

# Moment conditions for random coefficient $AR(\infty)$ under non-negativity assumptions

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## **ECODEP motivations**

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## Chain with infinite memory

Let  $(X_t)$  be a solution of the non-linear stochastic recurrent equation

$$X_t = F(X_{t-1}, X_{t-2}, \dots; \xi_t), \quad t \in \mathbb{Z},$$

where  $(\xi_t)$  is iid.

## Theorem (Doukhan and W., 2008)

*Assume*

$$\mathbb{E}[|F(x_0, x_1, x_2, \dots; \xi) - F(y_0, y_1, y_2, \dots; \xi)|] \leq \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} a_j |x_j - y_j|, \quad (x_j), (y_j) \in \mathbb{R}^N,$$

$$\sum_{j=0}^{\infty} |a_j| < 1, \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbb{E}[|F(0, 0, \dots; \xi)|] < \infty,$$

*then the causal stationary solution  $(X_t)$  exists and satisfies  $\mathbb{E}[|X|] < \infty$ .*

## Poisson QMLE, Ahmad and Francq (2016)

PQMLE is defined under the assumption that we observe  $X_t \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $t = 1, \dots, n$  such that

$$\mathbb{E}[X_t | X_{t-1}, X_{t-2}, \dots] = \lambda(X_{t-1}, X_{t-2}, \dots; \theta_0) =: \lambda_t(\theta_0), \quad a.s.,$$

for some parameter  $\theta_0 \in \Theta$  and some measurable function  $\lambda$ .

Note that if  $(X_t)$  is a chain with infinite memory then

$$\mathbb{E}[X_t | X_{t-1}, X_{t-2}, \dots] = \mathbb{E}_\xi[F(X_{t-1}, X_{t-2}, \dots; \xi)], \quad a.s.,$$

and Poisson QMLE corresponds to the parametrization of  $F = F_{\theta_0}$ ,  $\theta_0 \in \Theta$  (Bardet and W., 2009).

The asymptotic normality of PQMLE is derived under the assumption

$$\mathbb{E}[X_t^2 | X_{t-1}, X_{t-2}, \dots] - \lambda_t(\theta_0)^2 =: v_t(\theta_0), \quad a.s..$$

**Under which minimal conditions on  $F$  the LHS exists?**

## Ferland et al. (2006)

If  $X_t$  is conditionally Poisson then  $v_t = 0$  and the LHS exists under the conditions of Doukhan and W. (2008).

## Moments for AR models with random coefficients and finite order

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# AutoRegressive models of infinite order AR( $P$ ) with random coefficients, $p \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{\infty\}$

## AR( $p$ ) model with random coefficients

Let  $(A_j)_{j \geq 1}$ ,  $B$  be non-negative random variable. Consider the recurrence

$$X_t = \sum_{j=1}^p A_{t,j} X_{t-j} + B_t, \quad t \in \mathbb{Z}, \quad p \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{\infty\},$$

where  $((A_{t,j})_{j \geq 1}, B_t)_{t \in \mathbb{Z}}$  is an iid sequence with generic element  $((A_j)_{j \geq 1}, B)$ .

Review of the results in the literature for  $p < \infty$ .

The solution of the AR( $p$ ) model with random coefficients satisfies the SRE

$$\mathbf{X}_t = \mathbf{A}_t \mathbf{X}_{t-1} + \mathbf{B}_t, \quad t \in \mathbb{Z},$$

with the matrix notation

$$\mathbf{A}_t := \begin{pmatrix} A_{t,1} & A_{t,2} & \cdots & A_{t,p} \\ 1 & & & \\ & \ddots & & \\ & & & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{B}_t := \begin{pmatrix} B_t \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{X}_t := \begin{pmatrix} X_t \\ \vdots \\ X_{t-p+1} \end{pmatrix}.$$

## Theorem (Kesten, 1973, Buraczewski et al. 2018)

Consider the convex function

$$h(\theta) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} \log \mathbb{E} \left[ \|\mathbf{A}_n \cdots \mathbf{A}_1\|^\theta \right], \quad \theta > 0.$$

If there exist  $0 < \alpha < \alpha'$ , such that  $h(\alpha) = 0$ ,  $h(\alpha') < \infty$  and  $\mathbb{E}[B^{\alpha'}] < \infty$ , and under a further non-lattice assumption, there exists a stationary solution  $(\mathbf{X}_t)$  to the SRE with generic element  $\mathbf{X}$  satisfying

$$\mathbb{P}(\|\mathbf{X}\| > x) \sim Cx^{-\alpha}, \quad x \rightarrow \infty.$$

Then  $\mathbb{E}[X^\theta] < \infty$  for  $\theta < \alpha$  and  $\mathbb{E}[X^\theta] = \infty$  otherwise.



### Moment of order 1

By linearity the sufficient condition  $h(1) < 0$  is equivalent to

$$\sum_{j=1}^p \mathbb{E}[A_j] < 1.$$

### Theorem (Nicholls and Quinn, 1982, Pham 1986)

Denote by  $\rho$  the spectral radius and  $\otimes$  the tensor product. The sufficient condition of  $h(2) < 0$  is equivalent to

$$\rho(\mathbb{E}[\mathbf{A} \otimes \mathbf{A}]) < 1.$$

## Moments for AR models with random coefficients and infinite order

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# Smoothing transform

Consider the recurrence

$$X_t = \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} A_{t,j} X_{t-j} + B_t, \quad t \in \mathbb{Z}.$$

## Definition

The smoothing transform is the solution of the distributional equation

$$Y \stackrel{d}{=} \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} A_j Y^{(j)} + B,$$

where  $(Y^{(j)})_{j \geq 1}$  are iid copies of  $Y$ , independent of  $((A_j)_{j \geq 1}, B)$ .

## Theorem (Buraczewski et al., 2018)

Using the notation

$$\varphi_1(\theta) := \log \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \mathbb{E}[A_j^\theta], \quad \theta > 0,$$

the smoothing transform exists if for some  $\theta \in (0, 1]$ ,  $\mathbb{E}[B^\theta] < \infty$  and  $\varphi_1(\theta) < 0$ , and then  $\mathbb{E}[Y^\theta] < \infty$ .

Consider the recurrence

$$X_t = \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} A_{t,j} X_{t-j} + B_t, \quad t \in \mathbb{Z}.$$

## Sums of products

A non-anticipative stationary solution  $(X_t)$  of the  $\text{AR}(\infty)$  with generic element admitting the representation

$$\tilde{X} = \sum_{0=t_0 < t_1 < \dots < t_n, n \geq 0} \tilde{A}_{t_0, t_1 - t_0} \cdots \tilde{A}_{t_{n-1}, t_n - t_{n-1}} B_{-t_n},$$

where  $\tilde{A}_{t,j} = A_{-t,j}$ ,  $t \in \mathbb{Z}$ ,  $j \geq 1$ .

Recall the sum of products

$$\tilde{X} = \sum_{0=t_0 < t_1 < \dots < t_n, n \geq 0} \tilde{A}_{t_0, t_1 - t_0} \cdots \tilde{A}_{t_{n-1}, t_n - t_{n-1}} B_{-t_n}.$$

Applying Minkowski's inequality we get for every  $\theta \geq 1$ ,

$$\mathbb{E}[\tilde{X}^\theta]^{1/\theta} \leq \sum_{0=t_0 < t_1 < \dots < t_n, n \geq 0} \mathbb{E}[(\tilde{A}_{t_0, t_1 - t_0} \cdots \tilde{A}_{t_{n-1}, t_n - t_{n-1}} B_{-t_n})^\theta]^{1/\theta}.$$

### Definition

We introduce the notation

$$\tilde{\varphi}_1(\theta) := \log \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \mathbb{E}[A_j^\theta]^{1/\theta}, \quad \theta > 0.$$

By subadditivity we have

$$\begin{cases} \theta \tilde{\varphi}_1(\theta) \leq \varphi_1(\theta), & 0 < \theta \leq 1, \\ \varphi_1(\theta) \leq \theta \tilde{\varphi}_1(\theta), & \theta \geq 1, \end{cases}$$

and  $\varphi_1(1) = \tilde{\varphi}_1(1)$ .

### Theorem (Maillard and W., 2024)

Let  $(X_t)$  satisfies the  $AR(\infty)$  model with  $X_{-1} = X_{-2} = \dots = 0$ .

- As  $t \rightarrow \infty$ ,  $X_t$  converges in law to a (possibly infinite) limit  $\tilde{X}$ . Moreover if

1 For some  $0 < \theta \leq 1$

1.1  $\varphi_1(\theta) < 0$  and  $\mathbb{E}[B^\theta] < \infty$  then  $\mathbb{E}[\tilde{X}^\theta] < \infty$ .

1.2  $\tilde{\varphi}_1(\theta) \geq 0$  or  $\mathbb{E}[B^\theta] = \infty$  then  $\mathbb{E}[\tilde{X}^\theta] = \infty$ .

2 For some  $\theta \geq 1$

2.2  $\tilde{\varphi}_1(\theta) < 0$  and  $\mathbb{E}[B^\theta] < \infty$  then  $\mathbb{E}[\tilde{X}^\theta] < \infty$ .

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### Definition (Finite increasing integer-valued sequences)

Define

$$\mathcal{T} = \{ \mathbf{t} = (t_0, \dots, t_n) : n \geq 0, 0 = t_0 < t_1 < \dots < t_n \},$$

$\mathbf{0} = (0)$ ,  $\mathbf{t} = (t_0, \dots, t_n) \in \mathcal{T}$ ,  $n(\mathbf{t}) = n$  and  $\tilde{A}_{\mathbf{t}} = \tilde{A}_{t_0, t_1 - t_0} \cdots \tilde{A}_{t_{n-1}, t_n - t_{n-1}}$ , with  $\tilde{A}_{\mathbf{0}} = 1$  by convention. We also denote  $\tilde{B}_{\mathbf{t}} := B_{-t_n}$ .

With this notation, we have

$$\tilde{X} = \sum_{\mathbf{t} \in \mathcal{T}} \tilde{A}_{\mathbf{t}} \tilde{B}_{\mathbf{t}},$$

and hence

$$\tilde{X}^2 = \sum_{\mathbf{s}, \mathbf{t} \in \mathcal{T}} \tilde{A}_{\mathbf{s}} \tilde{B}_{\mathbf{s}} \tilde{A}_{\mathbf{t}} \tilde{B}_{\mathbf{t}}.$$

# Decomposition of pairs

## Definition (Closed and open pairs)

Denote by  $\mathcal{C}$  and  $\mathcal{O}$  the set of *closed* and *open* pairs

$$\mathcal{C} = \{(\mathbf{s}, \mathbf{t}) \in \mathcal{T} \times \mathcal{T} : n(\mathbf{s}) > 0, n(\mathbf{t}) > 0, s_{n(\mathbf{s})} = t_{n(\mathbf{t})}, \\ s_i \neq t_j, 0 < i < n(\mathbf{s}), 0 < j < n(\mathbf{t})\}$$

$$\mathcal{O} = \{(\mathbf{s}, \mathbf{t}) \in \mathcal{T} \times \mathcal{T} : \forall 0 < i \leq n(\mathbf{s}), 0 < j \leq n(\mathbf{t}) : s_i \neq t_j\}.$$

Define the concatenation as

$$\mathbf{t}^1 \cdots \mathbf{t}^k := (t_0^1, \dots, t_{n(\mathbf{t}^1)}^1, t_{n(\mathbf{t}^1)}^1 + t_1^2, \dots, t_{n(\mathbf{t}^1)}^1 + t_{n(\mathbf{t}^2)}^2, \dots, t_{n(\mathbf{t}^1)}^1 + \cdots + t_{n(\mathbf{t}^k)}^k).$$

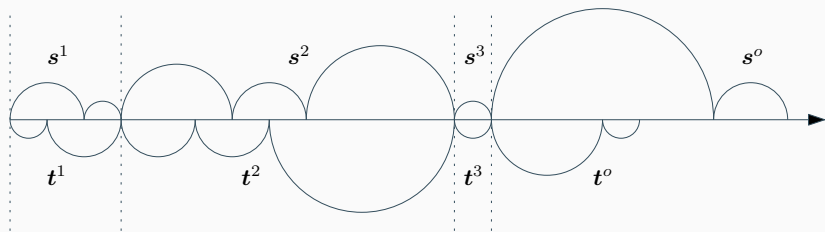
## Decomposition of pairs

For every  $(\mathbf{s}, \mathbf{t}) \in \mathcal{T} \times \mathcal{T}$  there exists  $k \in \mathbb{N}_0$ ,  $(\mathbf{s}^1, \mathbf{t}^1), \dots, (\mathbf{s}^k, \mathbf{t}^k) \in \mathcal{C}$  and  $(\mathbf{s}^o, \mathbf{t}^o) \in \mathcal{O}$ , such that

$$(\mathbf{s}, \mathbf{t}) = (\mathbf{s}^1 \cdots \mathbf{s}^k \mathbf{s}^o, \mathbf{t}^1 \cdots \mathbf{t}^k \mathbf{t}^o).$$



Note that the trivial pair is open by definition:  $(\mathbf{0}, \mathbf{0}) \in \mathcal{O}$ .



**Figure 1:** Schematic illustration of the decomposition of a pair  $(s, t) \in \mathcal{T} \times \mathcal{T}$  into finitely many (here, three) closed pairs  $(s^1, t^1)$ ,  $(s^2, t^2)$ ,  $(s^3, t^3)$  and an open pair  $(s^o, t^o)$ .

### Definition

$$\varphi_2(\theta) := \log \sum_{(s,t) \in \mathcal{C}} \mathbb{E}[\tilde{A}_s^{\theta/2} \tilde{A}_t^{\theta/2}], \quad \theta > 0,$$

$$\tilde{\varphi}_2(\theta) := \log \sum_{(s,t) \in \mathcal{C}} \mathbb{E}[\tilde{A}_s^{\theta/2} \tilde{A}_t^{\theta/2}]^{2/\theta}, \quad \theta > 0.$$

By subadditivity we have

$$\begin{cases} (\theta/2)\tilde{\varphi}_2(\theta) \leq \varphi_2(\theta), & 0 < \theta \leq 2, \\ \varphi_2(\theta) \leq (\theta/2)\tilde{\varphi}_2(\theta), & \theta \geq 2, \end{cases}$$

Considering the closed pairs  $((0, i), (0, i))$ ,  $i \geq 1$ , we get

$$\varphi_2(\theta) \geq \varphi_1(\theta), \quad \theta > 0.$$

Applying Cauchy-Schwarz's inequality and  $\mathcal{C} \subset \mathcal{T}^2$  we obtain

$$\tilde{\varphi}_2(\theta) \leq 2\tilde{\varphi}_1(\theta), \quad \theta > 0.$$

### Theorem (Maillard and W., 2024)

Let  $(X_t)$  satisfies the  $AR(\infty)$  model with  $X_{-1} = X_{-2} = \dots = 0$ .

1 For some  $0 < \theta \leq 2$

1.1  $\varphi_2(\theta) < 0$ ,  $\varphi_2(\theta/2) < 0$  and  $\mathbb{E}[B^\theta] < \infty$  then  $\mathbb{E}[\tilde{X}^\theta] < \infty$ .

1.2  $\tilde{\varphi}_2(\theta) \geq 0$  or  $\mathbb{E}[B^\theta] = \infty$  then  $\mathbb{E}[\tilde{X}^\theta] = \infty$ .

2 For some  $\theta \geq 2$

2.2  $\tilde{\varphi}_2(\theta) < 0$ ,  $\tilde{\varphi}_2(\theta/2) < 0$  and  $\mathbb{E}[B^\theta] < \infty$  then  $\mathbb{E}[\tilde{X}^\theta] < \infty$ .

2.1  $\varphi_1(\theta) \geq 0$  or  $\mathbb{E}[B^\theta] = \infty$  then  $\mathbb{E}[\tilde{X}^\theta] = \infty$ .

Notice that  $\varphi_2(2) = \tilde{\varphi}_2(2)$  and

$$\varphi_2(2) < 0 \Leftrightarrow \sum_{(s,t) \in \mathcal{C}} \mathbb{E}[\tilde{A}_s \tilde{A}_t] < 1$$

is almost a necessary and sufficient condition for the existence of second order moments

## Proof hints

We use the decomposition

$$\tilde{X}^2 = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \sum_{(s^1, t^1), \dots, (s^k, t^k) \in \mathcal{C}} \sum_{(s^o, t^o) \in \mathcal{O}} \tilde{A}_{s^1 \dots s^k s^o} \tilde{B}_{s^1 \dots s^k s^o} \tilde{A}_{t^1 \dots t^k t^o} \tilde{B}_{t^1 \dots t^k t^o}.$$

The independence of  $\tilde{A}_{t,j}$  and  $\tilde{A}_{t',j'}$  for  $t \neq t'$  yields

$$\mathbb{E}[\tilde{A}_{s^1 \dots s^k s^o} \tilde{B}_{s^1 \dots s^k s^o} \tilde{A}_{t^1 \dots t^k t^o} \tilde{B}_{t^1 \dots t^k t^o}] = \mathbb{E}[\tilde{A}_{s^1} \tilde{A}_{t^1}] \cdots \mathbb{E}[\tilde{A}_{s^k} \tilde{A}_{t^k}] \mathbb{E}[\tilde{A}_{s^o} \tilde{B}_{s^o} \tilde{A}_{t^o} \tilde{B}_{t^o}].$$

And thus

$$\mathbb{E}[X^2] = \left( \sum_{(s,t) \in \mathcal{O}} \mathbb{E}[\tilde{A}_s \tilde{B}_s \tilde{A}_t \tilde{B}_t] \right) \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \left( \sum_{(s,t) \in \mathcal{C}} \mathbb{E}[\tilde{A}_s \tilde{A}_t] \right)^k.$$

Finally by definition of  $\mathcal{O}$ , the sets  $S$  and  $T$  are disjoint hence  $\tilde{A}_s$  and  $\tilde{A}_t$  are independent and

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{(s,t) \in \mathcal{O}} \mathbb{E}[\tilde{A}_s \tilde{B}_s \tilde{A}_t \tilde{B}_t] &= \mathbb{E}[B^2] + \sum_{(s,t) \in \mathcal{O} \setminus (0,0)} \mathbb{E}[\tilde{A}_s] \mathbb{E}[\tilde{A}_t] \mathbb{E}[B]^2 \\ &\leq \mathbb{E}[B^2] + \sum_{s,t \in \mathcal{T}} \mathbb{E}[\tilde{A}_s] \mathbb{E}[\tilde{A}_t] \mathbb{E}[B]^2 \\ &= \mathbb{E}[B^2] + \mathbb{E}[X]^2. \end{aligned}$$

Consider the AR( $p$ ) model with random coefficients or equivalently the SRE

$$X_t = \sum_{j=1}^p A_{t,j} X_{t-j} + B_t, \quad t \in \mathbb{Z},$$

$$\mathbf{X}_t = \mathbf{A}_t \mathbf{X}_{t-1} + \mathbf{B}_t, \quad t \in \mathbb{Z}.$$

### Theorem (Maillard and W. (2024))

Assume that  $A_j > 0$  a.s. for every  $1 \leq j \leq p$  then

$\left[ \sum_{(s,t) \in \mathcal{C}} \mathbb{E}[\tilde{A}_s \tilde{A}_t] < 1 \text{ and } \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \mathbb{E}[A_j] < 1 \right]$  if and only if  $\rho(\mathbb{E}[\mathbf{A} \otimes \mathbf{A}]) < 1$ .

### Proof Hints

Check that  $\rho(\mathbb{E}[\mathbf{A} \otimes \mathbf{A}]) < 1$  is necessary and combine with the sufficiency in Pham (1986).

Consider the equation satisfied by the volatility of the GARCH(1,1) model

$$X_t = 1 + \beta(1 + Z_t)X_{t-1}, \quad t \in \mathbb{Z},$$

where  $(Z_t)_{t \in \mathbb{Z}}$  is an iid sequence of copies of a non-negative random variable  $Z$ . For every  $\theta > 0$ ,

$$\mathbb{E}[X^\theta] < \infty \iff \log(\mathbb{E}[\beta^\theta(1 + Z)^\theta]) < 0.$$

The volatility of the GARCH(1,1) model also satisfies

$$X_t = \frac{1}{1 - \beta} + \sum_{k \geq 0} \beta^{k+1} Z_{t-k} X_{t-1-k}, \quad t \in \mathbb{Z},$$

Setting  $A_{t,j} = \beta^j Z_{t-j+1}$ ,  $j \geq 1$ ,  $t \in \mathbb{Z}$ , we recognize an  $\text{AR}(\infty)$  model with random coefficients.

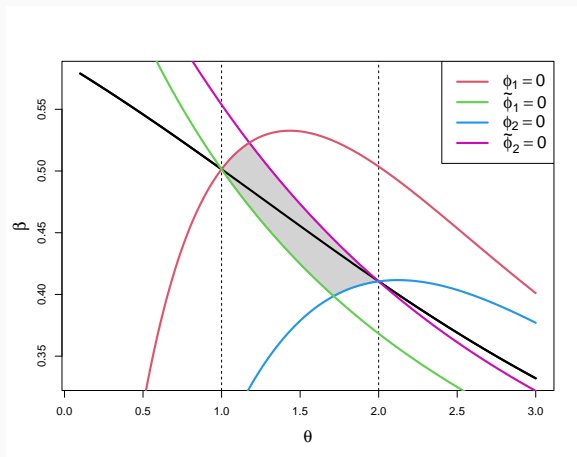
## Test functions from the AR( $\infty$ ) modeling

$$\varphi_1(\theta) = \log \left( \frac{\beta^\theta \mathbb{E}[Z^\theta]}{1 - \beta^\theta} \right),$$

$$\tilde{\varphi}_1(\theta) = \log \left( \frac{\beta \mathbb{E}[Z^\theta]^{1/\theta}}{1 - \beta} \right),$$

$$\varphi_2(\theta) = \begin{cases} \log \left( \frac{\beta^\theta \mathbb{E}[Z^\theta]}{1 - \beta^\theta (1 + 2\mathbb{E}[Z^{\theta/2}])} \right), & \text{if } \beta^\theta (1 + 2\mathbb{E}[Z^{\theta/2}]) < 1 \\ +\infty, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

$$\tilde{\varphi}_2(\theta) = \begin{cases} \log \left( \frac{\beta^2 \mathbb{E}[Z^\theta]^{2/\theta}}{1 - \beta^2 (1 + 2\mathbb{E}[Z^{\theta/2}]^{2/\theta})} \right), & \text{if } \beta^2 (1 + 2\mathbb{E}[Z^{\theta/2}]^{2/\theta}) < 1 \\ +\infty, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$



**Figure 2:** Illustration of our necessary and sufficient conditions of moments applied to the marginal solution with  $(Z_t)$  iid  $\chi_1^2$ -distributed. Our approach is not conclusive in the grey region.



## Conclusions

- We obtain second order conditions for moments that are tractable and improve the first order conditions of moments when  $\theta \approx 2$ ,
- We were not able to extend the approach to higher orders because the combinatorics gets more and more involved.

## Perspectives

- Apply a domination argument to get a second order condition of moments on general chains with infinite memory,
- Apply this argument to causal expressions of standard processes and use the existence of moments to prove the asymptotic normality of Gaussian QMLE (Bardet and W., 2009) or PQMLE (Ahmad and Francq, 2016).

Thank you for your attention!