

Data: x_1, x_2, \dots, x_N

Fitted model: $x_t - \hat{\mu} = \hat{\alpha}_1(x_{t-1} - \hat{\mu}) + \dots + \hat{\alpha}_p(x_{t-p} - \hat{\mu}) + \hat{z}_t + \hat{\beta}_1 \hat{z}_{t-1} + \dots + \hat{\beta}_q \hat{z}_{t-q}$

Fitted (or predicted) values: $\hat{x}_1, \hat{x}_2, \dots, \hat{x}_N$

Fitted values at time t , \hat{x}_t ($t=1, 2, \dots, N$) are defined by

$$\hat{x}_t = x_t - \hat{z}_t$$

Therefore the fitted values are calculated by

$$\hat{x}_t = \hat{\mu} + \hat{\alpha}_1(x_{t-1} - \hat{\mu}) + \dots + \hat{\alpha}_p(x_{t-p} - \hat{\mu}) + \hat{z}_t + \hat{\beta}_1 \hat{z}_{t-1} + \dots + \hat{\beta}_q \hat{z}_{t-q}$$

$t=1, 2, \dots, N$

Note: 1) The rhs of \hat{x}_t involves information up to time $t-1$.

2) To calculate \hat{x}_t we need pre-period values

$$x_0, x_{-1}, \dots, x_{1-p} \text{ \& } \hat{z}_0, \dots, \hat{z}_{1-q}$$

3) Calculation of \hat{x}_t can be thought of as $E(x_t | F_{t-1})$, where $F_{t-1} = \{x_{t-1}, x_{t-2}, \dots, \hat{z}_{t-1}, \dots\}$ is the history of the process since

$$\begin{aligned} E(x_t - \mu | F_{t-1}) &= E(\alpha_1(x_{t-1} - \mu) + \dots + \alpha_p(x_{t-p} - \mu) + z_t + \beta_1 z_{t-1} \\ &\quad + \dots + \beta_q z_{t-q} | F_{t-1}) \\ &= \alpha_1(x_{t-1} - \mu) + \dots + \alpha_p(x_{t-p} - \mu) + \beta_1 z_{t-1} + \dots + \beta_q z_{t-q} \end{aligned}$$

$$\hat{z}_t = x_t - E(x_t | F_{t-1})$$

Since we estimate x_t based on information from the past $F_{t-1} = \{x_{t-1}, x_{t-2}, \dots, \hat{z}_{t-1}, \dots, \hat{z}_{t-q}\}$, \hat{x}_t is called a one step-ahead prediction from the time origin $t-1$.

Examples:

1) AR(1): $x_t - \hat{\mu} = \hat{\alpha}_1(x_{t-1} - \hat{\mu}) + \hat{z}_t$

$$\hat{x}_t = \hat{\mu} + \hat{\alpha}_1(x_{t-1} - \hat{\mu}); t=1, 2, \dots, N$$

2) AR(2): $\hat{x}_t = \hat{\mu} + \hat{\alpha}_1(x_{t-1} - \hat{\mu}) + \hat{\alpha}_2(x_{t-2} - \hat{\mu})$

3) MA(1): $\hat{x}_t = \hat{\mu} + \hat{\beta}_1 \hat{z}_{t-1}$

4) MA(2): $\hat{x}_t = \hat{\mu} + \hat{\beta}_1 \hat{z}_{t-1} + \hat{\beta}_2 \hat{z}_{t-2}$

NOTE: ~~prediction errors \hat{z}_t ; $t=1, 2, \dots, N$~~

Note: Prediction errors at $t=1, 2, \dots, N$ are given by

$$\hat{z}_t = x_t - \hat{x}_t$$

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Example: The price of a certain commodity can be modeled by an AR(1) process $x_t - 10 = 0.4(x_{t-1} - 10) + z_t$, $\{z_t\} \sim N(0, 1)$

Suppose the first five values are:

t	1	2	3	4	5
x_t	9.5	10.75	9.0	9.75	11.25

Calculate the fitted values at times $t=1, 2, 3, 4$ & 5.

Assuming $x_0 = 10$.

Solution: Fitted values are given by

$$\hat{x}_t - 10 = 0.4(x_{t-1} - 10) \quad [\text{Current error has been removed}]$$

$$\therefore t=1: \hat{x}_1 - 10 = 0 \Rightarrow \hat{x}_1 = 10$$

$$\therefore \hat{z}_1 = x_1 - \hat{x}_1 = 9.5 - 10 = -0.5$$

$$\begin{aligned} t=2: \hat{x}_2 - 10 &= 0.4(x_1 - 10) \\ &= 0.4 \times (9.5 - 10) \\ &= 0.4 \times (-0.5) \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore \hat{x}_2 = 9.80$$

$$\therefore \hat{z}_2 = x_2 - \hat{x}_2 = 10.75 - 9.80 = 0.95$$

$$\begin{aligned} t=3: \hat{x}_3 - 10 &= 0.4(x_2 - 10) \\ &= 0.4(0.75) \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore \hat{x}_3 = 10.3$$

$$\therefore \hat{z}_3 = 9.0 - 10.3 = -1.3$$

$$t=4: \hat{x}_4 = 10 + 0.4(9.0 - 10) = 9.6$$

$$\therefore \hat{z}_4 = 9.75 - 9.6 = +0.75$$

$$t=5: \hat{x}_5 = 10 + 0.4(9.75 - 10) = 10.1$$

$$\hat{z}_5 = 11.25 - 10.1 = 1.15$$

Example: MA(1) process $X_t = 3 + \frac{1}{2} + 0.5Z_t$ has been fitted to a time series. The first four values are

t	1	2	3	4
x_t	3.25	4.75	2.25	1.75

Calculate the fitted values at $t=1, 2, 3, 4$ given $\hat{z}_0 = 0$.

Solution: Fitted values are given by
 $\hat{x}_t = 3 + \hat{z}_{t-1}$ (constant error has been ignored)

$$\therefore \hat{x}_1 = 3 + \hat{z}_0 = 3$$

$$\therefore \hat{z}_1 = x_1 - \hat{x}_1 = 0.25$$

$$\hat{x}_2 = 3 + \hat{z}_1 = 3.25$$

$$\therefore \hat{z}_2 = 4.75 - 3.25 = 1.50$$

$$\hat{x}_3 = 3 + \hat{z}_2 = 4.50$$

$$\therefore \hat{z}_3 = 2.25 - 4.50 = -2.25$$

$$\hat{x}_4 = 3 + \hat{z}_3 = 0.75$$

$$\therefore \hat{z}_4 = 1.75 - 0.75 = 1.00$$

Forecasting Using ARIMA Models

Suppose that x_1, \dots, x_n follows a stationary and invertible ARMA(p,q) process. Now we are interested of forecasting future values using this ARMA model.

~~It can be shown~~ $x_1, \dots, x_n, x_{n+1}, \dots, x_{n+l}, x_{n+l+1}, \dots$

Let $\hat{x}_n(l)$ be the l -step-ahead forecast value of future x_{n+l} . Clearly, this estimate $\hat{x}_n(l)$ need to obtain based on the available data.

The l -step-ahead forecast error, $\epsilon_n(l) = x_{n+l} - \hat{x}_n(l)$

In practice we expect to minimize the error and therefore we find $\hat{x}_n(l)$ based on minimizing

$E[\{\epsilon_n(l)\}^2]$. The corresponding forecast value is called the minimum mean square error (mmse) forecast of x_{n+l} .

Theorem: $\hat{x}_n(l) = E[x_{n+l} | x_n, x_{n-1}, x_{n-2}, \dots]$

Note: This best mmse forecast is the conditional mean of x_{n+l} conditional on the history or observed values.

Let $F_n = \{x_n, x_{n-1}, \dots\}$ be the history.

$$\hat{x}_n(l) = E[x_{n+l} | F_n]$$

Example ① one-step-ahead

$$\hat{x}_n(1) = E[x_{n+1} | x_n, x_{n-1}, \dots]$$

forecast error: $\epsilon_n(1) = x_{n+1} - \hat{x}_n(1)$

② two-step-ahead

$$\hat{x}_n(2) = E[x_{n+2} | x_n, x_{n-1}, \dots]$$

forecast error: $\epsilon_n(2) = x_{n+2} - \hat{x}_n(2)$
etc.