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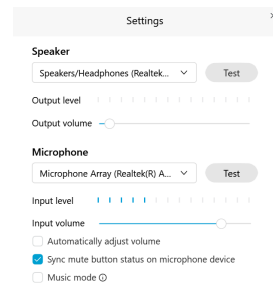
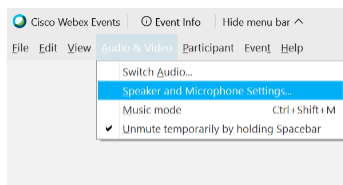


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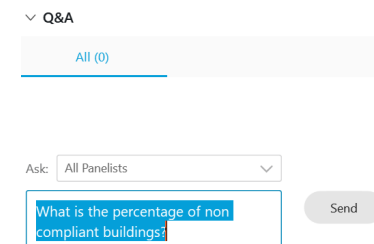
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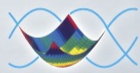
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- 3 Model validation
- 4 White noise and autocorrelation function
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- 6 Continuous time models (grey-box)
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- 8 Model selection (the hardest part!)

Introduction to statistical modelling of dynamical systems

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Data analysis and statistics

Statistical inference

- "Everything should be made as simple as possible, but not simpler" (Einstein)
- **Which model?** and **how complex** should it be? **Depends on data!**
- Statistics provide the techniques to:
 - **Estimate model parameters** and their uncertainties
 - Verify and argue that you have found the best model (or rather there is not one best model, so we call it a **suitable model**)

We can: Extract information and draw conclusions from data

We can: Train models for prediction and use them as basis for optimization

Time series analysis

Statistical modeling of dynamical systems

- Called time series analysis
- Tons of literature (and software):
 - Wiener, N. (1949). *Extrapolation, Interpolation, and Smoothing of Stationary Time Series*. The MIT Press
 - Box, G., Jenkins, G. (1976). *Time series analysis: forecasting and control*
 - ...
- Used in any thinkable application!

Statistical model validation: examine the residuals

Residuals from a simple linear regression model

$$Y_t = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_t + \varepsilon_t$$

$$y_t = \hat{\beta}_0 + \hat{\beta}_1 x_t + \hat{\varepsilon}_t$$

$$y_t = \hat{y}_t + \hat{\varepsilon}_t$$

$$\hat{\varepsilon}_t = y_t - \hat{y}_t$$

$$\text{Residual}_t = \text{Observation}_t - \text{Prediction}_t$$

Two assumptions:

- 1 The error is normal distributed: $\varepsilon_t \sim N(0, \sigma^2)$ (less important with many obs.)
- 2 The error is *independent and identically distributed* (i.i.d.):

Time series models

General types of models (can all be tweaked!):

- Static model *no dynamics*
- ARMAX, *discrete models* based on transfer functions
- Grey-box, *continuous time models*, combination of physics and statistics (stochastic differential equations (SDEs))

Static model (linear function)

$$\text{Measurements} = \text{Function}(\text{Inputs}) + \text{Error}$$

Discrete ARX model (Auto-Regressive with eXogenous input)

$$\text{Measurements} = \text{TransferFun}(\text{Inputs}) + \text{Error}$$

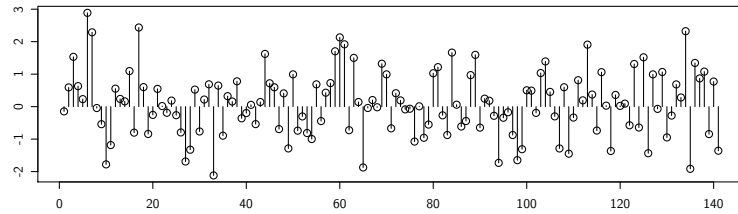
Discrete ARMAX model (Auto-Regressive Moving Average with eXogenous input)

Do you know about:

- White noise?
- AutoCorrelation Function (ACF)?

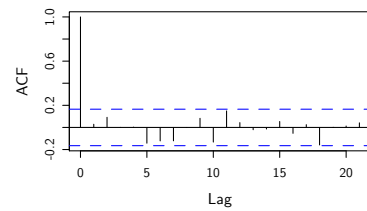
ACF of white noise

```
## Plot
x <- rnorm(141)
plot(x, type="n", xlab="Time", ylab="")
points(x)
lines(x, type='h')
```



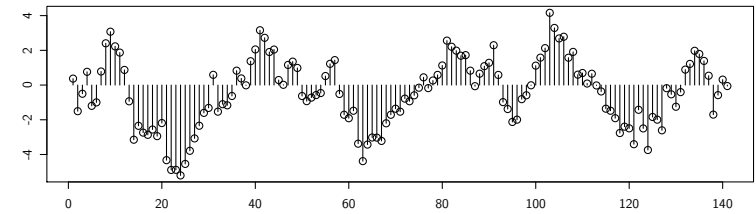
The ACF:

```
## Autocorrelation function
acf(x)
```



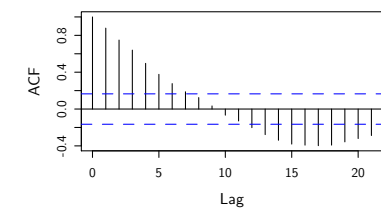
ACF of non-white noise

```
## Plot
x <- filter(rnorm(141), 0.9, "recursive")
plot(x, type="n", xlab="Time", ylab="")
points(x)
lines(x, type='h')
```



The ACF:

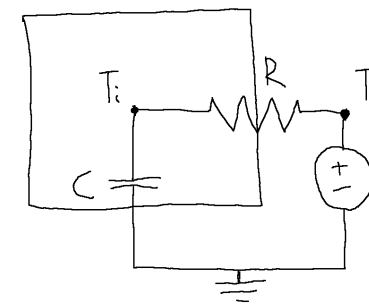
```
## Autocorrelation function
acf(x)
```



We want white noise!

- We fit the model and then analyze the residuals
- If they are *not* white noise, then we can still improve the model!

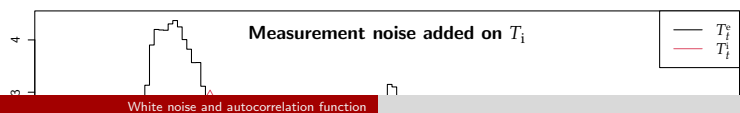
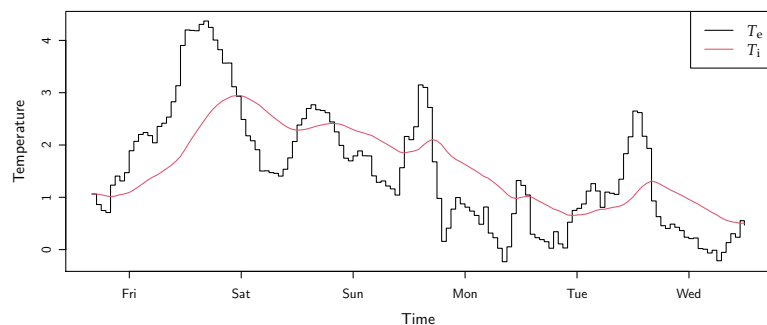
Simplest first order RC-system



Simplest RC-system

- T_t^e external and T_t^i internal temperature at time $t = [1, 2, \dots, n]$
- ODE model

$$\frac{dT_t^i}{dt} = \frac{1}{RC}(T_t^e - T_t^i)$$



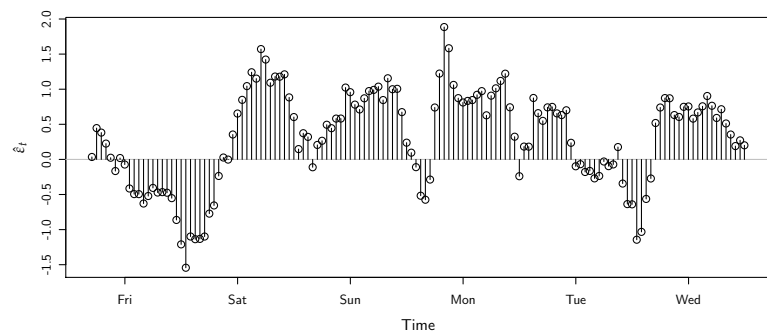
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Model validation: check i.i.d. of residuals

Are residuals like white noise?

- Check if they are *independent and identically distributed*
- Is $\hat{\varepsilon}_t$ independent of $\hat{\varepsilon}_{t-k}$ for all t and k ?

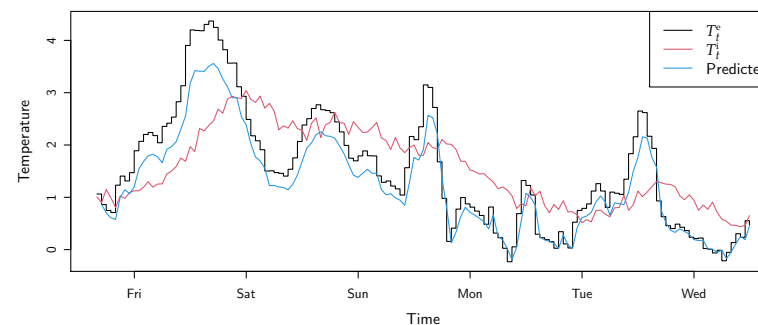
Nope! There is a pattern left...



Try a static model

- A simple linear regression model (ε_t is the error)
- Not describing dynamics

$$T_t^i = \omega_e T_t^e + \varepsilon_t$$



DTU Compute

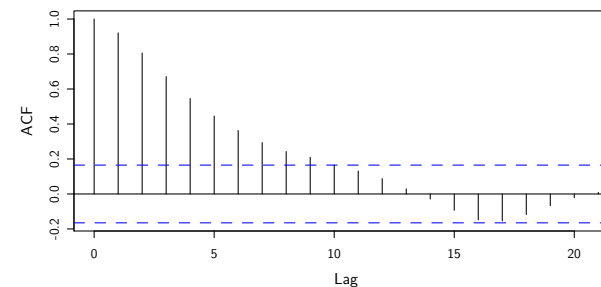
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Model validation: Test for i.i.d. with ACF

TEST if residuals independent of each other using the *Auto Correlation Function*?



It's not white noise! How do we find a better model?

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Discretize the ODE

$$\frac{dT_i}{dt} = \frac{1}{RC}(T_e - T_i)$$

It has the solution

$$T_i(t + \Delta t) = T_e(t) + e^{-\frac{\Delta t}{RC}}(T_i(t) - T_e(t))$$

if $\Delta t = 1$ and T_e is constant between the sample points then

$$T_{t+1}^i = e^{-\frac{1}{RC}}T_t^i + (1 - e^{-\frac{1}{RC}})T_t^e$$

since $e^{-\frac{1}{RC}}$ is between 0 and 1, then write it as

$$T_{t+1}^i = \phi_1 T_t^i + \omega_1 T_t^e$$

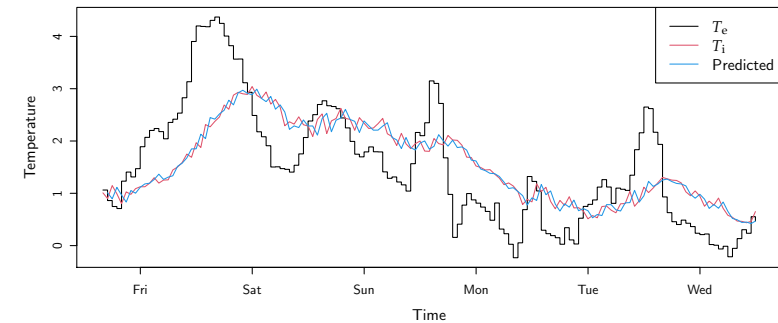
where ϕ_1 and ω_1 are between 0 and 1.

Add a noise term and we have the ARX model

$$T_{t+1}^i = \phi_1 T_t^i + \omega_1 T_t^e + \varepsilon_{t+1} T_t^i = \phi_1 T_{t-1}^i + \omega_1 T_{t-1}^e + \varepsilon_t$$

An ARX model

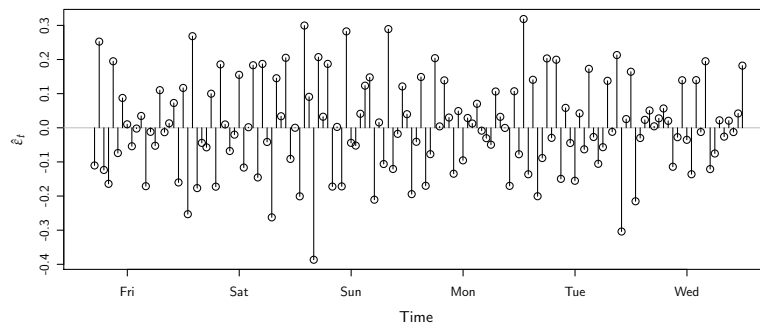
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ARX model

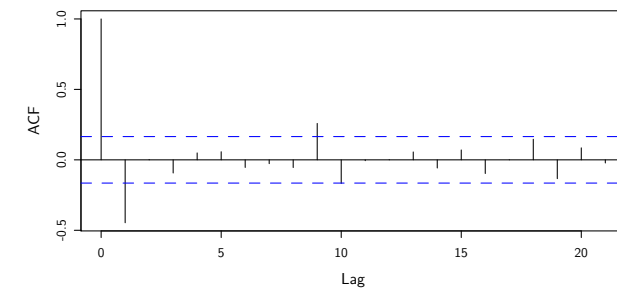
The residuals

$$\hat{\varepsilon}_t = T_t^i - \frac{\hat{\omega}_1 B}{1 - \hat{\phi}_1 B} T_t^e$$



Check for i.i.d. of residuals

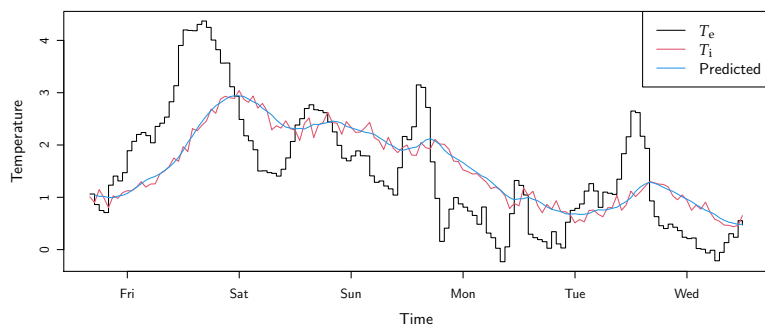
Is it likely that this is white noise? Almost!



Actually we miss an MA part!

An ARMAX model

$$T_t^i = \phi_1 T_{t-1}^i + \omega_1 T_t^e + \varepsilon_t + \theta_1 \varepsilon_{t-1}$$



Auto-regressive (AR) model

AR model of order 1

$$Y_t = \phi_1 Y_{t-1} + \varepsilon_t$$

ARX model of order 1

$$Y_t = \phi_1 Y_{t-1} + \omega_1 X_{t-1} + \varepsilon_t$$

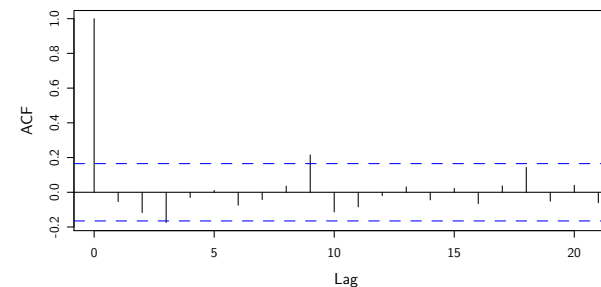
ARMAX model of order 1

$$Y_t = \phi_1 Y_{t-1} + \omega_1 X_{t-1} + \varepsilon_t + \theta_1 \varepsilon_{t-1}$$

where $\varepsilon_t \sim N(0, \sigma^2)$ and i.i.d.

Use either X or U as the input (just a variable name in the generalized form).

Validate the model with the residuals ACF



Now we have *white noise residuals*, that is what we want to have after applying the model!

Note that we are validating the *one-step prediction* residuals: $\hat{\varepsilon}_{t+1} = y_{t+1} - \hat{y}_{t+1|t}$
 $\hat{\varepsilon}_t = y_t - \hat{y}_{t|t-1}$

Discrete linear time series models

AR model of order p

$$Y_t = \phi_1 Y_{t-1} + \phi_2 Y_{t-2} + \dots + \phi_p Y_{t-p} + \varepsilon_t$$

ARX model of order p

$$Y_t = \phi_1 Y_{t-1} + \dots + \phi_p Y_{t-p} + \omega_1 X_{t-1} + \dots + \omega_p X_{t-p} + \varepsilon_t$$

ARMAX model of order p

$$Y_t = \phi_1 Y_{t-1} + \dots + \phi_p Y_{t-p} + \omega_1 X_{t-1} + \dots + \omega_p X_{t-p} + \varepsilon_t + \theta_1 \varepsilon_{t-1} + \dots + \theta_p \varepsilon_{t-p}$$

where $\varepsilon_t \sim N(0, \sigma^2)$ and i.i.d.

Doesn't need to have same order p for the AR, X and MA parts.

Discrete linear time series models

AR model

$$\phi(B)Y_t = \varepsilon_t$$

ARX model

$$\phi(B)Y_t = \omega(B)X_t + \varepsilon_t$$

ARMAX model

$$\phi(B)Y_t = \omega(B)X_t + \theta(B)\varepsilon_t$$

- $\varepsilon_t \sim N(0, \sigma^2)$ and i.i.d.
- B is the back-shift operator $B^k Y_t = Y_{t-k}$
- $\phi(B) = 1 + \phi_1 B + \phi_2 B^2 + \dots + \phi_p B^p$
- $\omega(B) = \omega_1 B + \omega_2 B^2 + \dots + \omega_p B^p$
- $\theta(B) = 1 + \theta_1 B + \theta_2 B^2 + \dots + \theta_q B^q$

How to estimate parameters in discrete TS models

Fit (in R)

- ARX models with linear regression (closed form optimization, always give the optimum, in R `lm()`)
- ARMA in R is in `arima()`
- ARMAX in R can be fitted with the `marima` and several other packages

And we can tweak and also make non-linear discrete models in many ways!

Discrete linear time series models

On transfer function form

ARMAX model

$$Y_t = \frac{\omega(B)}{\phi(B)} X_t + \frac{\theta(B)}{\phi(B)} \varepsilon_t$$

$$\Leftrightarrow$$

$$Y_t = H_\omega(B) X_t + H_\theta(B) \varepsilon_t$$

where $H_\omega(B)$ and $H_\theta(B)$ are a transfer functions

Continuous time series models

Introduction to grey-box modelling and **ctsmr**

ctsmr

Continuous Time Stochastic Modelling in R

more correctly

Continuous-Discrete Time Stochastic Modelling in R

The model class

ctsmr implements a state space model with:

Continuous time stochastic differential system equations (SDE)

$$dX_t = f(X_t, U_t, t, \theta)dt + g(X_t, U_t, t, \theta)dB_t$$

Discrete time measurement equations

$$Y_k = h(X_{t_k}, u_t, t, \theta) + e_k, \quad e_k \in N(0, S(u_k, t_k, \theta))$$

- Underlying physics (system, states) modelled using continuous SDEs.
- Some (or all) states are observed in discrete time.

Grey-box modelling

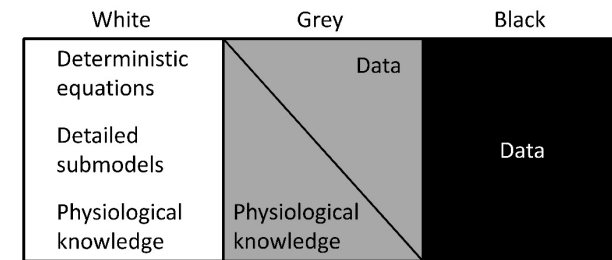


Figure: Ak et al. 2012

Bridges the gap between physical and statistical modelling.
THERE is a manual on ctsm.info

Write up the physical model!

This is easier to work with (if you know the physics behind the system)!

The ODE

$$\frac{dT_i}{dt} = \frac{1}{RC}(T_e - T_i)$$

Just needs a diffusion term to make into the *system equation*

$$dT_i = \overset{\text{state}}{\frac{1}{RC}}(T_e - T_i)dt + \overset{\text{drift term}}{0} + \overset{\text{diffusion term}}{\sigma_i}d\omega$$

and together with the *measurement equation*

$$Y_{T_i,k} = \overset{\text{observation}}{T_i}_{t_k} + \overset{\text{state}}{e_k}, \quad \overset{\text{error}}{e_k} \in N(0, \sigma) \text{ and i.i.d.}$$

it forms a *grey-box model*.

Wuuups

This particular models are actually unidentifiable!!

R and C cannot be separated (change one, then the other accordingly and the model prediction is equal (same goes for ϕ_1 and ω_1))

The time constant $RC = \tau$ is used instead

$$dT_i = \frac{1}{RC\tau}(T_e - T_i)dt + \sigma_i d\omega$$

Fit the model

Set initial values and bounds for the estimation:

```
## Set the initial value (for the optimization) of the value of the state at the starting time point
model$setParameter( Ti = c(init=5 ,lb=-5 ,ub=20 ) )
## Set the initial value for the optimization
model$setParameter( tau = c(init=10 ,lb=1E-2 ,ub=200 ) )
model$setParameter( p11 = c(init=0.01 ,lb=-30 ,ub=10 ) )
model$setParameter( e11 = c(init=0.01 ,lb=-50 ,ub=10 ) )
```

Run the parameter estimation:

```
fit <- model$estimate(X)
```

Define a GB model

Install the `ctsm-r` package from `ctsm.info`.

Define the model:

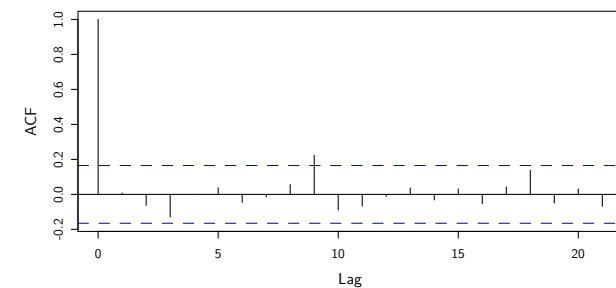
```
## Generate a new object of class ctsm
model <- ctsm$new()
## Add a system equation and thereby also a state
model$addSystem(dTi ~ ( 1/tau*(Te-Ti) )*dt + exp(p11)*dw1)
## Set the names of the inputs
model$addInput(Te)
## Set the observation equation: Ti is the state, yTi is the measured output
model$addObs(yTi ~ Ti)
## Set the variance of the measurement error
model$setVariance(yTi ~ exp(e11))
```

Validate the model

Check the *one-step prediction* residuals:

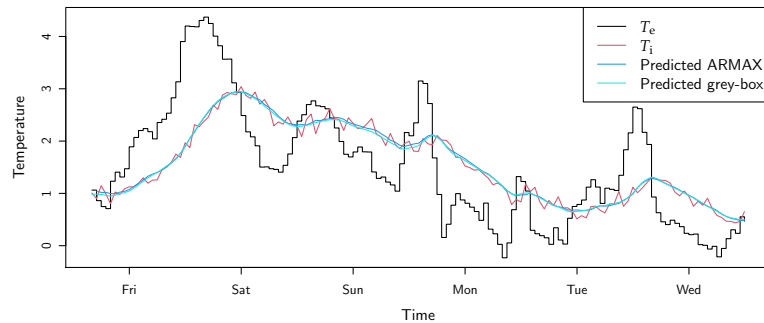
```
# Teke the one-step predictions from the fit
val <- predict(fit)[[1]]
# Calculate the residuals
residualsgb <- unlist(X$yTi - val$output$pred)

# The autocorrelation function
acf(residualsgb)
```



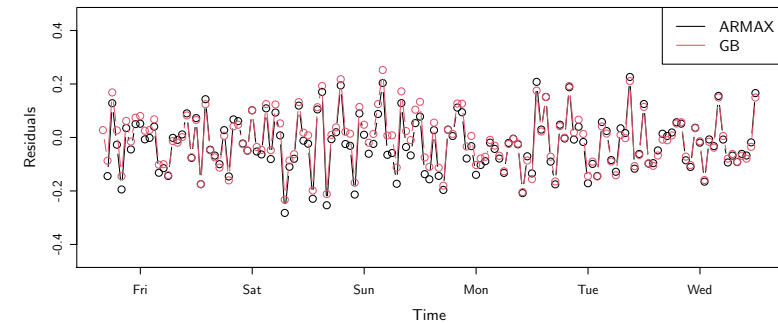
Discrete ARMAX is equivalent to continuous SDE model

One-step predictions of ARMAX and grey-box are almost equal:



Discrete ARMAX is equivalent to continuous SDE model!

Plot the ARMAX and GB residuals:



Parameter estimation with the likelihood

An example, we have:

- A model with two parameters $Y_i \sim N(\mu, \sigma^2)$
- n observations (y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n)

The likelihood is defined by the joint probability density function (pdf) of the observations

$$L(\mu, \sigma) = p(y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n | \mu, \sigma)$$

Hence, the model defines the pdf as a function of the parameters (the observations are not varying).

Independence of the observations simplifies it to

$$L(\mu, \sigma) = \prod_{i=1}^n p(y_i | \mu, \sigma)$$

Maximum likelihood estimation

Maximum likelihood estimation (MLE)

Parameter estimation by maximizing the likelihood function

$$\hat{\theta} = \arg \max_{\theta \in \Theta} (L(\theta))$$

Due to numerical properties we always minimize the negative log-likelihood

$$\hat{\theta} = \arg \min_{\theta \in \Theta} (-\ln(L(\theta)))$$

So in the example $\theta = (\mu, \sigma)$

Likelihood for time correlated data

Given a time series of measurements \mathcal{Y}_N

$$\begin{aligned} L(\theta) &= p(\mathcal{Y}_N | \theta) \\ &= p(y_N, y_{N-1}, \dots, y_0 | \theta) \\ &= \left(\prod_{k=1}^N p(y_k | \mathcal{Y}_{k-1}, \theta) \right) p(y_0 | \theta) \end{aligned}$$

Essentially, $p(y_k | \mathcal{Y}_{k-1}, \theta)$ is the pdf of the one-step ahead prediction

Thus assuming independence of the one-step predictions (so i.i.d. error)

Likelihood for time correlated data

If Gaussian

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{y}_{k|k-1} &= E[y_k | \mathcal{Y}_{k-1}, \theta] \\ P_{k|k-1} &= V[y_k | \mathcal{Y}_{k-1}, \theta] \\ \varepsilon_k &= y_k - \hat{y}_{k|k-1} \end{aligned}$$

then the likelihood is

$$L(\theta) = \left(\prod_{k=1}^N \frac{\exp(-\frac{1}{2} \varepsilon_k^T P_{k|k-1}^{-1} \varepsilon_k)}{\sqrt{|P_{k|k-1}|} \sqrt{2\pi^l}} \right)$$

Kalman filter

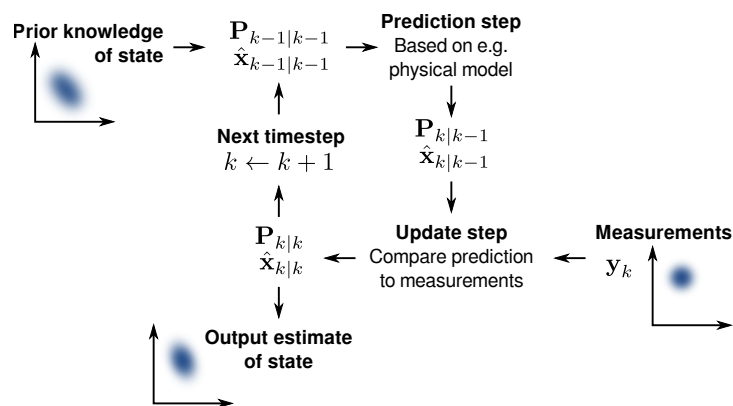


Figure: "Basic concept of Kalman filtering" by Petteri Aimonen. Wikipedia

Grey-box model MLE

Steps for maximum likelihood estimation of a grey-box model

- 1 Load data
- 2 Define a model
- 3 Define initial values and parameter bounds
- 4 Run an optimizer to find the parameter values maximizing the likelihood (run the Kalman filter many times)
- 5 Interpret and validate the result:
 - Check the optimizer convergence (e.g. no parameters at bounds)
 - Check estimated values and statistics
 - Validate the model by analyzing residuals

Show an example in R

Model complexity

The big question!!

How to select a *suitable* model complexity, neither underfitted nor overfitted!
Both which inputs, the structure. Number of parameters increase complexity.

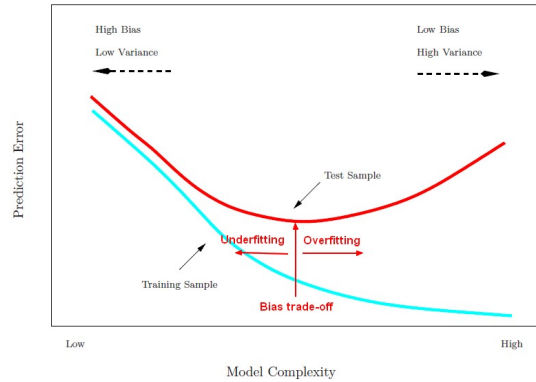


Figure from https://gerardnico.com/data_mining/bias_trade-off.

Model selection

The suitable model is a *compromise*:

- Not too complex (overfitted) and not too simple (underfitted).
- Use statistical tests to find out which model is better:
 - Nested models, use e.g. *F*-test or *likelihood ratio*-test
 - Un-nested models, use e.g. AIC or BIC

Different strategies:

- Forward selection: Start with the simplest model and extend step-wise
- Backward selection: Start with the full model and remove terms step-wise

ctsmr R package

See the website ctsm.info

- Installation needs compilers
- Documentation and examples
- Nice tricks
- Literature list with overview of studies where ctsm has been used