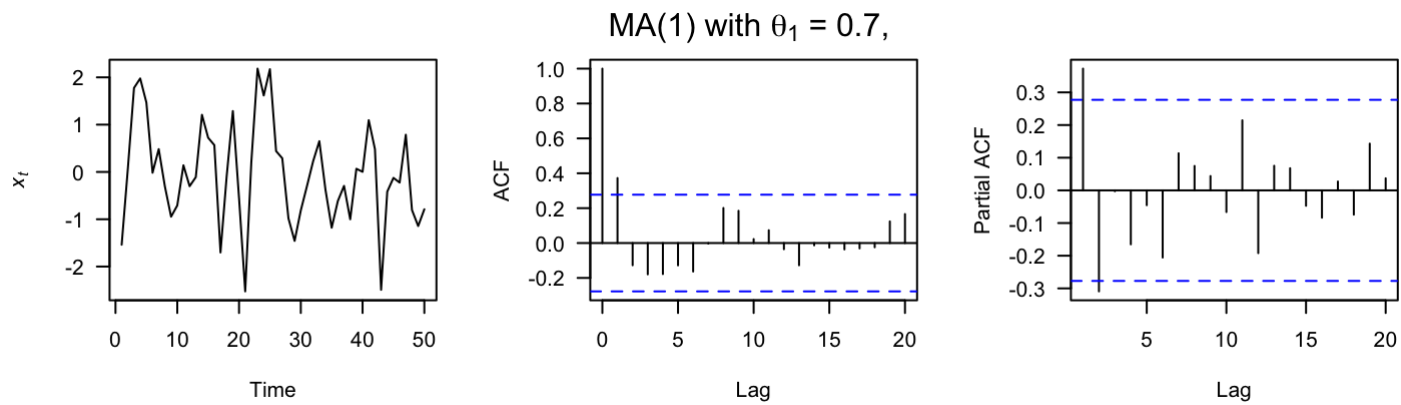
# Invertible MA( $q$ ) models

For example, these MA(1) models are equivalent

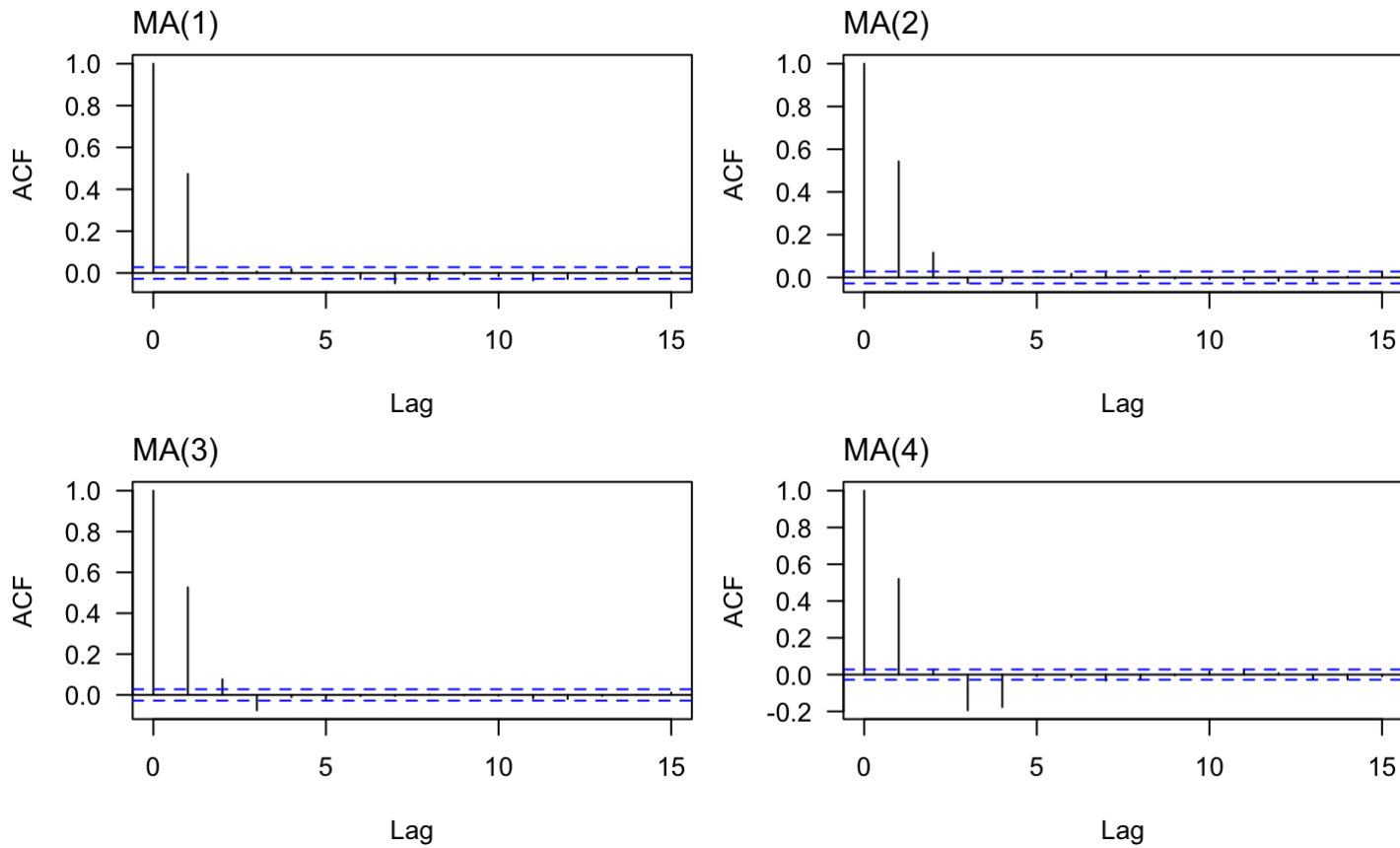
$$x_t = w_t + \frac{1}{5}w_{t-1}, \text{ with } w_t \sim N(0, 25)$$

$$x_t = w_t + 5w_{t-1}, \text{ with } w_t \sim N(0, 1)$$

# ACF & PACF for MA( $q$ ) models



# ACF for MA( $q$ ) models



Do you see the link between the order  $q$  and lag  $k$ ?

# Using ACF & PACF for model ID

Model	ACF	PACF
$AR(p)$	Tails off slowly	Cuts off after lag $p$
$MA(q)$	Cuts off after lag $q$	Tails off slowly

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# Using ACF & PACF for model ID

# Autoregressive moving average models

An autoregressive moving average, or ARMA( $p,q$ ), model is written as

$$X_t = \phi_1 X_{t-1} + \dots + \phi_p X_{t-p} + w_t + \theta_1 w_{t-1} + \dots + \theta_q w_{t-q}$$

# Autoregressive moving average models

We can write an ARMA( $p, q$ ) model using the backshift operator

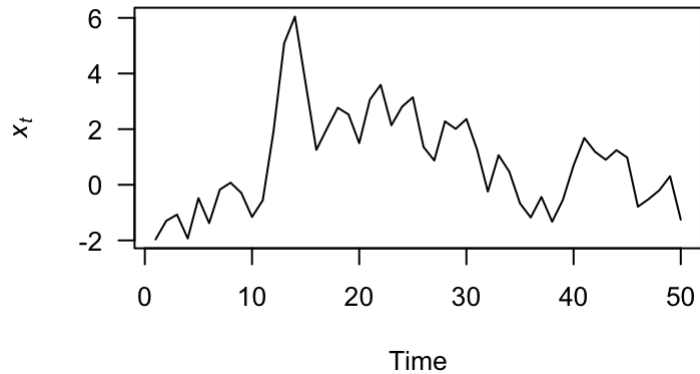
$$\phi_p(\mathbf{B})x_t = \theta_q(\mathbf{B})w_t$$

ARMA models are *stationary* if all roots of  $\phi_p(\mathbf{B}) > 1$

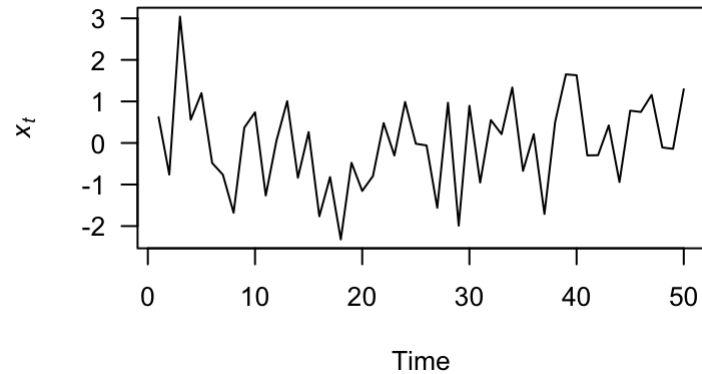
ARMA models are *invertible* if all roots of  $\theta_q(\mathbf{B}) > 1$

# Examples of ARMA( $p,q$ ) models

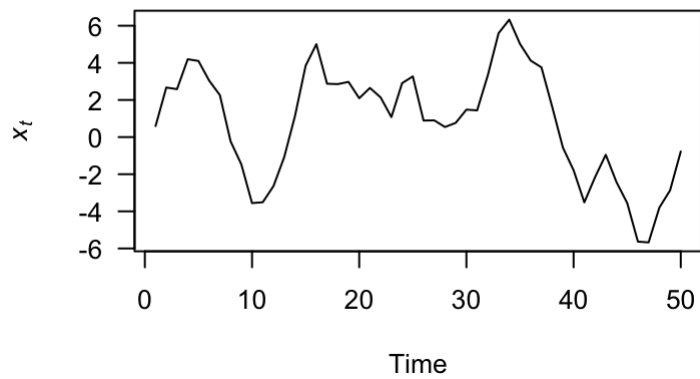
ARMA(3,1):  $\phi_1 = 0.7, \phi_2 = 0.2, \phi_3 = -0.1, \theta_1 = 0.5$



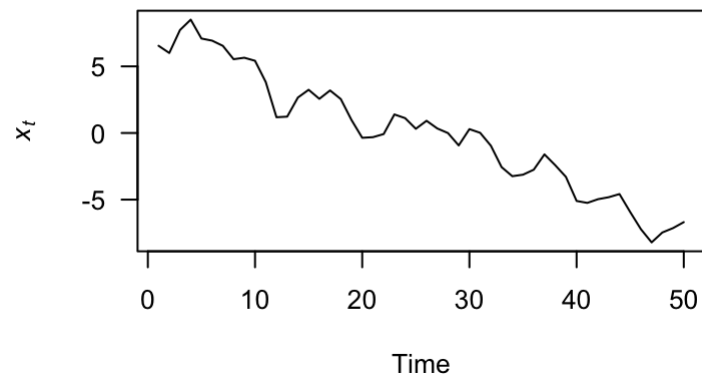
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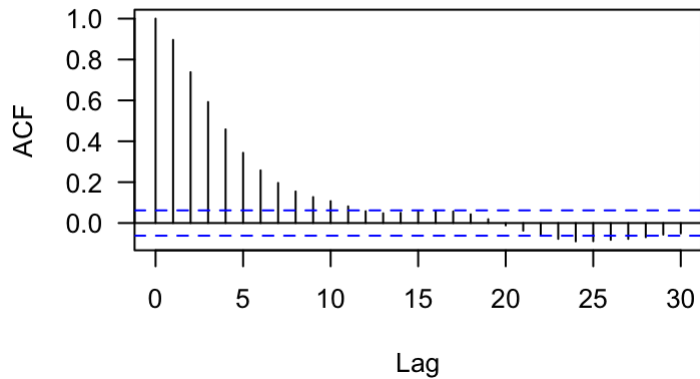


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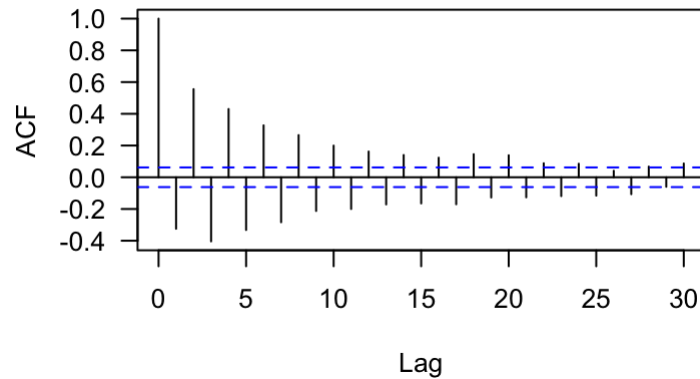


# ACF for ARMA( $p,q$ ) models

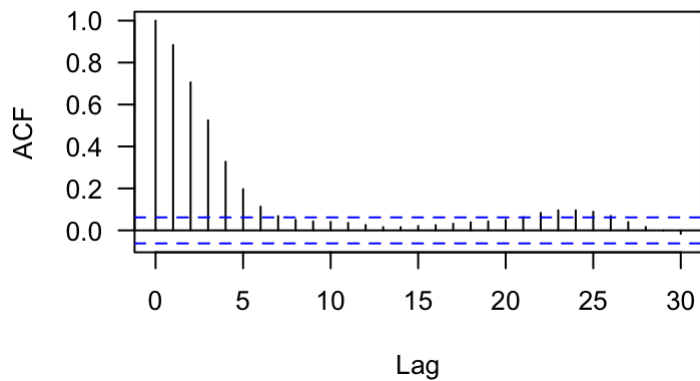
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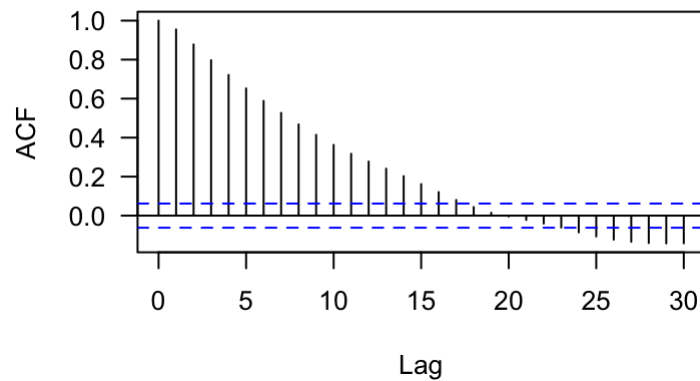
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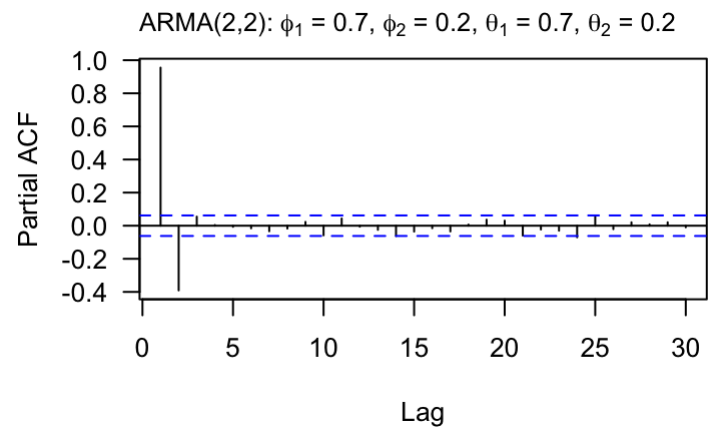
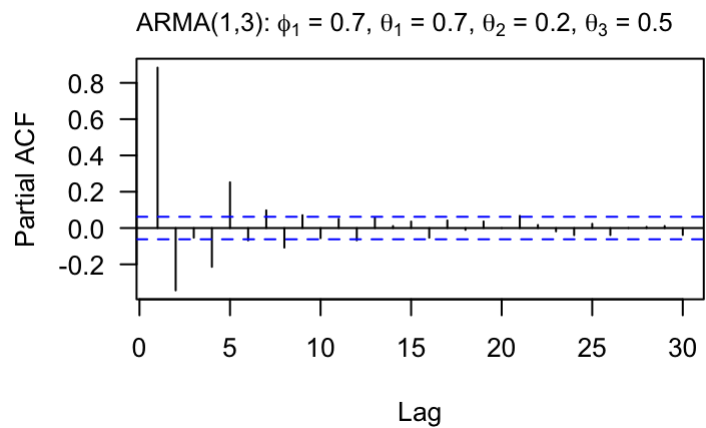
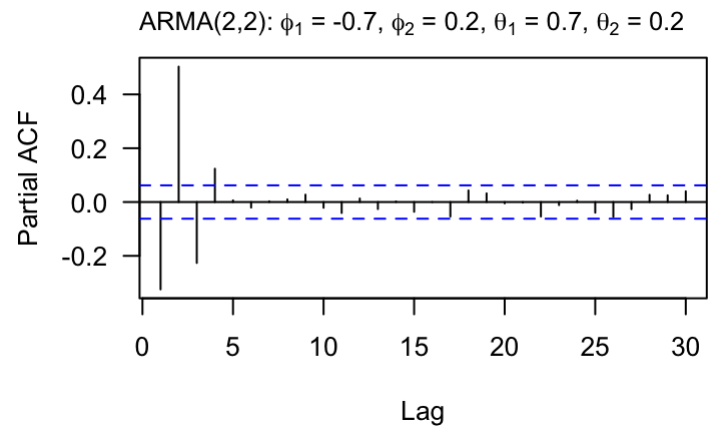
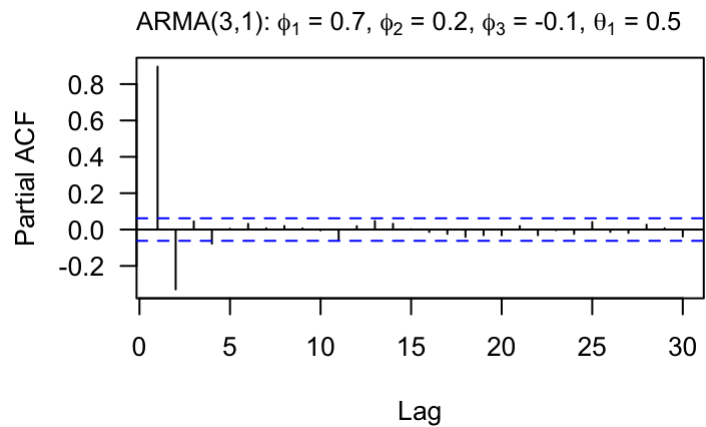
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# PACF for ARMA( $p,q$ ) models



# Using ACF & PACF for model ID

Model	ACF	PACF
$AR(p)$	Tails off slowly	Cuts off after lag $p$
$MA(q)$	Cuts off after lag $q$	Tails off slowly
$ARMA(p,q)$	Tails off slowly	Tails off slowly

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# NONSTATIONARY MODELS



# Autoregressive integrated moving average (ARIMA) models

If the data do not appear stationary, differencing can help

This leads to the class of *autoregressive integrated moving average* (ARIMA) models

ARIMA models are indexed with orders  $(p,d,q)$  where  $d$  indicates the order of differencing

# ARIMA( $p, d, q$ ) models

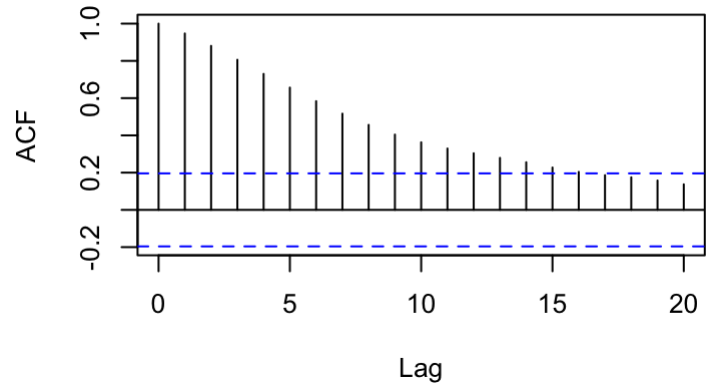
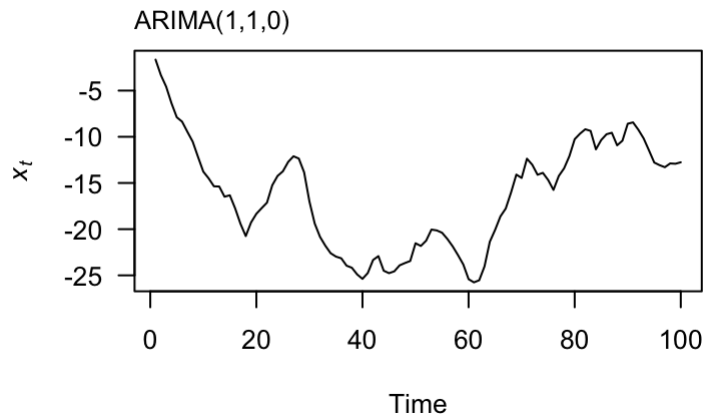
For  $d > 0$ ,  $\{x_t\}$  is an ARIMA( $p, d, q$ ) process if  $(1 - \mathbf{B})^d x_t$  is an ARMA( $p, q$ ) process

# ARIMA( $p,d,q$ ) models

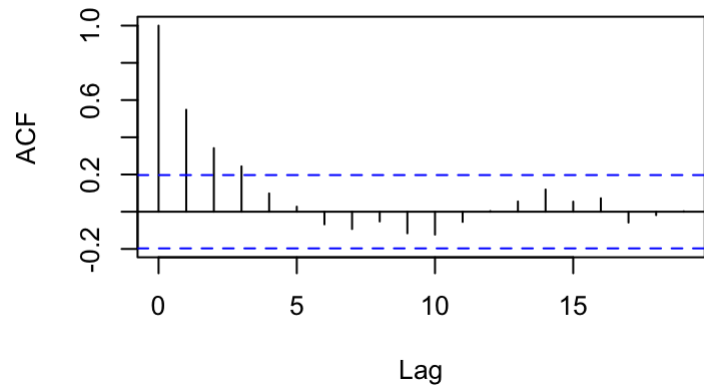
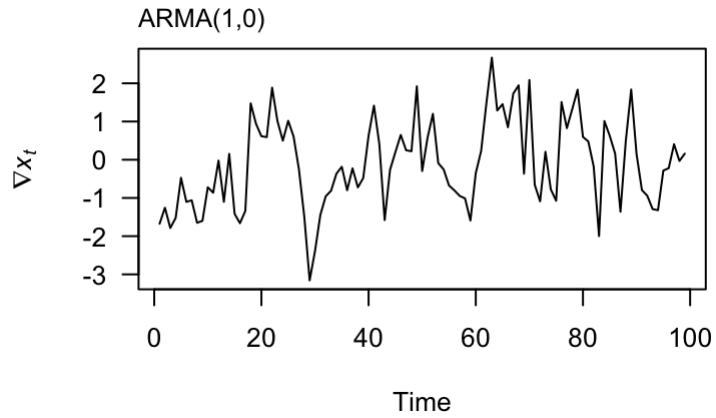
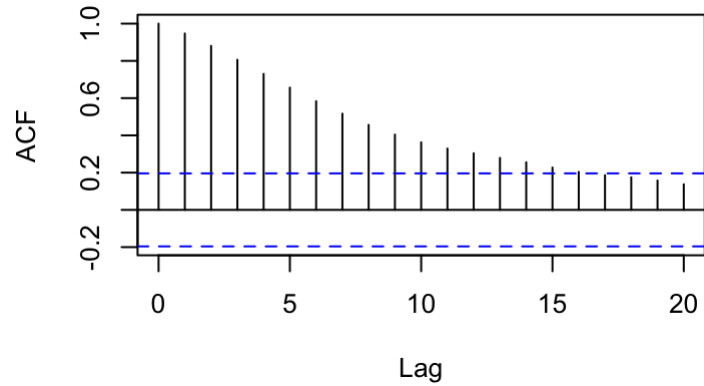
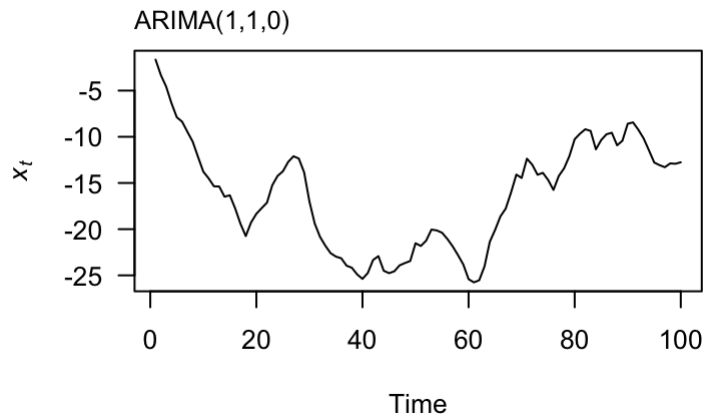
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For example, if  $\{x_t\}$  is an ARIMA(1,1,0) process then  $\nabla\{x_t\}$  is an ARMA(1,0) = AR(1) process

# ARIMA( $p,d,q$ ) models



# ARIMA( $p,d,q$ ) models



# Topics for today

## Review

- White noise
- Random walks

Autoregressive (AR) models

Moving average (MA) models

Autoregressive moving average (ARMA) models

Using ACF & PACF for model ID