

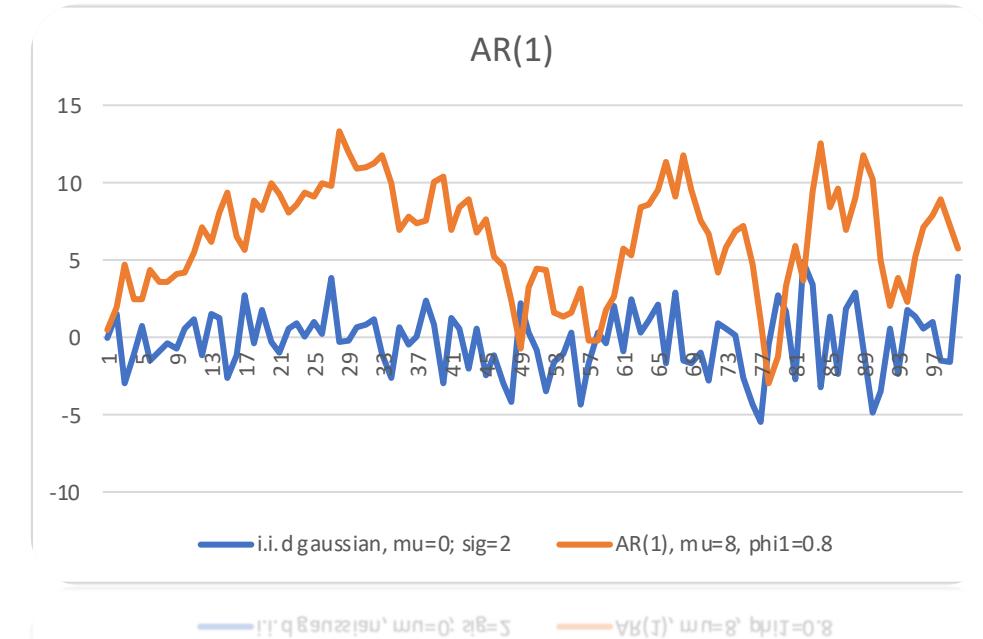
# Water Resources Engineering and Management

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## 5 ETCS, Master course

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Platform of hydraulic constructions



-10 Lecture 7-1: Univariate linear Models, periodic models, Thomas-Fiering model

# Models identification

The model identification phase requires determining the orders of the p-autoregressive and the q-moving average components.

o ACF  $r_k = \frac{E[x_{t+k}, x_t]}{E[x_t^2]}$  vs  $r_k = \frac{\sum_{t=1}^{N-k} (x_{t+k} - \bar{x})(x_t - \bar{x})}{\sum_{t=1}^N x_t^2}$

$\rho_m = 0, k > m$  vs  $r_j \approx 0, k > j$

BECAUSE FOR A MA( $q$ ) PROCESS  $\rho_k = 0$  FOR  $k > q$ ,  
 $j$  CORRESPONDING TO  $r_j \approx 0$  INDICATES THE  
 max number of moving average components

o PAF THE VECTOR OF PARAMETERS,  $\phi_i$ , OF THE AUTOREGRESSIVE COMPONENT DEFINES THE **partial autocorrelation function** ↴

FROM THE YULE-WALKER EQUATION ↴

$$\begin{bmatrix} \rho_1 \\ \vdots \\ \rho_k \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \rho_1 & \dots & \rho_{k-1} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \rho_{k-1} & \dots & \dots & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \phi_1 \\ \vdots \\ \phi_k \end{bmatrix}$$

BY SUBSTITUTING SAMPLE ACF,  
 $r_1, \dots, r_k$  ONE CAN ESTIMATE  
 THE EMPIRICAL PAF AND COMPARE IT WITH PAF OF MODELS.

FOR AR( $p$ )  $\phi_k = 0 \forall k > p$

$$\hat{\phi}_j \approx 0 \Leftrightarrow j = \max p$$

# Summary table

Given a time series, compute and plot the sample autocorrelation function and check if

- Exp decrease  $\rightarrow$  AR(1)
- Mixed damping from lag 1 asymptotically to zero  $\rightarrow$  AR(p)
- ACF lag 1  $< 0.5$  and then drops to zero then MA(1)
- ACF becomes zero after lag q, then MA(q)

Table 4.1 Identification of Box-Jenkins models using autocorrelation and partial autocorrelation functions

Model type	Autocorrelation function	Partial autocorrelation function
AR(1), first-order autoregressive (Markov)	Exponential decrease	$\phi_{1,1} \neq 0$ $\phi_{i,i} = 0$ for $i = 2, 3, 4, \dots$
AR( $p$ ), $p$ th-order autoregressive	Mixed type of damping from lag 1	$\phi_{i,i} \neq 0$ for $i \leq p$ $\phi_{i,i} = 0$ for $i > p$
MA(1), first-order moving-average	$\rho_1 \neq 0$ $\rho_i = 0$ for $i = 2, 3, 4, \dots$	Exponential decrease
MA( $q$ ), $q$ th-order moving-average	$\rho_i = 0$ for $i > q$ $\rho_i \neq 0$ for $i \leq q$	Mixed type of damping from lag 1
ARMA(1, 1), autoregressive moving-average	Exponential decrease after lag 1	Exponential decrease after lag 1
ARMA( $p, q$ ), autoregressive moving-average	Mixed type of damping after lag $q + 1$	Mixed type of damping after lag $p - q$

# Model estimators based on the method of moments

## AR(1) model

$$\hat{\mu} = \bar{y}$$

$$\hat{\sigma}_\epsilon^2 = s^2 (1 - r_1^2)$$

$$\hat{\phi}_1 = r_1$$

## MA(1) model

Obvious given the type of ACF and the mean

## ARMA(1,1) model

$$\hat{\sigma}_\epsilon^2 = \frac{s^2 (1 - \hat{\phi}_1^2)}{(1 - 2 \hat{\phi}_1 \hat{\theta}_1 + \hat{\theta}_1^2)}$$

$$\hat{\phi}_1 = \frac{r_2}{r_1}$$

$$\hat{\theta}_1 = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4 (r_1 - \hat{\phi}_1)^2}}{2 (r_1 - \hat{\phi}_1)}$$

# Model testing and diagnostic

After model estimate, then :

1) Check if model correctly represent process statistics (obviously yes if calibration was done with method of the moment);

2) Use the model to decompose noise from the observed time series.  
Revert the equation, e.g., for an AR(2)

$$\varepsilon_t = y_t - \mu - \phi_1(y_{t-1} - \mu) - \phi_2(y_{t-2} - \mu) \quad \text{Here now } y \text{ is the data}$$

Reconstruct the series of the noise  $\varepsilon_t$ , and check if its serial correlation is zero

$$\rho_k(m) = 0 \quad \forall k \geq 0$$

VISUAL CHECK!

TESTS!

YES, serial correlation of  
reconstructed noise is zero for all  
lags

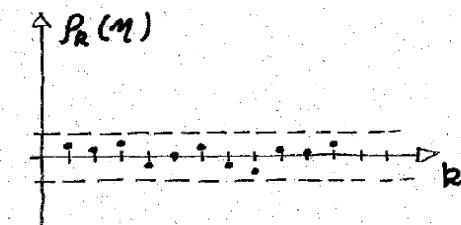


FINISHED, model good to be used

NO, serial correlation of  
reconstructed noise is non zero for all  
lags



Model is not able to remove all serial  
correlation → change model



Always use models with as  
lowest order as possible  
(parsimoniousness)

# Modeling of univariate periodic time series

# Periodic Autoregressive Models

## PAR(p) & PARMA(p,q)

$$x_{v,\tau} = \mu_\tau + \sum_{j=1}^p \phi_{j,\tau} (x_{v,\tau-j} - \mu_{\tau-j}) + \varepsilon_{v,\tau}$$

seasonal hydrologic series

$v = \text{year}$     $\tau = \text{season}$     $\tau = 1, \dots, \omega$

MODEL PARAMETERS

$\varepsilon_{v,\tau} = \text{NORMAL VARIABLE, UNCORRELATED, ZERO MEAN, } \sigma_\tau^2(\varepsilon)$

## PAR(1)

$$x_{v,\tau} = \mu_\tau + \phi_{1,\tau} (x_{v,\tau-1} - \mu_{\tau-1}) + \varepsilon_{v,\tau}$$

e.g. THOMAS-FIERING MODEL

## PARMA (1,1)

$$x_{v,t} = \mu_t + \phi_{1,t} (x_{v,t-1} - \mu_{t-1}) + \varepsilon_{v,t} - \theta_1 \varepsilon_{v,t-1}$$

↳ PRESERVATION OF BOTH SEASONAL  
& ANNUAL STATISTICS

### PARAMETER ESTIMATION



see SALAS, J. in

Handbook of Hydrology, Ch.19, McGraw-Hill, 19..

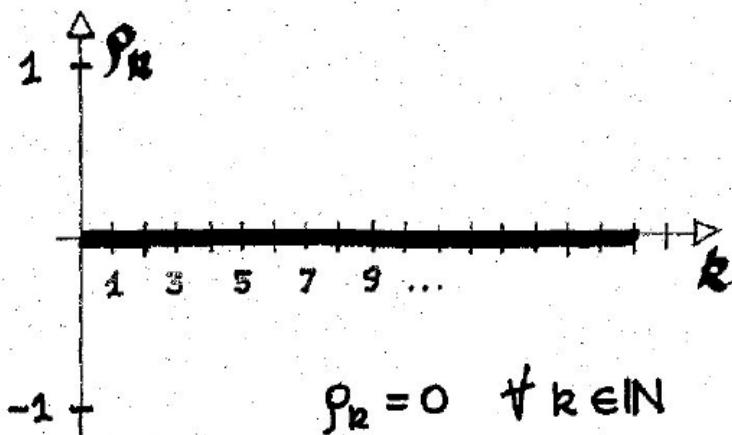
# Identification of time series models

## BASED ON AUTOCORRELOGRAM ANALYSIS

### COMPARISON BETWEEN

$r_k$  PLOT and  $\rho_k$  PLOT

STATIONARY and INDEPENDENT  
STOCHASTIC PROCESS



- The analysis of the correlogram should allow to identify the deterministic component that must be considered to obtain a STATIONARY and INDEPENDENT time series



# Model of univariate periodic time series

NON STATIONARITY INDUCED BY *seasonality*

e.g. river flows  $\rightsquigarrow$  monthly persistence

AR(p)  $\Rightarrow$

$$x_t = \sum_{i=1}^p \phi_i x_{t-i} + \eta_t$$

BEING  $x_t$  A STATIONARY VARIABLE

$$x_t = \frac{y_t - \mu}{\sigma}$$

PERIODIC AR(p)

MEAN and STANDARD DEVIATION  
FOR "SEASON"  $\tau$

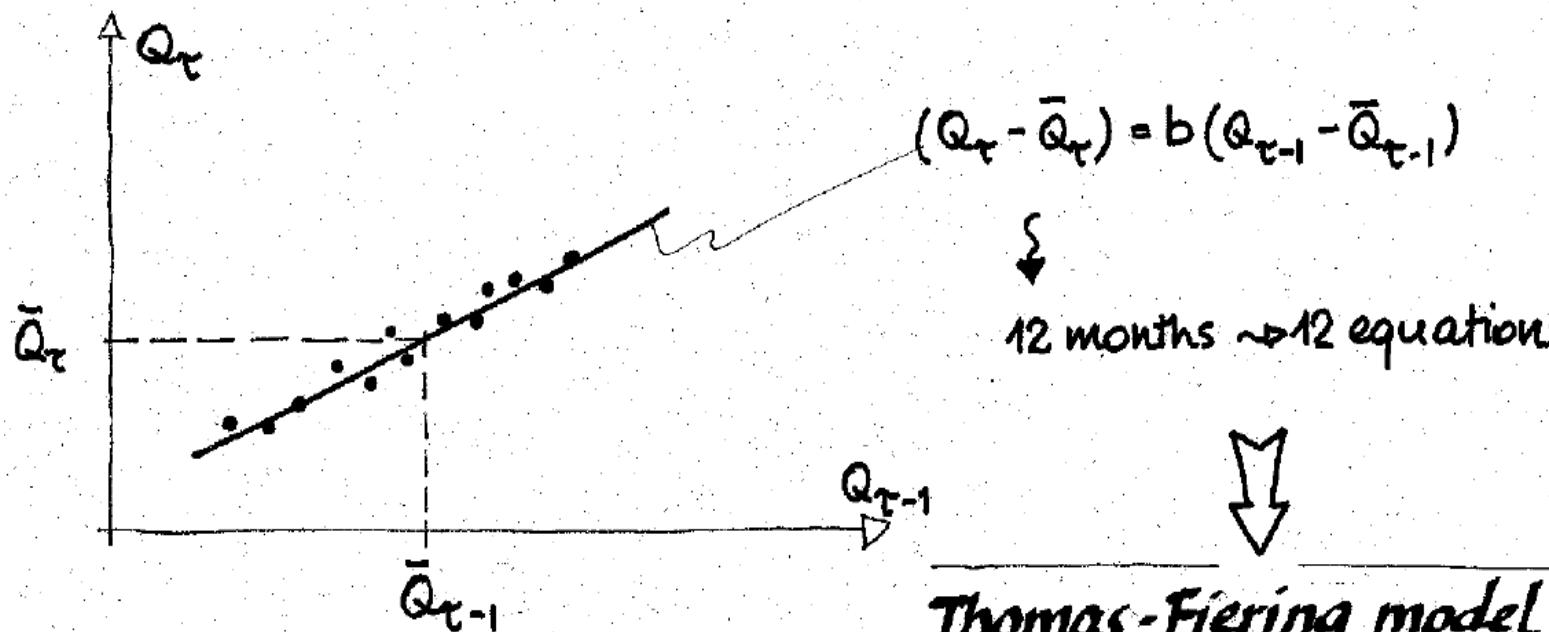
$$y_{t,\tau} = \mu_\tau + \sigma_\tau \sum_{i=1}^p \phi_i (y_{t-i,\tau-i} - \mu_{\tau-i}) / \sigma_{\tau-i} + \eta_{t,\tau}$$

$$E[\eta_t] = 0 \quad \text{Var}[\eta_t] = \sigma_\eta^2$$

uncorrelated  
normal variable

example of MONTHLY PERSISTENCE

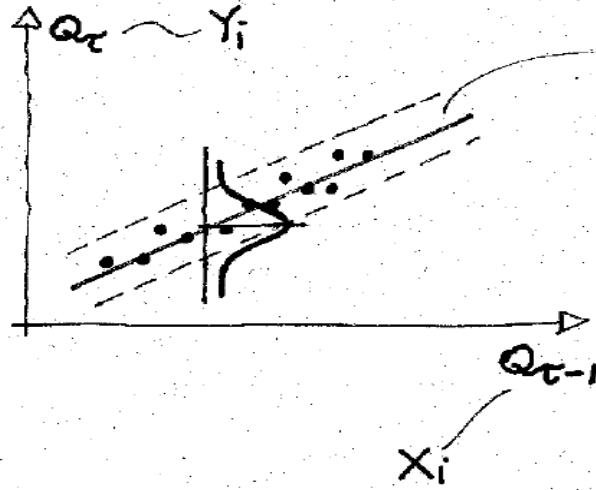
river flows (effects of storage and subsurface flow)



Build this plot by comparing, for example, mean or total Q in February vs same Q in January for all available years

Repeat for all month pairs

# Thomas-Fiering model



$$Q_t = \bar{Q}_t + b(Q_{t-1} - \bar{Q}_{t-1}) + \varepsilon_t \quad (A)$$

Linear regression ↗

$$Y_i = \bar{Y} + b(x_i - \bar{x})$$

$$b_{yx} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n x_i Y_i - n \bar{x} \bar{Y}}{\sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2 - n \bar{x}^2}$$

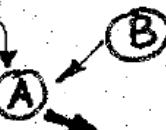
STANDARD ERROR OF ESTIMATE

$$\sigma_Y \sqrt{1-r^2} \quad (B)$$

$$\text{VARIANCE} \quad \sigma^2 = \sigma^2 r^2 + \sigma^2 (1-r^2)$$

$$r = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n x_i Y_i - n \bar{x} \bar{Y}}{\sqrt{(\sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2 - n \bar{x}^2)(\sum_{i=1}^n Y_i^2 - n \bar{Y}^2)}}$$

$$b_{YX} = r \frac{\sigma_Y}{\sigma_X}$$



$$(*) \Rightarrow Q_t = \bar{Q}_t + r_t \frac{\sigma_t}{\sigma_{t-1}} (Q_{t-1} - \bar{Q}_{t-1}) + \eta_t \sigma_t \sqrt{1 - r_t^2}$$

$P=1$

AR(1)  $\rightarrow \rho_1$

(B)

$$Y_{t,t} = \mu_t + \frac{\sigma_t}{\sigma_{t-1}} \rho_1 (Y_{t-1,t-1} - \mu_{t-1}) + \sigma_t \eta_t$$

36 parameters!

$$12 \bar{Q}_t, 12 \sigma_t, 12 r_t$$

$\bar{Q}_t$  AVERAGE FLOW FOR  $t$ -th MONTH

$\bar{Q}_{t-1}$  " " FOR  $(t-1)$ -th MONTH

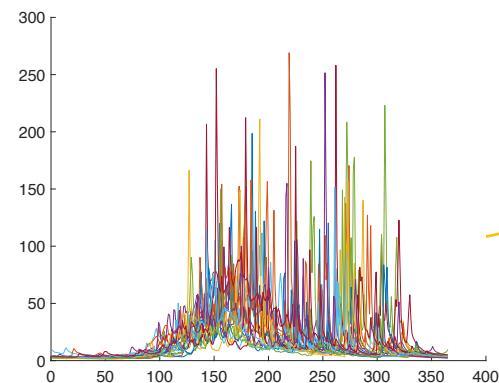
$r_t$  AUTOCORR. COEFF.  $t$ -th  $\rightarrow (t-1)$ -th MONTH

$\eta_t$  GAUSSIAN RANDOM VARIATE

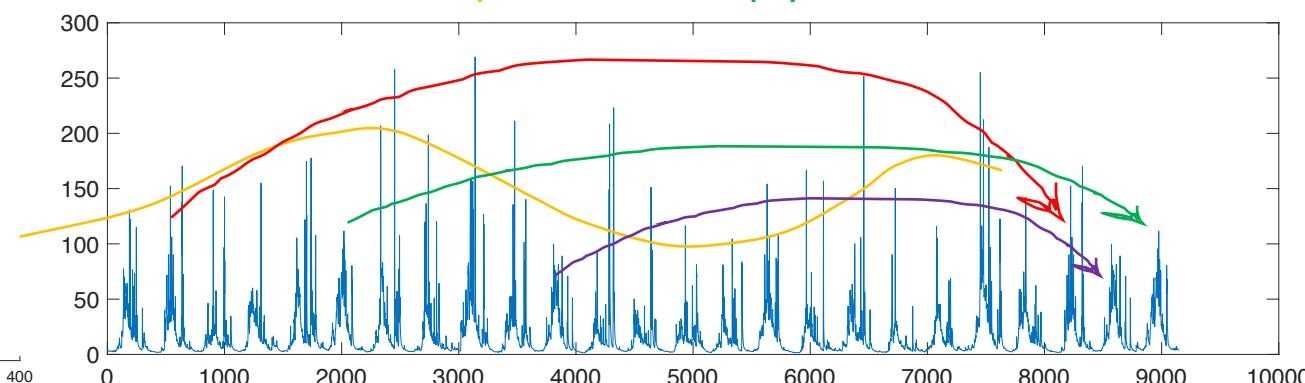
$\sigma_t$  VARIANCE OF FLOW FOR  $t$ -th MONTH

# Other techniques

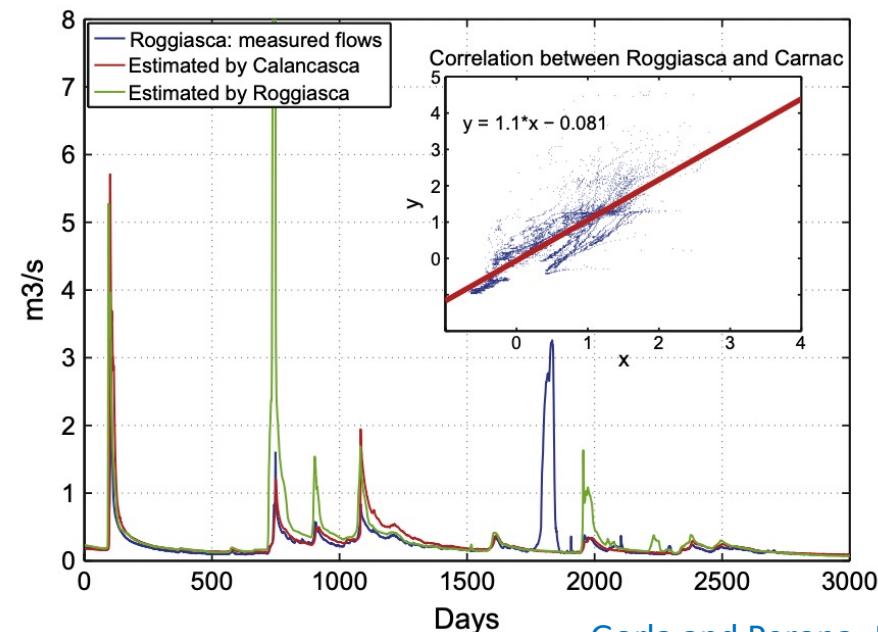
- **Reshuffling by swapping data conditions:**  
no lower frequency trends,  
long enough time series  
preserve serial correlation  
swap cycles



Check this **cycle**, then **swap years**



- **Use time series from neighborhood gauging stations**  
conditions:  
Catchments must have similar dynamics  
Size can be rescaled, but try maintain variance



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