

# STAT 436 / 536 - Lecture 4

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## 1. Correlation Structure and Motivation

- We have seen how to decompose a time series model to remove a trend and seasonal components. So what remains?

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## 2. Expectation, Variance, and Auto Correlation

- The expected value, or expectation, of a random variable is defined as:
- In the context of annual measurements of Nile River flows, what is an interpretation of the expectation?
- A times series model is stationary in the mean if:
- What is  $E[(x - \mu_x)(y - \mu_y)]$ ?

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## Sample Based Moments

- Sample based calculations can be made in R mean using `mean(x)`, variance `var(x)`, covariance `cov(x,y)`, and correlation `cor(x,y)`.

- Using a dataset containing information on housing sales in King County, WA <http://math.montana.edu/ahoegh/teaching/stat408/datasets/SeattleHousing.csv>, compute the following quantities:

```
Seattle <- read.csv('http://math.montana.edu/ahoegh/teaching/stat408/datasets/SeattleHousing.csv')
```

- mean sales price

- standard deviation of sales price

- correlation between sales price and square footage (sqft\_living)

- Interpret the three quantities above.

### 3. Autocorrelation and the Correlogram

- In addition to mean and variance, the serial correlation (or autocorrelation) is an important element in time series modeling.
- Autocovariance is defined as:
- A time series model is second-order stationary if
- The autocorrelation function is defined as
- Similar to variance calculations, the sample autocovariance and autocorrelation functions can be computed:
- sample acvf:
- sample acf:
- Note these properties require a stationary process, hence trends and cyclical patterns need to be removed when considering correlated random noise.

### Simulating Correlated Time Series Data

- As was mentioned earlier in class, we can think of time series modeling as similar to mixed models. Specifically, there is a specific correlation structure defined for each type of model.

- First construct a covariance matrix between all of the observations.

```
set.seed(09062018)
time.pts <- 200
auto.corr <- 0.9
evolution.matrix <- diag(time.pts)
for (column in 1:time.pts){
  evolution.matrix[,column] <- auto.corr ^ abs((1:time.pts) - column)
}
library(knitr) # for kable
kable(evolution.matrix[1:5,1:5],caption = "Covariance matrix for first 5 time points")
```

Table 1: Covariance matrix for first 5 time points

1.0000	0.900	0.81	0.729	0.6561
0.9000	1.000	0.90	0.810	0.7290
0.8100	0.900	1.00	0.900	0.8100
0.7290	0.810	0.90	1.000	0.9000
0.6561	0.729	0.81	0.900	1.0000

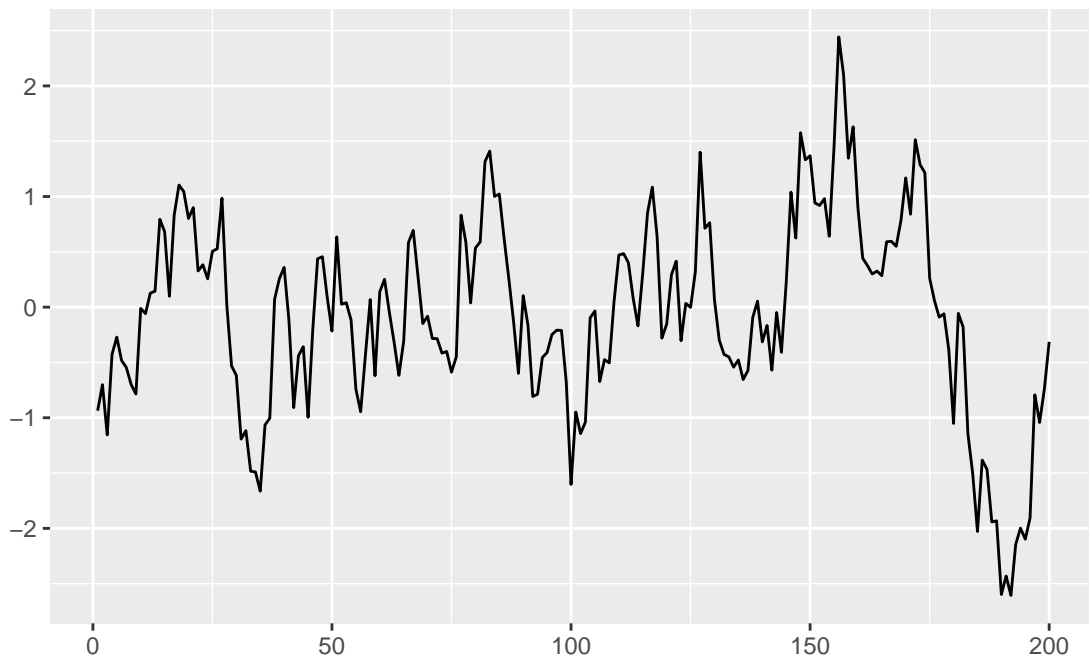
- Simulate a vector of correlated normal random variables.

```
library(mnormt) # for rmnorm
Y <- as.ts(rmnorm(n=1, mean=0, varcov=evolution.matrix))
```

- Create time series figure

```
library(ggfortify) # for autoplot
autoplot(Y) + ggtitle(expression(paste('Simulated Time Series where ', rho[1], '= 0.9')))
```

Simulated Time Series where  $\rho_1 = 0.9$

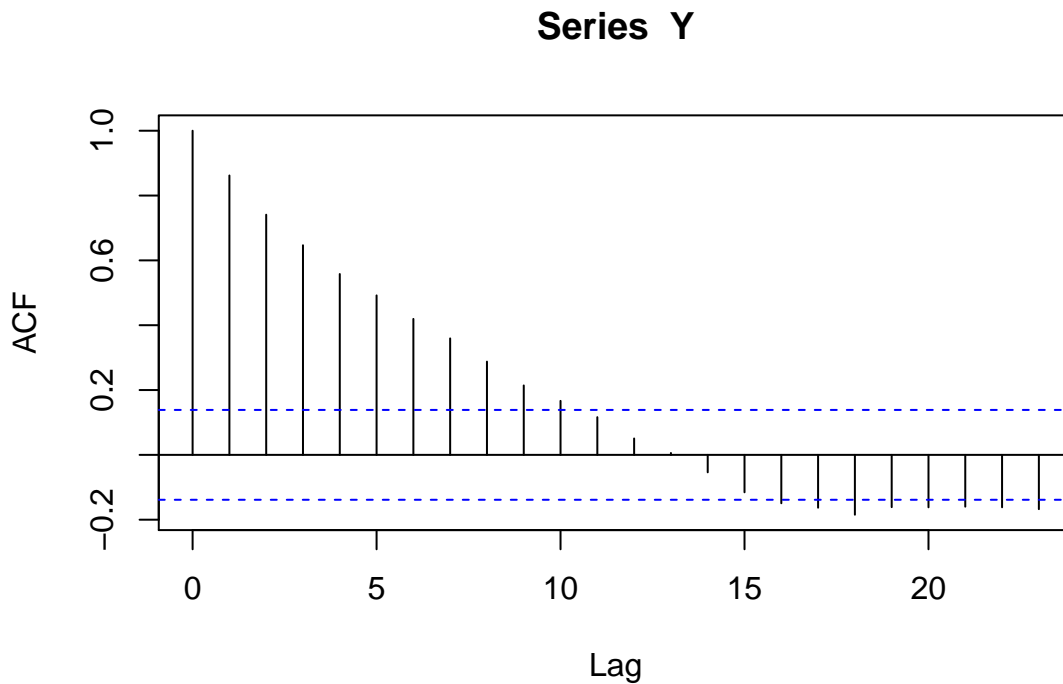


### Exercises:

1. Is the simulated time series stationary in the mean, why or why not?
2. What is  $\gamma_k +$
3. What is  $\rho_k =$
4. Change the `auto.corr` variable, rerun the simulation and describe how your figures are different.
  - a. `auto.corr = 0`
  - b. `auto.corr = .5`
  - c. `auto.corr = -.9`
- 5.(536) Adapt the code to include a trend and seasonal cycle in addition to the serial correlated random innovations.

- A useful tool for identifying autocorrelation structure in a time series dataset is the correlogram. The command for this in R is `acf()`.

```
acf(Y)
```



- Correlograms have the following properties:

- The `\vfill`
- The lag 0 autocorrelation is always 1 and is include for comparison purposes. `\vfill`
- If  $\rho_k = 0$ , then the sampling distribution of  $r_k$  is (approximately) normal with mean  $-1/n$  and
  - It is important to have a stationary time series that does not include deterministic signals, such as a trend or cycle.

### Airline Passenger Example Section 2.3.2

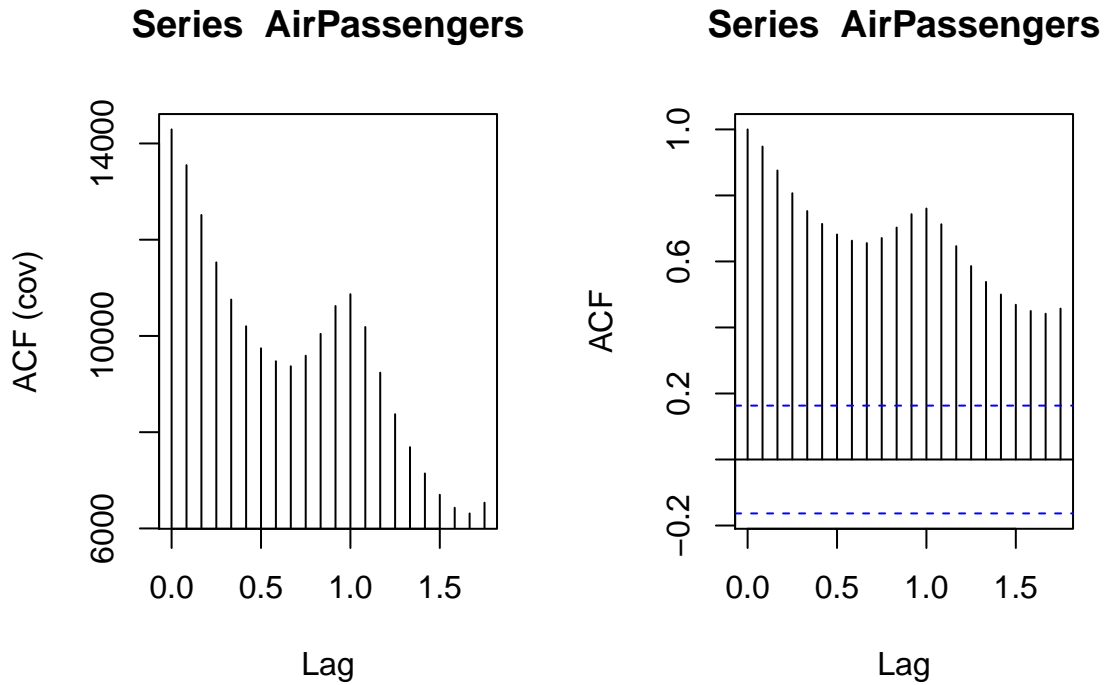
Load Data and Decompose Time Series

```
data("AirPassengers")
AP.decomp <- decompose(AirPassengers, 'additive')
str(AP.decomp)
```

```
## List of 6
## $ x      : Time-Series [1:144] from 1949 to 1961: 112 118 132 129 121 135 148 148 136 119 ...
## $ seasonal: Time-Series [1:144] from 1949 to 1961: -24.75 -36.19 -2.24 -8.04 -4.51 ...
## $ trend   : Time-Series [1:144] from 1949 to 1961: NA NA NA NA NA ...
## $ random  : Time-Series [1:144] from 1949 to 1961: NA NA NA NA NA ...
## $ figure  : num [1:12] -24.75 -36.19 -2.24 -8.04 -4.51 ...
## $ type    : chr "additive"
## - attr(*, "class")= chr "decomposed.ts"
```

ACF Plot with Air Passengers Data (Covariance)

```
par(mfcol=c(1,2))
acf(AirPassengers, type = 'covariance'); acf(AirPassengers)
```



ACF Plot on Decomposed Random Component (Covariance)

```
#exclude NA's
random.AP <- AP.decomp$random[!is.na(AP.decomp$random)]
par(mfcol=c(1,2))
acf(random.AP, type='covariance'); acf(random.AP)
```

