

第14章 Unit Root (単位根) Test (Dickey-Fuller (DF) Test)

自己回帰 (AutoRegressive, AR) モデル :

$$y_t = \phi_1 y_{t-1} + \phi_2 y_{t-2} + \cdots + \phi_p y_{t-p} + u_t$$

→ AR(p) モデル

移動平均 (Moving Average, MA) モデル

$$y_t = u_t + \theta_1 u_{t-1} + \cdots + \theta_q u_{t-q}$$

→ MA(q) モデル

自己回帰移動平均 (ARMA) モデル

→ ARMA(p, q) モデル

以下では, AR(1) モデルを考える。

1. Why is a unit root problem important?

(a) 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.

(b) A lot of economic variables increase over time.

It is important to check an economic variable is trend stationary (i.e., $y_t = a_0 + a_1 t + \epsilon_t$) or difference stationary (i.e., $y_t = b_0 + y_{t-1} + \epsilon_t$).

Consider k -step ahead prediction for both cases.

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

$$\text{(Difference Stationarity)} \quad y_{t+k|t} = b_0 k + y_t$$

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 ϕ_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 $|\phi_1| < 1$,

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

Note as follows:

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

By the central limit theorem,

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

where

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

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

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

Therefore,

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

which is rewritten as:

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

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

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

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:

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

Therefore,

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

(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 $\phi_1 = 1$.

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

The distributions of the t statistic: $\frac{\hat{\phi}_1 - 1}{s_\phi}$, where s_ϕ denotes the standard error of $\hat{\phi}_1$.

⇒ Compare t distribution with (a) – (c).

⇒ **Unit Root Test (单位根検定, or Dickey-Fuller (DF) Test)**

$$y_t = \phi_1 y_{t-1} + \epsilon_t.$$

Test $H_0 : \phi_1 = 1$ against $H_1 : \phi_1 < 1$.

Equivalently,

$$\Delta y_t = \rho y_{t-1} + \epsilon_t.$$

Test $H_0 : \rho = 0$ against $H_1 : \rho < 0$.

***t* Distribution**

<i>T</i>	0.010	0.025	0.050	0.100	0.900	0.950	0.975	0.990
25	-2.49	-2.06	-1.71	-1.32	1.32	1.71	2.06	2.49
50	-2.40	-2.01	-1.68	-1.30	1.30	1.68	2.01	2.40
100	-2.36	-1.98	-1.66	-1.29	1.29	1.66	1.98	2.36
250	-2.34	-1.97	-1.65	-1.28	1.28	1.65	1.97	2.34
500	-2.33	-1.96	-1.65	-1.28	1.28	1.65	1.96	2.33
∞	-2.33	-1.96	-1.64	-1.28	1.28	1.64	1.96	2.33

$$(a) H_0 : y_t = y_{t-1} + \epsilon_t$$

$$H_1 : y_t = \phi_1 y_{t-1} + \epsilon_t \text{ for } \phi_1 < 1$$

T	0.010	0.025	0.050	0.100	0.900	0.950	0.975	0.990
25	-2.66	-2.26	-1.95	-1.60	0.92	1.33	1.70	2.16
50	-2.62	-2.25	-1.95	-1.61	0.91	1.31	1.66	2.08
100	-2.60	-2.24	-1.95	-1.61	0.90	1.29	1.64	2.03
250	-2.58	-2.23	-1.95	-1.62	0.89	1.29	1.63	2.01
500	-2.58	-2.23	-1.95	-1.62	0.89	1.28	1.62	2.00
∞	-2.58	-2.23	-1.95	-1.62	0.89	1.28	1.62	2.00

To test $H_0 : \rho = 0$ against $H_1 : \rho < 0$, estimate $\Delta y_t = \rho y_{t-1} + \epsilon_t$ and compare the t -value of ρ with the above table.

$$(b) H_0 : y_t = y_{t-1} + \epsilon_t$$

$$H_1 : y_t = \alpha_0 + \phi_1 y_{t-1} + \epsilon_t \text{ for } \phi_1 < 1$$

T	0.010	0.025	0.050	0.100	0.900	0.950	0.975	0.990
25	-3.75	-3.33	-3.00	-2.63	-0.37	0.00	0.34	0.72
50	-3.58	-3.22	-2.93	-2.60	-0.40	-0.03	0.29	0.66
100	-3.51	-3.17	-2.89	-2.58	-0.42	-0.05	0.26	0.63
250	-3.46	-3.14	-2.88	-2.57	-0.42	-0.06	0.24	0.62
500	-3.44	-3.13	-2.87	-2.57	-0.43	-0.07	0.24	0.61
∞	-3.43	-3.12	-2.86	-2.57	-0.44	-0.07	0.23	0.60

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$$(c) H_0 : y_t = \alpha_0 + y_{t-1} + \epsilon_t$$

$$H_1 : y_t = \alpha_0 + \alpha_1 t + \phi_1 y_{t-1} + \epsilon_t \text{ for } \phi_1 < 1$$

T	0.010	0.025	0.050	0.100	0.900	0.950	0.975	0.990
25	-4.38	-3.95	-3.60	-3.24	-1.14	-0.80	-0.50	-0.15
50	-4.15	-3.80	-3.50	-3.18	-1.19	-0.87	-0.58	-0.24
100	-4.04	-3.73	-3.45	-3.15	-1.22	-0.90	-0.62	-0.28
250	-3.99	-3.69	-3.43	-3.13	-1.23	-0.92	-0.64	-0.31
500	-3.98	-3.68	-3.42	-3.13	-1.24	-0.93	-0.65	-0.32
∞	-3.96	-3.66	-3.41	-3.12	-1.25	-0.94	-0.66	-0.33

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