

# AR model using Yule-Walker method

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from scipy import signal, linalg
import numpy as np
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt

class YW(object):
    """A class to fit AR model using Yule-Walker method"""

    def __init__(self, X):
        self.X = X - np.mean(X)
```

## 1 Calculate autocorrelation

YW method requires that we compute the sample autocorrelation function:

$$r_k = \frac{1}{(n-k)\sigma^2} \sum_{t=1}^{n-k} (X_t - \mu)(X_{t+k} - \mu)$$

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def autocorr(self, lag=10):
    c = np.correlate(self.X, self.X, 'full')
    mid = len(c)//2
    acov = c[mid:mid+lag]
    acor = acov/acov[0]
    return acor
```

## 2 Fit

Form the Yule-Walker equations  $r = R\Phi$  based on sample autocorrelation  $r_k$ . Notice that the matrix  $R$  is a Toeplitz matrix and it is thus easy to form using `toeplitz` function from `scipy.linalg`.

$$\begin{pmatrix} r_1 \\ r_2 \\ \vdots \\ r_p \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} r_0 & r_1 & \dots & r_{p-1} \\ r_1 & r_0 & \dots & r_{p-2} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ r_{p-1} & r_{p-2} & \dots & r_0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \phi_1 \\ \phi_2 \\ \vdots \\ \phi_p \end{pmatrix}$$

And solve simply using:

$$\Phi = R^{-1}r$$

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def fit(self, p=5):
    ac = self.autocorr(p+1)
    R = linalg.toeplitz(ac[:p])
    r = ac[1:p+1]
    self.phi = linalg.inv(R).dot(r)

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### 3 Calculate and plot the spectrum

The spectrum of an AR process is given by:

$$S(f) = \frac{\sigma^2}{|1 - \sum_{k=1}^p \phi_k e^{-2\pi i k f}|^2}$$

It can be calculated easily using `scipy.signal.freqz`.

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def spectrum(self):
    a = np.concatenate([np.ones(1), -self.phi])
    w, h = signal.freqz(1, a)
    h_db = 10*np.log10(2*(np.abs(h)/len(h)))
    plt.plot(w/np.pi, h_db)
    plt.xlabel(r'Normalized Frequency ($\times \pi$rad/sample)')
    plt.ylabel(r'Power/frequency (dB/rad/sample)')
    plt.title(r'Yule-Walker Spectral Density Estimate')

```

### 4 Try it out:

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x = np.sin(np.linspace(0, 20))
ar1 = YW(x)
ar1.fit()
ar1.phi

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array([ 1.19379795, -0.21810471, -0.12747881, -0.06257484,
       -0.12929761])

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ar1.spectrum()

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Yule-Walker Spectral Density Estimate

