

## Dynamic Models, Autocorrelation and Forecasting

### Chapter 9

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### 9.1 Introduction

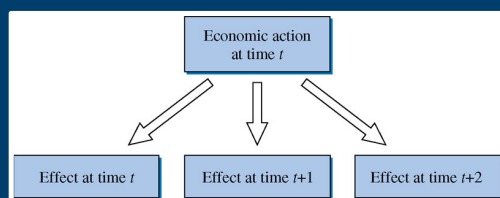


Figure 9.1

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### 9.1 Introduction

$$y_t = f(x_t, x_{t-1}, x_{t-2}, \dots) \quad (9.1)$$

$$y_t = f(y_{t-1}, x_t) \quad (9.2)$$

$$y_t = f(x_t) + e_t \quad e_t = f(e_{t-1}) \quad (9.3)$$

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## 9.1 Introduction

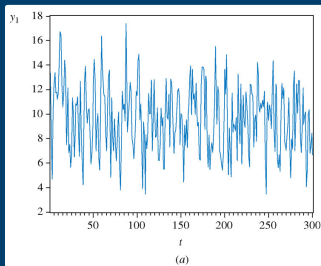


Figure 9.2(a) Time Series of a Stationary Variable

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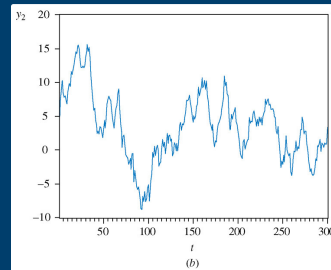


Figure 9.2(b) Time Series of a Nonstationary Variable that is 'Slow Turning' or 'Wandering'

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## 9.1 Introduction

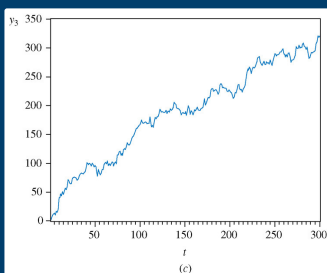


Figure 9.2(c) Time Series of a Nonstationary Variable that 'Trends'

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## 9.2 Lags in the Error Term: Autocorrelation

### 9.2.1 Area Response Model for Sugar Cane

$$\ln(A) = \beta_1 + \beta_2 \ln(P)$$

$$\ln(A_t) = \beta_1 + \beta_2 \ln(P_t) + e_t \quad (9.4)$$

$$y_t = \beta_1 + \beta_2 x_t + e_t \quad (9.5)$$

$$e_t = \rho e_{t-1} + v_t \quad (9.6)$$

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### 9.2.2 First-Order Autoregressive Errors

$$y_t = \beta_1 + \beta_2 x_t + e_t \quad (9.7)$$

$$e_t = \rho e_{t-1} + v_t \quad (9.8)$$

$$E(v_t) = 0 \quad \text{var}(v_t) = \sigma_v^2 \quad \text{cov}(v_t, v_s) = 0 \quad \text{for } t \neq s \quad (9.9)$$

$$-1 < \rho < 1 \quad (9.10)$$

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### 9.2.2 First-Order Autoregressive Errors

$$E(e_t) = 0 \quad (9.11)$$

$$\text{var}(e_t) = \sigma_e^2 = \frac{\sigma_v^2}{1 - \rho^2} \quad (9.12)$$

$$\text{cov}(e_t, e_{t-k}) = \sigma_e^2 \rho^k \quad k > 0 \quad (9.13)$$

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### 9.2.2 First-Order Autoregressive Errors

$$\text{corr}(e_t, e_{t-k}) = \frac{\text{cov}(e_t, e_{t-k})}{\sqrt{\text{var}(e_t) \text{var}(e_{t-k})}} = \frac{\text{cov}(e_t, e_{t-k})}{\text{var}(e_t)} = \frac{\sigma_e^2 \rho^k}{\sigma_e^2} = \rho^k \quad (9.14)$$

$$\text{corr}(e_t, e_{t-1}) = \rho \quad (9.15)$$

$$\hat{y}_t = 3.893 + .776 x_t \quad (9.16)$$

(se) (.061) (.277)

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### 9.2.2 First-Order Autoregressive Errors

Table 9.1 Least Squares Residuals for the Sugarcane Example

Time	$\hat{e}_t$	Time	$\hat{e}_t$	Time	$\hat{e}_t$	Time	$\hat{e}_t$
1	-0.303	10	-0.254	19	-0.036	27	-0.651
2	0.254	11	-0.145	20	0.361	28	-0.218
3	0.182	12	0.091	21	-0.138	29	0.137
4	0.503	13	0.304	22	0.017	30	0.121
5	0.275	14	0.656	23	0.336	31	-0.040
6	-0.115	15	0.134	24	-0.175	32	-0.048
7	-0.437	16	-0.059	25	-0.517	33	0.183
8	-0.423	17	0.435	26	-0.137	34	0.184
9	-0.367	18	-0.106				

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## 9.2.2 First-Order Autoregressive Errors

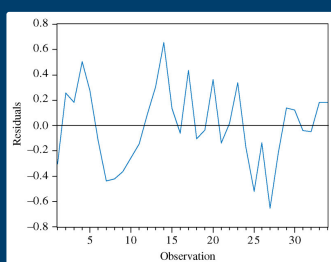


Figure 9.3 Least Squares Residuals Plotted Against Time

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## 9.2.2 First-Order Autoregressive Errors

$$r_{xy} = \frac{\overline{\text{cov}}(x_i, y_i)}{\sqrt{\overline{\text{var}}(x_i)\overline{\text{var}}(y_i)}} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^T (x_i - \bar{x})(y_i - \bar{y})}{\sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^T (x_i - \bar{x})^2 \sum_{i=1}^T (y_i - \bar{y})^2}} \quad (9.17)$$

$$r_1 = \frac{\overline{\text{cov}}(e_t, e_{t-1})}{\sqrt{\overline{\text{var}}(e_t)}} = \frac{\sum_{t=2}^T \hat{e}_t \hat{e}_{t-1}}{\sum_{t=2}^T \hat{e}_{t-1}^2} \quad (9.18)$$

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## 9.3 Estimating an AR(1) Error Model

The existence of AR(1) errors implies:

- The least squares estimator is still a linear and unbiased estimator, but it is no longer best. There is another estimator with a smaller variance.
- The standard errors usually computed for the least squares estimator are incorrect. Confidence intervals and hypothesis tests that use these standard errors may be misleading.

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## 9.3 Estimating an AR(1) Error Model

### Sugar cane example

The two sets of standard errors, along with the estimated equation are:

$$\hat{y}_t = 3.893 + .776 x_t$$

(.061)	(.277)	'incorrect' se's
(.062)	(.378)	'correct' se's

The 95% confidence intervals for  $\beta_2$  are:

(.211, 1.340)	(incorrect)
(.006, 1.546)	(correct)

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### 9.3.2 Nonlinear Least Squares Estimation

$$y_t = \beta_1 + \beta_2 x_t + e_t \quad (9.19)$$

$$e_t = \rho e_{t-1} + v_t \quad (9.20)$$

$$y_t = \beta_1 + \beta_2 x_t + \rho e_{t-1} + v_t \quad (9.21)$$

$$e_{t-1} = y_{t-1} - \beta_1 - \beta_2 x_{t-1} \quad (9.22)$$

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### 9.3.2 Nonlinear Least Squares Estimation

$$\rho e_{t-1} = \rho y_{t-1} - \rho \beta_1 - \rho \beta_2 x_{t-1} \quad (9.23)$$

$$y_t = \beta_1(1-\rho) + \beta_2 x_t + \rho y_{t-1} - \rho \beta_2 x_{t-1} + v_t \quad (9.24)$$

$$\hat{\ln}(A_t) = 3.899 + .888 \ln(P_t) \quad e_t = .422 e_{t-1} + v_t \quad (9.25)$$

(se) (.092) (.259) (.166)

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### 9.3.2a Generalized Least Squares Estimation

It can be shown that nonlinear least squares estimation of (9.24) is equivalent to using an iterative generalized least squares estimator called the Cochrane-Orcutt procedure. Details are provided in Appendix 9A.

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### 9.3.3 Estimating a More General Model

$$y_t = \beta_1(1-\rho) + \beta_2 x_t - \rho \beta_2 x_{t-1} + \rho y_{t-1} + v_t \quad (9.26)$$

$$y_t = \delta + \delta_0 x_t + \delta_1 x_{t-1} + \theta_1 y_{t-1} + v_t \quad (9.27)$$

$$\delta = \beta_1(1-\rho) \quad \delta_0 = \beta_2 \quad \delta_1 = -\rho \beta_2 \quad \theta_1 = \rho$$

$$\hat{y}_t = 2.366 + .777 x_t - .611 x_{t-1} + .404 y_{t-1} \quad (9.28)$$

(se) (.656) (.280) (.297) (.167)

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## 9.4 Testing for Autocorrelation

### 9.4.1 Residual Correlogram

$$H_0 : \rho = 0 \quad H_1 : \rho \neq 0$$

$$z = \sqrt{T}r_1 \stackrel{D}{\sim} N(0,1) \quad (9.29)$$

$$z = \sqrt{34} \times .404 = 2.36 \geq 1.96 \quad (9.30)$$

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## 9.4 Testing for Autocorrelation

### 9.4.1 Residual Correlogram

$$r_1 \geq \frac{1.96}{\sqrt{T}} \quad \text{or} \quad r_1 \leq -\frac{1.96}{\sqrt{T}}$$

$$r_k \geq \frac{1.96}{\sqrt{T}} \quad \text{or} \quad r_k \leq -\frac{1.96}{\sqrt{T}} \quad (9.31)$$

$$\rho_k = \frac{\text{cov}(e_t, e_{t-k})}{\text{var}(e_t)} = \frac{E(e_t e_{t-k})}{E(e_t^2)} \quad (9.32)$$

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### 9.4.1 Residual Correlogram

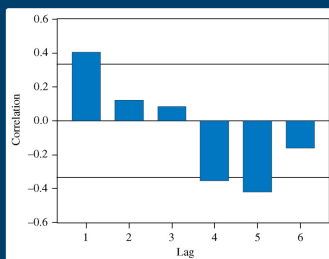


Figure 9.4 Correlogram for Least Squares Residuals from Sugar Cane Example

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### 9.4.1 Residual Correlogram

$$y_t = \beta_1 + \beta_2 x_t + e_t$$

$$y_t = \beta_1(1-\rho) + \beta_2 x_t + \rho y_{t-1} - \rho \beta_2 x_{t-1} + v_t$$

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### 9.4.1 Residual Correlogram

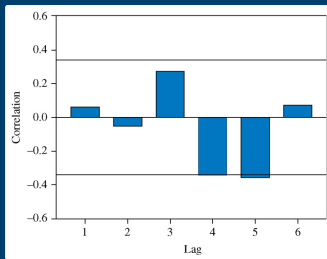


Figure 9.5 Correlogram for Nonlinear Least Squares Residuals from Sugar Cane Example

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### 9.4.2 A Lagrange Multiplier Test

$$y_t = \beta_1 + \beta_2 x_t + \rho e_{t-1} + v_t \quad (9.33)$$

$$t = 2.439 \quad F = 5.949 \quad p\text{-value} = .021$$

$$y_t = \beta_1 + \beta_2 x_t + \rho \hat{e}_{t-1} + \hat{v}_t \quad (9.34)$$

$$b_1 + b_2 x_t + \hat{e}_t = \beta_1 + \beta_2 x_t + \rho \hat{e}_{t-1} + \hat{v}_t$$

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### 9.4.2 A Lagrange Multiplier Test

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{e}_t &= (\beta_1 - b_1) + (\beta_2 - b_2)x_t + \rho \hat{e}_{t-1} + \hat{v}_t \\ &= \gamma_1 + \gamma_2 x_t + \rho \hat{e}_{t-1} + \hat{v}_t \end{aligned} \quad (9.35)$$

$$LM = T \times R^2 = 34 \times .16101 = 5.474$$

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### Appendix 9B The Durbin-Watson Test

$$H_0 : \rho = 0 \quad H_1 : \rho > 0$$

$$d = \frac{\sum_{t=2}^T (\hat{e}_t - \hat{e}_{t-1})^2}{\sum_{t=1}^T \hat{e}_t^2} \quad (9B.1)$$

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**Appendix 9B**  
**The Durbin-Watson Test**

$$d = \frac{\sum_{t=2}^T \hat{e}_t^2 + \sum_{t=2}^T \hat{e}_{t-1}^2 - 2 \sum_{t=2}^T \hat{e}_t \hat{e}_{t-1}}{\sum_{t=1}^T \hat{e}_t^2} \tag{9B.2}$$

$$= \frac{\sum_{t=2}^T \hat{e}_t^2}{\sum_{t=1}^T \hat{e}_t^2} + \frac{\sum_{t=2}^T \hat{e}_{t-1}^2}{\sum_{t=1}^T \hat{e}_t^2} - 2 \frac{\sum_{t=2}^T \hat{e}_t \hat{e}_{t-1}}{\sum_{t=1}^T \hat{e}_t^2}$$

$$\approx 1 + 1 - 2r_1$$

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**Appendix 9B**  
**The Durbin-Watson Test**

$$d \approx 2(1 - r_1) \tag{9B.3}$$

$$d \leq d_c$$

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**The Durbin-Watson Test**

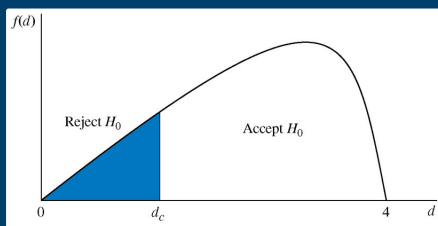


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**Appendix 9B**  
**9B.1 The Durbin-Watson Bounds Test**

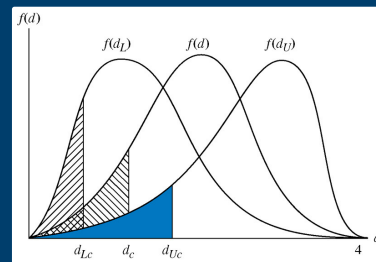


Figure 9A.2:

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**Appendix 9B****9B.1 The Durbin-Watson Bounds Test**

The Durbin-Watson *bounds test*.

- if  $d < d_{Lc}$ , reject  $H_0 : \rho = 0$  and accept  $H_1 : \rho > 0$ ;
- if  $d > d_{Uc}$ , do not reject  $H_0 : \rho = 0$ ;
- if  $d_{Lc} < d < d_{Uc}$ , the test is inconclusive.