

(b) Ordinary Least Squares (OLS) Method

$$S(\phi_1) = \sum_{t=2}^T (y_t - \phi_1 y_{t-1})^2$$

is minimized with respect to  $\phi_1$ .

$$\begin{aligned}\hat{\phi}_1 &= \frac{\sum_{t=2}^T y_{t-1} y_t}{\sum_{t=2}^T y_{t-1}^2} = \phi_1 + \frac{\sum_{t=2}^T y_{t-1} \epsilon_t}{\sum_{t=2}^T y_{t-1}^2} = \phi_1 + \frac{(1/T) \sum_{t=2}^T y_{t-1} \epsilon_t}{(1/T) \sum_{t=2}^T y_{t-1}^2} \\ &\longrightarrow \phi_1 + \frac{E(y_{t-1} \epsilon_t)}{E(y_{t-1}^2)} = \phi_1\end{aligned}$$

OLSE of  $\phi_1$  is a consistent estimator.

The following equations are utilized.

$$E(y_{t-1}\epsilon_t) = 0$$

$$E(y_{t-1}^2) = \text{Var}(y_{t-1}) = \gamma(0)$$

8. Asymptotic distribution of OLSE  $\hat{\phi}_1$ :

$$\sqrt{T}(\hat{\phi}_1 - \phi_1) \longrightarrow N(0, 1 - \phi_1^2)$$

**Proof:**

$y_{t-1}\epsilon_t$ ,  $t = 1, 2, \dots, T$ , are distributed with mean zero and variance  $\frac{\sigma_\epsilon^4}{1 - \phi_1^2}$ .

From the central limit theorem,

$$\frac{(1/T) \sum_{t=1}^T y_{t-1} \epsilon_t}{\sqrt{\sigma_\epsilon^4 / (1 - \phi_1^2) / \sqrt{T}}} \longrightarrow N(0, 1)$$

Rewriting,

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{T}} \sum_{t=1}^T y_{t-1} \epsilon_t \longrightarrow N\left(0, \frac{\sigma_\epsilon^4}{1 - \phi_1^2}\right).$$

Next,

$$\frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^T y_{t-1}^2 \longrightarrow E(y_{t-1}^2) = \gamma(0) = \frac{\sigma_\epsilon^2}{1 - \phi_1^2}$$

yields:

$$\sqrt{T}(\hat{\phi}_1 - \phi_1) = \frac{(1/\sqrt{T}) \sum_{t=1}^T y_{t-1} \epsilon_t}{(1/T) \sum_{t=1}^T y_{t-1}^2} \longrightarrow N(0, 1 - \phi_1^2)$$

9. Some formulas:

(a) Central Limit Theorem

Random variables  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_T$  are mutually independently distributed with mean  $\mu$  and variance  $\sigma^2$ .

Define  $\bar{x} = (1/T) \sum_{t=1}^T x_t$ .

Then,

$$\frac{\bar{x} - E(\bar{x})}{\sqrt{V(\bar{x})}} = \frac{\bar{x} - \mu}{\sigma / \sqrt{T}} \longrightarrow N(0, 1)$$

(b) Central Limit Theorem II

Random variables  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_T$  are distributed with mean  $\mu$  and variance  $\sigma^2$ .

Define  $\bar{x} = (1/T) \sum_{t=1}^T x_t$ .

Then,

$$\frac{\bar{x} - E(\bar{x})}{\sqrt{V(\bar{x})}} \longrightarrow N(0, 1)$$

(c) Let  $x$  and  $y$  be random variables.

$y$  converges in distribution to a distribution, and  $x$  converges in probability to a fixed value.

Then,  $xy$  converges in distribution.

For example, consider:

$$y \longrightarrow N(\mu, \sigma^2), \quad x \longrightarrow c.$$

Then, we obtain:

$$xy \longrightarrow N(c\mu, c^2\sigma^2)$$

10. **AR(1) +drift:**  $y_t = \mu + \phi_1 y_{t-1} + \epsilon_t$

Mean:

Using the lag operator,

$$\phi(L)y_t = \mu + \epsilon_t$$

where  $\phi(L) = 1 - \phi_1 L$ .

Multiply  $\phi(L)^{-1}$  on both sides. Then, when  $|\phi_1| < 1$ , we have:

$$y_t = \phi(L)^{-1}\mu + \phi(L)^{-1}\epsilon_t.$$

Taking the expectation on both sides,

$$\begin{aligned} E(y_t) &= \phi(L)^{-1}\mu + \phi(L)^{-1}E(\epsilon_t) \\ &= \phi(1)^{-1}\mu = \frac{\mu}{1 - \phi_1} \end{aligned}$$



## 15 Unit Root (単位根) and Cointegration (共和分)

### 15.1 Unit Root (単位根) Test (Dickey-Fuller (DF) Test)

1. Why is a unit root problem important?

(a) Economic variables increase over time in general.

One of the assumptions of OLS is stationarity on  $y_t$  and  $x_t$ .

This assumption implies that  $\frac{1}{T}X'X$  converges to a fixed matrix as  $T$  is large.

That is, asymptotic normality of OLS estimator does not hold.

- (b) In nonstationary time series, the unit root is the most important.

In the case of unit root, OLSE of the first-order autoregressive coefficient is consistent.

OLSE is  $\sqrt{T}$ -consistent in the case of stationary AR(1) process, but OLSE is  $T$ -consistent in the case of nonstationary AR(1) process.

- (c) A lot of economic variables increase over time.

It is important to check an economic variable is trend stationary (i.e.,  $y_t = a_0 + a_1t + \epsilon_t$ ) or difference stationary (i.e.,  $y_t = b_0 + y_{t-1} + \epsilon_t$ ).

Consider  $k$ -step ahead prediction for both cases.

$$\text{(Trend Stationarity)} \quad y_{t+k|t} = a_0 + a_1(t + k)$$

$$\text{(Difference Stationarity)} \quad y_{t+k|t} = b_0k + y_t$$

## 2. The Case of $|\phi_1| < 1$ :

$$y_t = \phi_1 y_{t-1} + \epsilon_t, \quad \epsilon_t \sim \text{i.i.d. } N(0, \sigma_\epsilon^2), \quad y_0 = 0, \quad t = 1, \dots, T$$

Then, OLSE of  $\phi_1$  is:

$$\hat{\phi}_1 = \frac{\sum_{t=1}^T y_{t-1}y_t}{\sum_{t=1}^T y_{t-1}^2}.$$

In the case of  $|\phi_1| < 1$ ,

$$\hat{\phi}_1 = \phi_1 + \frac{\frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^T y_{t-1}\epsilon_t}{\frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^T y_{t-1}^2} \longrightarrow \phi_1 + \frac{E(y_{t-1}\epsilon_t)}{E(y_{t-1}^2)} = \phi_1.$$

Note as follows:

$$\frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^T y_{t-1} \epsilon_t \longrightarrow E(y_{t-1} \epsilon_t) = 0.$$

By the central limit theorem,

$$\frac{\bar{y}\epsilon - E(\bar{y}\epsilon)}{\sqrt{V(\bar{y}\epsilon)}} \longrightarrow N(0, 1)$$

where

$$\bar{y}\epsilon = \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^T y_{t-1} \epsilon_t.$$

$$\mathbb{E}(\bar{y}\epsilon) = 0,$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{V}(\bar{y}\epsilon) &= \mathbb{V}\left(\frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^T y_{t-1}\epsilon_t\right) = \mathbb{E}\left(\left(\frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^T y_{t-1}\epsilon_t\right)^2\right) \\ &= \frac{1}{T^2} \mathbb{E}\left(\sum_{t=1}^T \sum_{s=1}^T y_{t-1}y_{s-1}\epsilon_t\epsilon_s\right) = \frac{1}{T^2} \mathbb{E}\left(\sum_{t=1}^T y_{t-1}^2\epsilon_t^2\right) = \frac{1}{T} \sigma_\epsilon^2 \gamma(0). \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,

$$\frac{\bar{y}\epsilon}{\sqrt{\sigma_\epsilon^2 \gamma(0)/T}} = \frac{1}{\sigma_\epsilon \sqrt{\gamma(0)}} \frac{1}{\sqrt{T}} \sum_{t=1}^T y_{t-1}\epsilon_t \longrightarrow N(0, 1),$$

which is rewritten as:

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{T}} \sum_{t=1}^T y_{t-1} \epsilon_t \longrightarrow N(0, \sigma_\epsilon^2 \gamma(0)).$$

Using  $\frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^T y_{t-1}^2 \longrightarrow E(y_{t-1}^2) = \gamma(0)$ , we have the following asymptotic distribution:

$$\sqrt{T}(\hat{\phi}_1 - \phi_1) = \frac{\frac{1}{\sqrt{T}} \sum_{t=1}^T y_{t-1} \epsilon_t}{\frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^T y_{t-1}^2} \longrightarrow N\left(0, \frac{\sigma_\epsilon^2}{\gamma(0)}\right) = N\left(0, 1 - \phi_1^2\right).$$

Note that  $\gamma(0) = \frac{\sigma_\epsilon^2}{1 - \phi_1^2}$ .

3. In the case of  $\phi_1 = 1$ , as expected, we have:

$$\sqrt{T}(\hat{\phi}_1 - 1) \longrightarrow 0.$$

That is,  $\hat{\phi}_1$  has the distribution which converges in probability to  $\phi_1 = 1$  (i.e., degenerated distribution).

Is this true?

4. **The Case of  $\phi_1 = 1$ :**  $\implies$  Random Walk Process



$y_t = y_{t-1} + \epsilon_t$  with  $y_0 = 0$  is written as:

$$y_t = \epsilon_t + \epsilon_{t-1} + \epsilon_{t-2} + \cdots + \epsilon_1.$$

Therefore, we can obtain:

$$y_t \sim N(0, \sigma_\epsilon^2 t).$$

The variance of  $y_t$  depends on time  $t$ .  $\implies y_t$  is nonstationary.

5. Remember that  $\hat{\phi}_1 = \phi_1 + \frac{\sum y_{t-1} \epsilon_t}{\sum y_{t-1}^2}$ .

(a) First, consider the numerator  $\sum y_{t-1} \epsilon_t$ .

We have  $y_t^2 = (y_{t-1} + \epsilon_t)^2 = y_{t-1}^2 + 2y_{t-1}\epsilon_t + \epsilon_t^2$ .

Therefore, we obtain:

$$y_{t-1}\epsilon_t = \frac{1}{2}(y_t^2 - y_{t-1}^2 - \epsilon_t^2).$$

Taking into account  $y_0 = 0$ , we have:

$$\sum_{t=1}^T y_{t-1}\epsilon_t = \frac{1}{2}y_T^2 - \frac{1}{2}\sum_{t=1}^T \epsilon_t^2.$$

Divided by  $\sigma_\epsilon^2 T$  on both sides, we have the following:

$$\frac{1}{\sigma_\epsilon^2 T} \sum_{t=1}^T y_{t-1}\epsilon_t = \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{y_T}{\sigma_\epsilon \sqrt{T}} \right)^2 - \frac{1}{2\sigma_\epsilon^2} \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^T \epsilon_t^2.$$

From  $y_t \sim N(0, \sigma_\epsilon^2 t)$ , we obtain the following result:

$$\left(\frac{y_T}{\sigma_\epsilon \sqrt{T}}\right)^2 \sim \chi^2(1).$$

Moreover, the second term is derived from:

$$\frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^T \epsilon_t^2 \rightarrow E(\epsilon_t^2) = \sigma_\epsilon^2.$$

Therefore,

$$\frac{1}{\sigma_\epsilon^2 T} \sum_{t=1}^T y_{t-1} \epsilon_t = \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{y_T}{\sigma_\epsilon \sqrt{T}}\right)^2 - \frac{1}{2\sigma_\epsilon^2} \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^T \epsilon_t^2 \rightarrow \frac{1}{2}(\chi^2(1) - 1).$$

(b) Next, consider  $\sum y_{t-1}^2$ .

$$\mathbb{E}\left(\sum_{t=1}^T y_{t-1}^2\right) = \sum_{t=1}^T \mathbb{E}(y_{t-1}^2) = \sum_{t=1}^T \sigma_\epsilon^2(t-1) = \sigma_\epsilon^2 \frac{T(T-1)}{2}.$$

Thus, we obtain the following result:

$$\frac{1}{T^2} \mathbb{E}\left(\sum_{t=1}^T y_{t-1}^2\right) \longrightarrow \text{a fixed value.}$$

Therefore,

$$\frac{1}{T^2} \sum_{t=1}^T y_{t-1}^2 \longrightarrow \text{a distribution.}$$

6. Summarizing the results up to now,  $T(\hat{\phi}_1 - \phi_1)$ , not  $\sqrt{T}(\hat{\phi}_1 - \phi_1)$ , has limiting distribution in the case of  $\phi_1 = 1$ .

$$T(\hat{\phi}_1 - \phi_1) = \frac{(1/T) \sum y_{t-1} \epsilon_t}{(1/T^2) \sum y_{t-1}^2} \longrightarrow \text{a distribution.}$$

7. Basic Concepts of Random Walk Process:

(a) Model:  $y_t = y_{t-1} + \epsilon_t, \quad y_0 = 0, \quad \epsilon_t \sim N(0, 1).$

Then,

$$y_t = \epsilon_t + \epsilon_{t-1} + \cdots + \epsilon_1.$$

Therefore,

$$y_t \sim N(0, t).$$

$\implies$  Nonstationary Process (i.e., variance depends on time  $t$ .)

Difference between  $y_s$  and  $y_t$  ( $s > t$ ) is:

$$y_s - y_t = \epsilon_s + \epsilon_{s-1} + \cdots + \epsilon_{t+2} + \epsilon_{t+1}.$$

The distribution of  $y_s - y_t$  is:

$$y_s - y_t \sim N(0, s - t).$$

(b) Rewrite as follows:

$$\begin{aligned}y_t &= y_{t-1} + \epsilon_t \\ &= y_{t-1} + e_{1,t} + e_{2,t} + \cdots + e_{N,t},\end{aligned}$$

where  $\epsilon_t = e_{1,t} + e_{2,t} + \cdots + e_{N,t}$ .

$e_{1,t}, e_{2,t}, \cdots, e_{N,t}$  are iid with  $e_{i,t} \sim N(0, 1/N)$ .

That is, suppose that there are  $N$  subperiods between time  $t$  and time  $t + 1$ .

The limit when  $N \rightarrow \infty$  is a **continuous time** (連続時間) process known as **standard Brownian motion** or **Wiener process**.

The value of this process at time  $r$  is denoted by  $W(r)$  for  $0 \leq r \leq 1$ .

**Definition:**

Standard Brownian motion  $W(r)$  denotes a continuous-time variable at time  $r$  and a stochastic function.

$W(r)$  for  $r \in [0, 1]$  satisfies the following:

- i.  $W(0) = 0$



- ii. For any time periods  $0 \leq r_1 < r_2 < \dots < r_k \leq 1$ ,  $W(r_2) - W(r_1)$ ,  $W(r_3) - W(r_2)$ ,  $\dots$ ,  $W(r_k) - W(r_{k-1})$  are independently multivariate normal with  $W(s) - W(t) \sim N(0, s - t)$  for  $s > t$ .
- iii.  $W(r)$  is continuous in  $r$  with probability 1.

An example:

$$\sigma W(r) \sim N(0, \sigma^2 r),$$

which denotes the Brownian motion with variance  $\sigma^2$ .

Another example;

$$W(r)^2 \sim r \times \chi^2(1).$$