

**LINEAR STOCHASTIC MODELS**

Let  $\{x_{\tau+1}, x_{\tau+2}, \dots, x_{\tau+n}\}$  denote  $n$  consecutive elements from a stochastic process. If their joint distribution does not depend on  $\tau$ , regardless of the size of  $n$ , then the process is strictly stationary. Any two segments of equal length will have the same distribution with

$$(1) \quad E(x_t) = \mu < \infty \quad \text{for all } t \quad \text{and} \quad C(x_{\tau+t}, x_{\tau+s}) = \gamma_{|t-s|}.$$

The condition on the covariances implies that the dispersion matrix of the vector  $[x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n]$  is a bisymmetric Laurent matrix of the form

$$(2) \quad \Gamma = \begin{bmatrix} \gamma_0 & \gamma_1 & \gamma_2 & \cdots & \gamma_{n-1} \\ \gamma_1 & \gamma_0 & \gamma_1 & \cdots & \gamma_{n-2} \\ \gamma_2 & \gamma_1 & \gamma_0 & \cdots & \gamma_{n-3} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \gamma_{n-1} & \gamma_{n-2} & \gamma_{n-3} & \cdots & \gamma_0 \end{bmatrix},$$

wherein the generic element in the  $(i, j)$ th position is  $\gamma_{|i-j|} = C(x_i, x_j)$ .

## Moving-Average Processes

The  $q$ th-order moving average  $MA(q)$  process, is defined by

$$(3) \quad y(t) = \mu_0\varepsilon(t) + \mu_1\varepsilon(t-1) + \cdots + \mu_q\varepsilon(t-q),$$

where  $\varepsilon(t) = \{\varepsilon_t; t = 0, \pm 1, \pm 2, \dots\}$  is a sequence of i.i.d. random variables with  $E\{\varepsilon(t)\} = 0$  and  $V(\varepsilon_t) = \sigma_\varepsilon^2$ , defined on a doubly-infinite set of integers. We set  $\mu_0 = 1$ .

The equation can also be written as

$$y(t) = \mu(L)\varepsilon(t), \quad \text{where} \quad \mu(L) = \mu_0 + \mu_1L + \cdots + \mu_qL^q$$

is a polynomial in the lag operator  $L$ , for which  $L^j x(t) = x(t-j)$ .

This process is stationary, since any two elements  $y_t$  and  $y_s$  are the same function of  $[\varepsilon_t, \varepsilon_{t-1}, \dots, \varepsilon_{t-q}]$  and  $[\varepsilon_s, \varepsilon_{s-1}, \dots, \varepsilon_{s-q}]$ , which are identically distributed.

If the roots of the polynomial equation  $\mu(z) = \mu_0 + \mu_1z + \cdots + \mu_qz^q = 0$  lie outside the unit circle, then the process is invertible such that

$$\mu^{-1}(L)y(t) = \varepsilon(t),$$

which is an infinite-order autoregressive representation.

**Example.** Consider the first-order MA(1) moving-average process

$$(4) \quad y(t) = \varepsilon(t) - \theta\varepsilon(t - 1) = (1 - \theta L)\varepsilon(t).$$

Provided that  $|\theta| < 1$ , this can be written in autoregressive form as

$$\varepsilon(t) = \frac{1}{(1 - \theta L)}y(t) = \{y(t) + \theta y(t - 1) + \theta^2 y(t - 2) + \dots\}.$$

Imagine that  $|\theta| > 1$  instead. Then, to obtain a convergent series, we have to write

$$y(t + 1) = \varepsilon(t + 1) - \theta\varepsilon(t) = -\theta(1 - L^{-1}/\theta)\varepsilon(t),$$

where  $L^{-1}\varepsilon(t) = \varepsilon(t + 1)$ . This gives

$$(7) \quad \varepsilon(t) = -\frac{\theta^{-1}}{(1 - L^{-1}/\theta)}y(t + 1) = -\theta^{-1} \left\{ \frac{y(t + 1)}{\theta} + \frac{y(t + 2)}{\theta^2} + \dots \right\}.$$

Normally, this would have no reasonable meaning.

## The Autocovariances of a Moving-Average Process

Consider

$$\begin{aligned}
 \gamma_\tau &= E(y_t y_{t-\tau}) \\
 &= E\left\{ \sum_i \mu_i \varepsilon_{t-i} \sum_j \mu_j \varepsilon_{t-\tau-j} \right\} \\
 &= \sum_i \sum_j \mu_i \mu_j E(\varepsilon_{t-i} \varepsilon_{t-\tau-j}).
 \end{aligned}
 \tag{8}$$

Since  $\varepsilon(t)$  is a sequence of independently and identically distributed random variables with zero expectations, it follows that

$$E(\varepsilon_{t-i} \varepsilon_{t-\tau-j}) = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } i \neq \tau + j; \\ \sigma_\varepsilon^2, & \text{if } i = \tau + j. \end{cases}
 \tag{9}$$

Therefore

$$\gamma_\tau = \sigma_\varepsilon^2 \sum_j \mu_j \mu_{j+\tau}.
 \tag{10}$$

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Now let  $\tau = 0, 1, \dots, q$ . This gives

$$(11) \quad \begin{aligned} \gamma_0 &= \sigma_\varepsilon^2(\mu_0^2 + \mu_1^2 + \cdots + \mu_q^2), \\ \gamma_1 &= \sigma_\varepsilon^2(\mu_0\mu_1 + \mu_1\mu_2 + \cdots + \mu_{q-1}\mu_q), \\ &\vdots \\ \gamma_q &= \sigma_\varepsilon^2\mu_0\mu_q. \end{aligned}$$

Also,  $\gamma_\tau = 0$  for all  $\tau > q$ .

The first-order moving-average process  $y(t) = \varepsilon(t) - \theta\varepsilon(t-1)$  has the following autocovariances:

$$(12) \quad \begin{aligned} \gamma_0 &= \sigma_\varepsilon^2(1 + \theta^2), \\ \gamma_1 &= -\sigma_\varepsilon^2\theta, \\ \gamma_\tau &= 0 \quad \text{if } \tau > 1. \end{aligned}$$

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For a vector  $y = [y_0, y_2, \dots, y_{T-1}]'$  of  $T$  consecutive elements from a first-order moving-average process, the dispersion matrix is

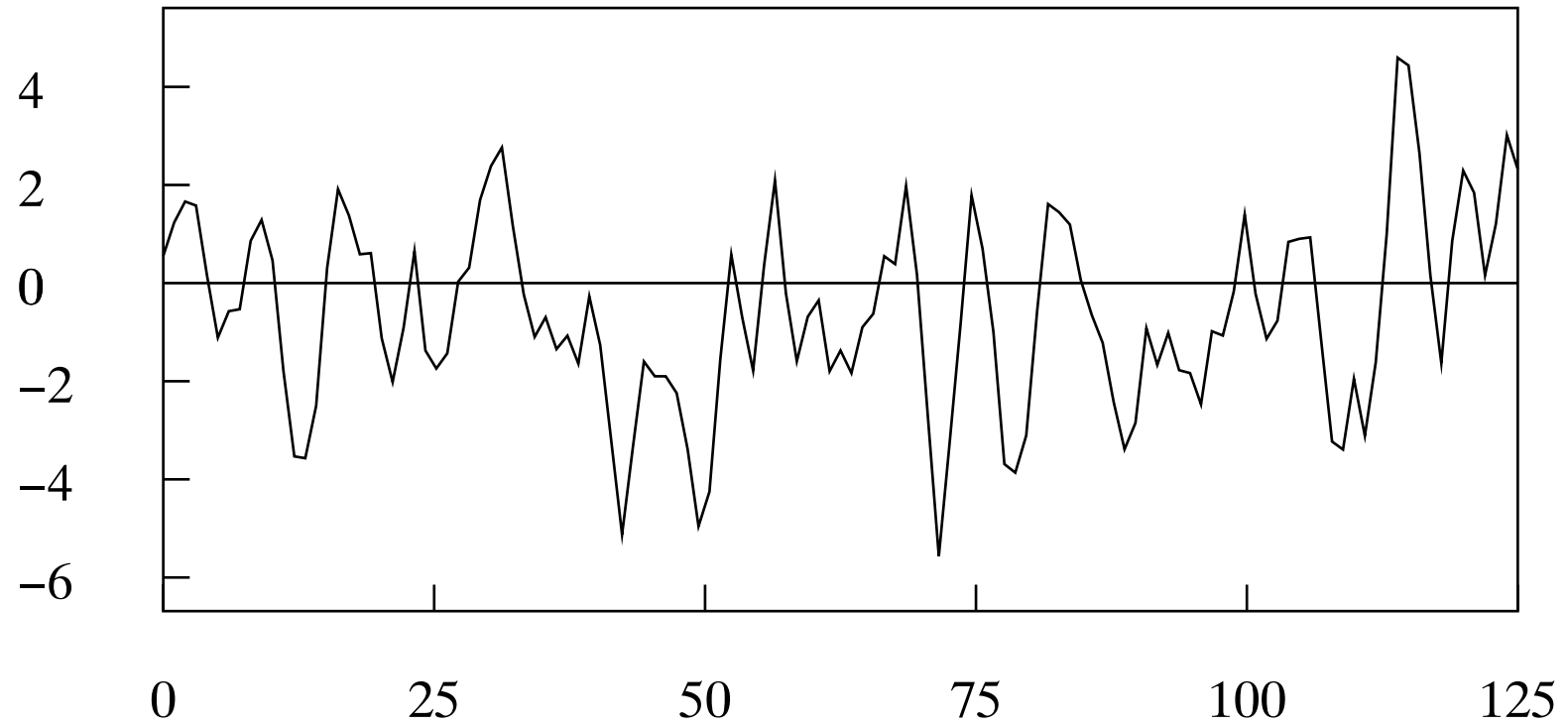
$$(13) \quad D(y) = \sigma_\varepsilon^2 \begin{bmatrix} 1 + \theta^2 & -\theta & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ -\theta & 1 + \theta^2 & -\theta & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & -\theta & 1 + \theta^2 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 1 + \theta^2 \end{bmatrix}.$$

In general, the dispersion matrix of a  $q$ th-order moving-average process has  $q$  subdiagonal and  $q$  supradiagonal bands of nonzero elements and zero elements elsewhere.

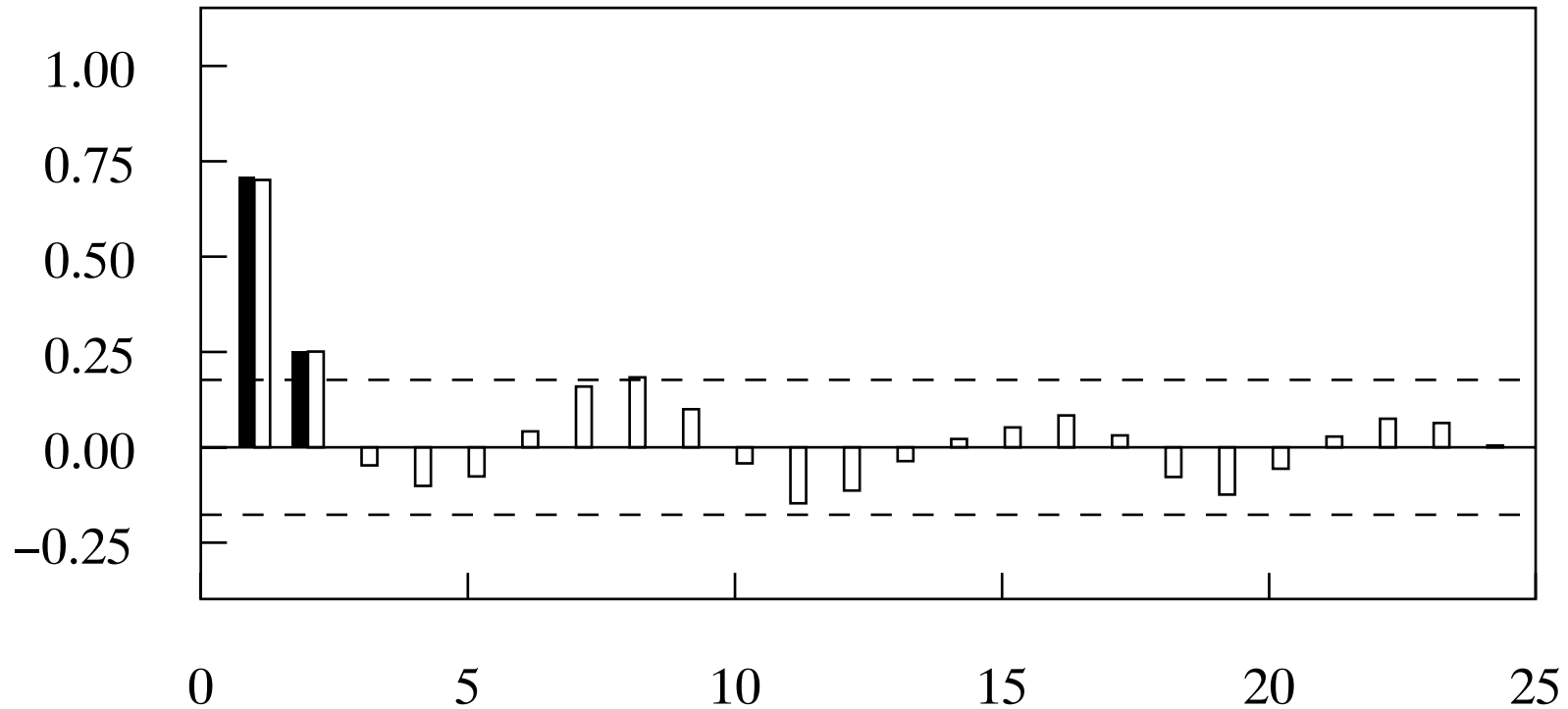
The empirical autocovariance of lag  $\tau \leq T - 1$  is

$$c_\tau = \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=0}^{T-\tau} (y_t - \bar{y})(y_{t+\tau} - \bar{y}) \quad \text{with} \quad \bar{y} = \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=0}^{T-1} y_t.$$

Notice that  $c_{T-1} = T^{-1}y_0y_{T-1}$  comprises only the first and the last element of the sample.



**Figure 1.** The graph of 125 observations on a simulated series generated by an MA(2) process  $y(t) = (1 + 1.25L + 0.80L^2)\varepsilon(t)$ .



**Figure 2.** The theoretical autocorrelations of the MA(2) process  $y(t) = (1 + 1.25L + 0.80L^2)\varepsilon(t)$  (the solid bars) together with their empirical counterparts, calculated from a simulated series of 125 values.



## **Autoregressive Processes**

The  $p$ th-order autoregressive AR( $p$ ) process, is defined by

$$(17) \quad \alpha_0 y(t) + \alpha_1 y(t-1) + \cdots + \alpha_p y(t-p) = \varepsilon(t).$$

Setting  $\alpha_0 = 1$  identifies  $y(t)$  as the output. This can be written as

$$\alpha(L)y(t) = \varepsilon(t), \quad \text{where} \quad \alpha(L) = \alpha_0 + \alpha_1 L + \cdots + \alpha_p L^p.$$

For the process to be stationary, the roots of the equation  $\alpha(z) = \alpha_0 + \alpha_1 z + \cdots + \alpha_p z^p = 0$  must lie outside the unit circle.

This condition enables us to write the autoregressive process as an infinite-order moving-average process in the form of

$$y(t) = \alpha^{-1}(L)\varepsilon(t).$$

**Example.** Consider the AR(1) process defined by

$$(18) \quad \begin{aligned} \varepsilon(t) &= y(t) - \phi y(t-1) \\ &= (1 - \phi L)y(t). \end{aligned}$$

Provided that the process is stationary with  $|\phi| < 1$ , it can be represented in moving-average form as

$$(19) \quad y(t) = \frac{1}{1 - \phi L} \varepsilon(t) = \{ \varepsilon(t) + \phi \varepsilon(t-1) + \phi^2 \varepsilon(t-2) + \dots \}.$$

The autocovariances of the AR(1) process can be found in the manner of an MA process. Thus

$$(20) \quad \begin{aligned} \gamma_\tau &= E(y_t y_{t-\tau}) \\ &= E \left\{ \sum_i \phi^i \varepsilon_{t-i} \sum_j \phi^j \varepsilon_{t-\tau-j} \right\} \\ &= \sum_i \sum_j \phi^i \phi^j E(\varepsilon_{t-i} \varepsilon_{t-\tau-j}); \end{aligned}$$

Since

$$(9) \quad E(\varepsilon_{t-i}\varepsilon_{t-\tau-j}) = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } i \neq \tau + j; \\ \sigma_\varepsilon^2, & \text{if } i = \tau + j, \end{cases}$$

it follows that

$$(21) \quad \gamma_\tau = \sigma_\varepsilon^2 \sum_j \phi^j \phi^{j+\tau} = \frac{\sigma_\varepsilon^2 \phi^\tau}{1 - \phi^2}.$$

For a vector  $y = [y_0, y_2, \dots, y_{T-1}]'$  of  $T$  consecutive elements from a first-order autoregressive process, the dispersion matrix has the form

$$(22) \quad D(y) = \frac{\sigma_\varepsilon^2}{1 - \phi^2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \phi & \phi^2 & \dots & \phi^{T-1} \\ \phi & 1 & \phi & \dots & \phi^{T-2} \\ \phi^2 & \phi & 1 & \dots & \phi^{T-3} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \phi^{T-1} & \phi^{T-2} & \phi^{T-3} & \dots & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

## The Autocovariances of an Autoregressive Process

Multiplying  $\sum_i \alpha_i y_{t-i} = \varepsilon_t$  by  $y_{t-\tau}$  and taking expectations gives

$$(24) \quad \sum_i \alpha_i E(y_{t-i} y_{t-\tau}) = E(\varepsilon_t y_{t-\tau}).$$

Taking account of the normalisation  $\alpha_0 = 1$ , we find that

$$(25) \quad E(\varepsilon_t y_{t-\tau}) = \begin{cases} \sigma_\varepsilon^2, & \text{if } \tau = 0; \\ 0, & \text{if } \tau > 0. \end{cases}$$

Therefore, on setting  $E(y_{t-i} y_{t-\tau}) = \gamma_{\tau-i}$ , equation (24) gives

$$(26) \quad \sum_i \alpha_i \gamma_{\tau-i} = \begin{cases} \sigma_\varepsilon^2, & \text{if } \tau = 0; \\ 0, & \text{if } \tau > 0. \end{cases}$$

The second equation enables us to generate the sequence  $\{\gamma_p, \gamma_{p+1}, \dots\}$  given  $p$  starting values  $\gamma_0, \gamma_1, \dots, \gamma_{p-1}$ .

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According to (26), there is

$$\alpha_0\gamma_\tau + \alpha_1\gamma_{\tau-1} + \cdots + \alpha_p\gamma_{\tau-p} = 0 \quad \text{for } \tau > 0$$

Thus, given  $\gamma_{\tau-1}, \gamma_{\tau-2}, \dots, \gamma_{\tau-p}$  for  $\tau \geq p$ , we can find

$$\gamma_\tau = -\alpha_1\gamma_{\tau-1} - \alpha_2\gamma_{\tau-2} - \cdots - \alpha_p\gamma_{\tau-p}.$$

By letting  $\tau = 0, 1, \dots, p$  in (26), we generate a set of  $p+1$  equations, which can be arrayed in matrix form as follows:

$$(27) \quad \begin{bmatrix} \gamma_0 & \gamma_1 & \gamma_2 & \cdots & \gamma_p \\ \gamma_1 & \gamma_0 & \gamma_1 & \cdots & \gamma_{p-1} \\ \gamma_2 & \gamma_1 & \gamma_0 & \cdots & \gamma_{p-2} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \gamma_p & \gamma_{p-1} & \gamma_{p-2} & \cdots & \gamma_0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ \alpha_1 \\ \alpha_2 \\ \vdots \\ \alpha_p \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_\varepsilon^2 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

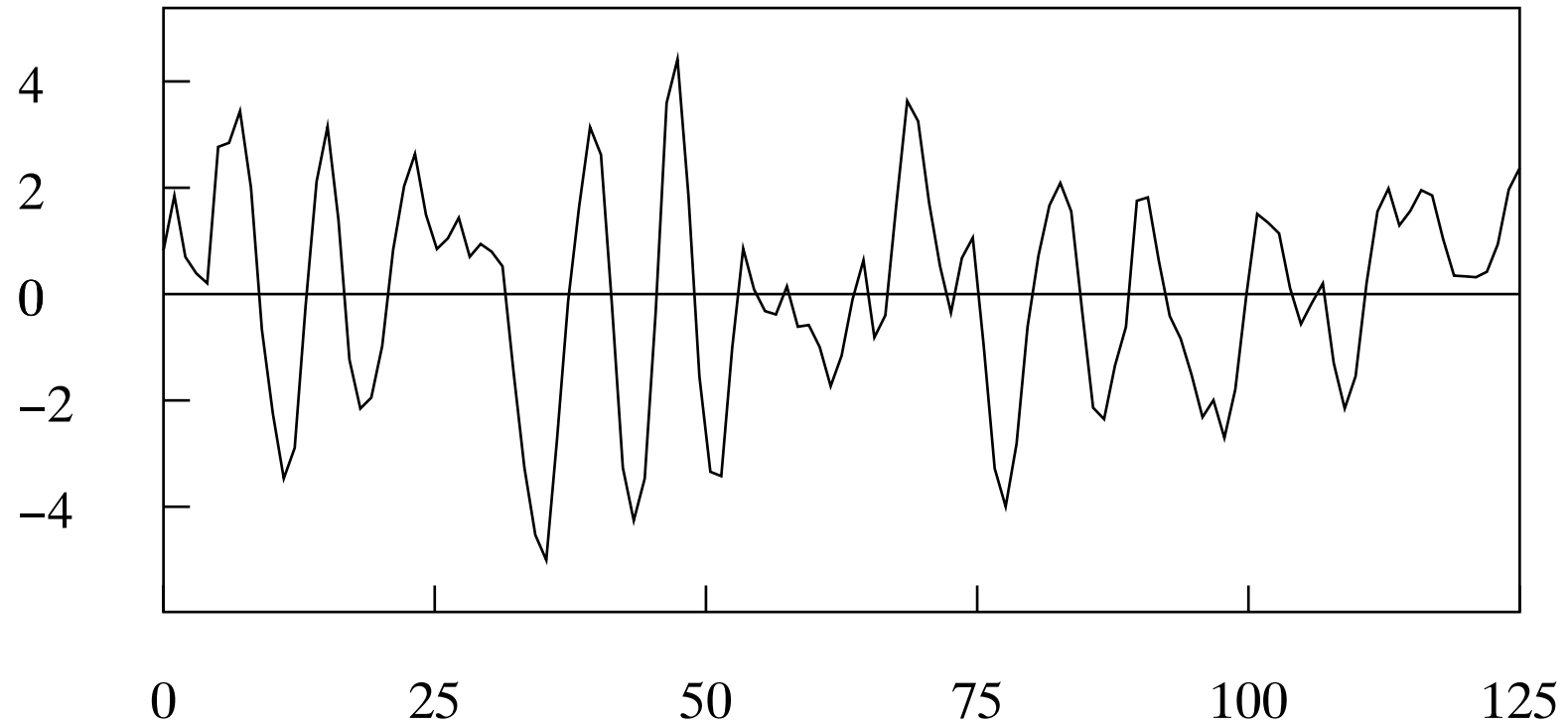
These the Yule–Walker equations, which can be used for generating the values  $\gamma_0, \gamma_1, \dots, \gamma_p$  from the values  $\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_p, \sigma_\varepsilon^2$  or vice versa.

**Example.** For an example of the two uses of the Yule–Walker equations, consider the AR(2) process. In this case,

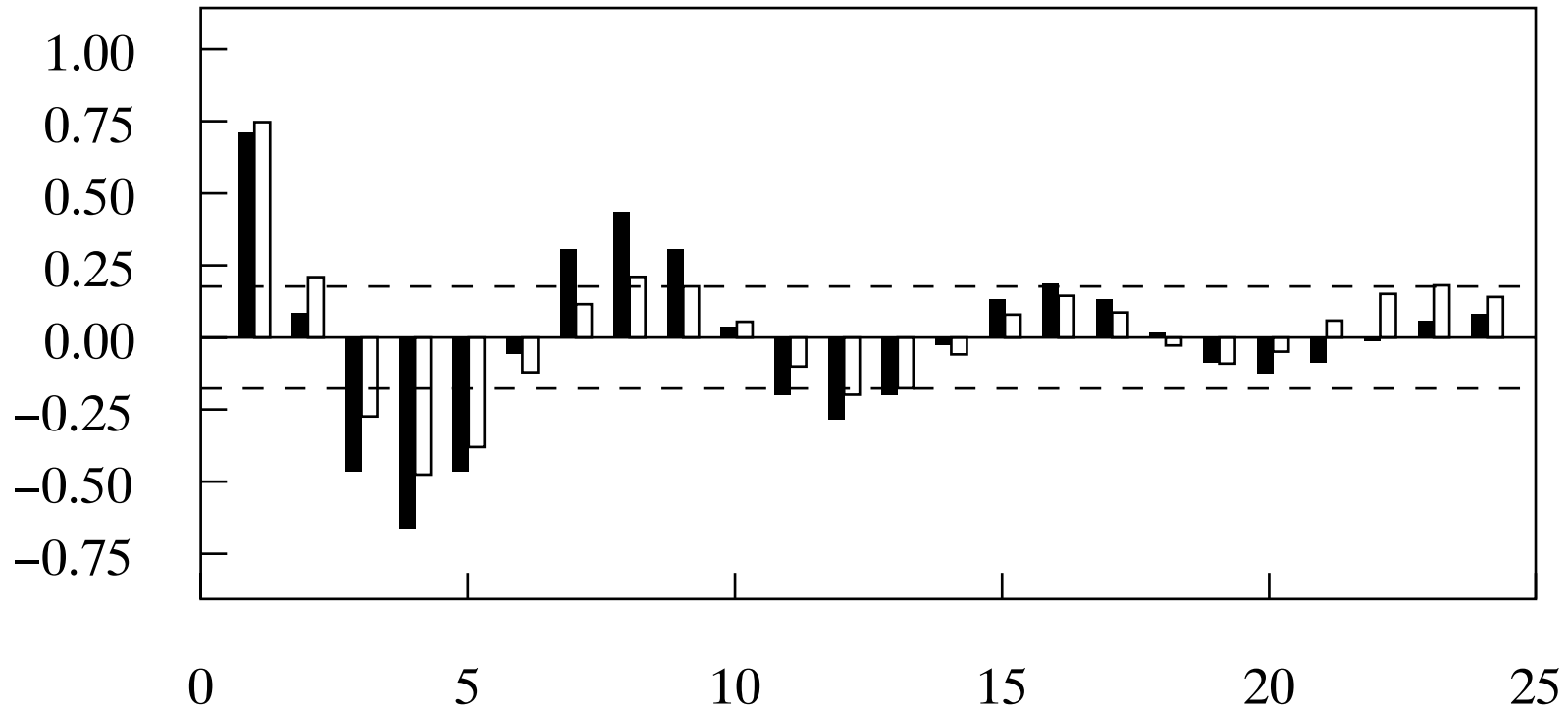
$$\begin{aligned}
 (28) \quad & \begin{bmatrix} \gamma_0 & \gamma_1 & \gamma_2 \\ \gamma_1 & \gamma_0 & \gamma_1 \\ \gamma_2 & \gamma_1 & \gamma_0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \alpha_0 \\ \alpha_1 \\ \alpha_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \alpha_2 & \alpha_1 & \alpha_0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \alpha_2 & \alpha_1 & \alpha_0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \alpha_2 & \alpha_1 & \alpha_0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \gamma_2 \\ \gamma_1 \\ \gamma_0 \\ \gamma_1 \\ \gamma_2 \end{bmatrix} \\
 & = \begin{bmatrix} \alpha_0 & \alpha_1 & \alpha_2 \\ \alpha_1 & \alpha_0 + \alpha_2 & 0 \\ \alpha_2 & \alpha_1 & \alpha_0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \gamma_0 \\ \gamma_1 \\ \gamma_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_\varepsilon^2 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}.
 \end{aligned}$$

Given  $\alpha_0 = 1$  and the values for  $\gamma_0, \gamma_1, \gamma_2$ , we can find  $\sigma_\varepsilon^2$  and  $\alpha_1, \alpha_2$ . Conversely, given  $\alpha_0, \alpha_1, \alpha_2$  and  $\sigma_\varepsilon^2$ , we can find  $\gamma_0, \gamma_1, \gamma_2$ .

Notice how the matrix following the first equality is folded across the axis which divides it vertically to give the matrix which follows the second equality.



**Figure 3.** The graph of 125 observations on a simulated series generated by an AR(2) process  $(1 - 0.273L + 0.81L^2)y(t) = \varepsilon(t)$ .



**Figure 4.** The theoretical autocorrelations and of the AR(2) process  $(1 - 0.273L + 0.81L^2)y(t) = \varepsilon(t)$  (the solid bars) together with their empirical counterparts, calculated from a simulated series of 125 values.



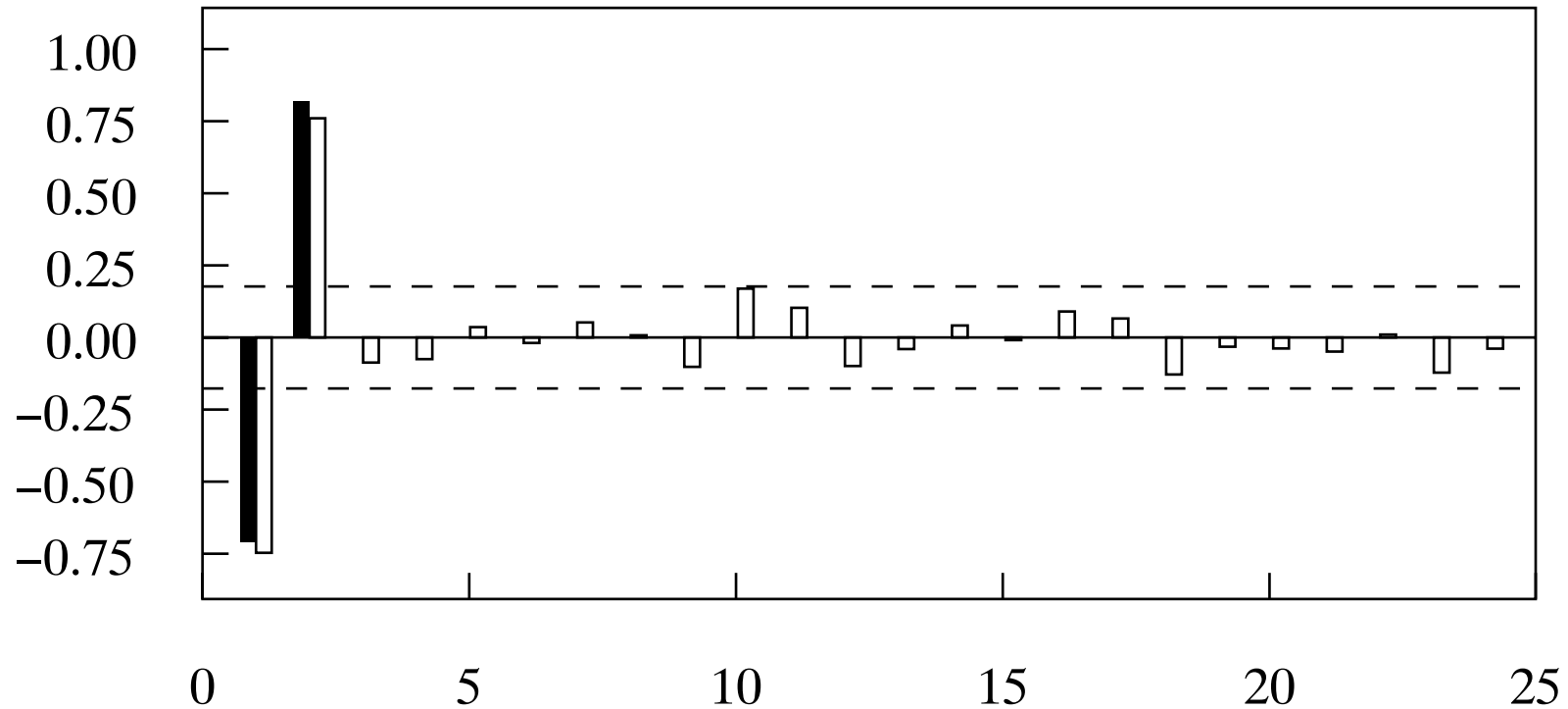
## The Partial Autocorrelation Function

Let  $\alpha_{r(r)}$  be the coefficient associated with  $y(t-r)$  in an autoregressive process of order  $r$  whose parameters correspond to the autocovariances  $\gamma_0, \gamma_1, \dots, \gamma_r$ . Then the sequence  $\{\alpha_{r(r)}; r = 1, 2, \dots\}$ , of which the index corresponds to models of increasing orders, constitutes the partial autocorrelation function.

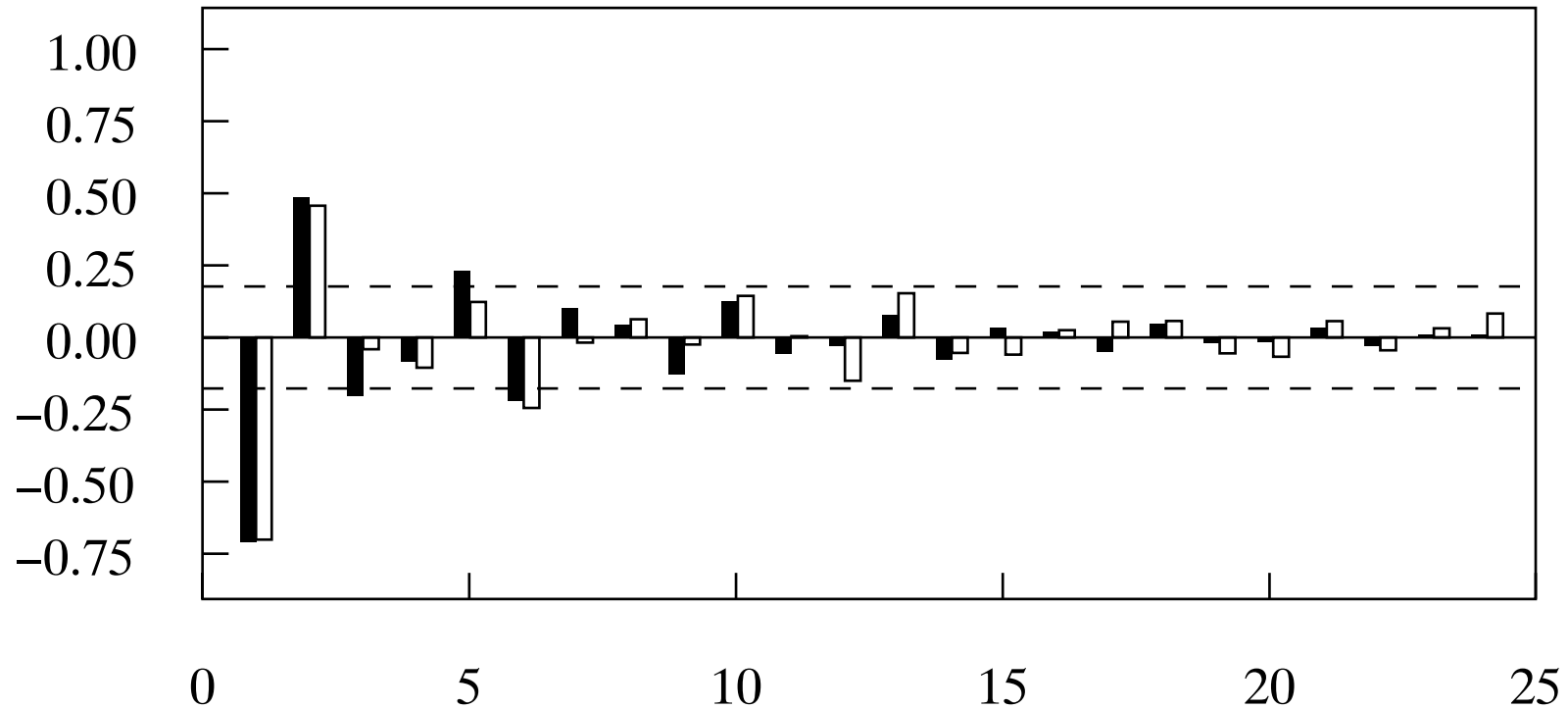
In effect,  $\alpha_{r(r)}$  indicates the role in explaining the variance of  $y(t)$  which is due to  $y(t-r)$  when  $y(t-1), \dots, y(t-r+1)$  are also taken into account.

The sample partial autocorrelation  $p_\tau$  at lag  $\tau$  is the correlation between the two sets of residuals obtained from regressing the elements  $y_t$  and  $y_{t-\tau}$  on the set of intervening values  $y_{t-1}, y_{t-2}, \dots, y_{t-\tau+1}$ . The partial autocorrelation measures the dependence between  $y_t$  and  $y_{t-\tau}$  after the effect of the intervening values has been removed.

The theoretical partial autocorrelations function of a AR(p) process is zero-valued for all  $\tau > p$ . Likewise, all elements of the sample partial autocorrelation function are expected to be close to zero for lags greater than  $p$



**Figure 5.** The theoretical partial autocorrelations of the AR(2) process  $(1 - 0.273L + 0.81L^2)y(t) = \varepsilon(t)$  together with their empirical counterparts, calculated from a simulated series of 125 values.



**Figure 6.** The theoretical partial autocorrelations of the MA(2) process  $y(t) = (1 + 1.25L + 0.80L^2)\varepsilon(t)$  together with their empirical counterparts, calculated from a simulated series of 125 values.

## Autoregressive Moving-Average Processes

The autoregressive moving-average ARMA( $p, q$ ) process of orders  $p$  and  $q$  is defined by

$$(36) \quad \begin{aligned} \alpha_0 y(t) + \alpha_1 y(t-1) + \cdots + \alpha_p y(t-p) \\ = \mu_0 \varepsilon(t) + \mu_1 \varepsilon(t-1) + \cdots + \mu_q \varepsilon(t-q). \end{aligned}$$

The equation is normalised by setting  $\alpha_0 = 1$  and  $\mu_0 = 1$ . The equation can be denoted by

$$\alpha(L)y(t) = \mu(L)\varepsilon(t).$$

Provided that the roots of the equation  $\alpha(z) = 0$  lie outside the unit circle, the process can be described as an infinite-order MA process:

$$y(t) = \alpha^{-1}(L)\mu(L)\varepsilon(t).$$

Conversely, provided the roots of the equation  $\mu(z) = 0$  lie outside the unit circle, the process can be described as an infinite-order AR process:

$$\mu^{-1}(L)\alpha(L)y(t) = \varepsilon(t).$$

### The Autocovariances of an ARMA Process

Multiplying  $\sum_i \alpha_i y_{t-i} = \sum_i \mu_i \varepsilon_{t-i}$  by  $y_{t-\tau}$  and taking expectations gives

$$(38) \quad \sum_i \alpha_i \gamma_{\tau-i} = \sum_i \mu_i \delta_{i-\tau},$$

where  $\gamma_{\tau-i} = E(y_{t-\tau} y_{t-i})$  and  $\delta_{i-\tau} = E(y_{t-\tau} \varepsilon_{t-i})$ . Since  $\varepsilon_{t-i}$  is uncorrelated with  $y_{t-\tau}$  whenever it is subsequent to the latter, it follows that  $\delta_{i-\tau} = 0$  if  $\tau > i$ .

Since the index  $i$  in the RHS of the equation (38) runs from 0 to  $q$ , it follows that

$$(39) \quad \sum_i \alpha_i \gamma_{i-\tau} = 0 \quad \text{if} \quad \tau > q.$$

Given the  $q+1$  values  $\delta_0, \delta_1, \dots, \delta_q$ , and  $p$  initial values  $\gamma_0, \gamma_1, \dots, \gamma_{p-1}$  for the autocovariances, the equation (38) can be solved recursively to obtain the subsequent values  $\{\gamma_p, \gamma_{p+1}, \dots\}$ .

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To find the requisite values  $\delta_0, \delta_1, \dots, \delta_q$ , consider multiplying the equation  $\sum_i \alpha_i y_{t-i} = \sum_i \mu_i \varepsilon_{t-i}$  by  $\varepsilon_{t-\tau}$  and taking expectations. This gives

$$(40) \quad \sum_i \alpha_i \delta_{\tau-i} = \mu_\tau \sigma_\varepsilon^2,$$

where  $\delta_{\tau-i} = E(y_{t-i} \varepsilon_{t-\tau})$ . The equation may be rewritten as

$$(41) \quad \delta_\tau = \frac{1}{\alpha_0} \left( \mu_\tau \sigma_\varepsilon^2 - \sum_{i=1} \delta_{\tau-i} \right),$$

and, by setting  $\tau = 0, 1, \dots, q$ , we can generate recursively the required values  $\delta_0, \delta_1, \dots, \delta_q$ .

**Example.** Consider the ARMA(2, 2) model, which gives the equation

$$(42) \quad \alpha_0 y_t + \alpha_1 y_{t-1} + \alpha_2 y_{t-2} = \mu_0 \varepsilon_t + \mu_1 \varepsilon_{t-1} + \mu_2 \varepsilon_{t-2}.$$

Multiplying by  $y_t$ ,  $y_{t-1}$  and  $y_{t-2}$  and taking expectations gives

$$(43) \quad \begin{bmatrix} \gamma_0 & \gamma_1 & \gamma_2 \\ \gamma_1 & \gamma_0 & \gamma_1 \\ \gamma_2 & \gamma_1 & \gamma_0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \alpha_0 \\ \alpha_1 \\ \alpha_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \delta_0 & \delta_1 & \delta_2 \\ 0 & \delta_0 & \delta_1 \\ 0 & 0 & \delta_0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \mu_0 \\ \mu_1 \\ \mu_2 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Multiplying by  $\varepsilon_t$ ,  $\varepsilon_{t-1}$  and  $\varepsilon_{t-2}$  and taking expectations gives

$$(44) \quad \begin{bmatrix} \delta_0 & 0 & 0 \\ \delta_1 & \delta_0 & 0 \\ \delta_2 & \delta_1 & \delta_0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \alpha_0 \\ \alpha_1 \\ \alpha_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_\varepsilon^2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \sigma_\varepsilon^2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \sigma_\varepsilon^2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \mu_0 \\ \mu_1 \\ \mu_2 \end{bmatrix}.$$

When the latter equations are written as

$$(45) \quad \begin{bmatrix} \alpha_0 & 0 & 0 \\ \alpha_1 & \alpha_0 & 0 \\ \alpha_2 & \alpha_1 & \alpha_0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \delta_0 \\ \delta_1 \\ \delta_2 \end{bmatrix} = \sigma_\varepsilon^2 \begin{bmatrix} \mu_0 \\ \mu_1 \\ \mu_2 \end{bmatrix},$$

they can be solved recursively for  $\delta_0$ ,  $\delta_1$  and  $\delta_2$  on the assumption that the values of  $\alpha_0$ ,  $\alpha_1$ ,  $\alpha_2$  and  $\sigma_\varepsilon^2$  are known. Notice that, when we adopt the normalisation  $\alpha_0 = \mu_0 = 1$ , we get  $\delta_0 = \sigma_\varepsilon^2$ . When the equations (43) are rewritten as

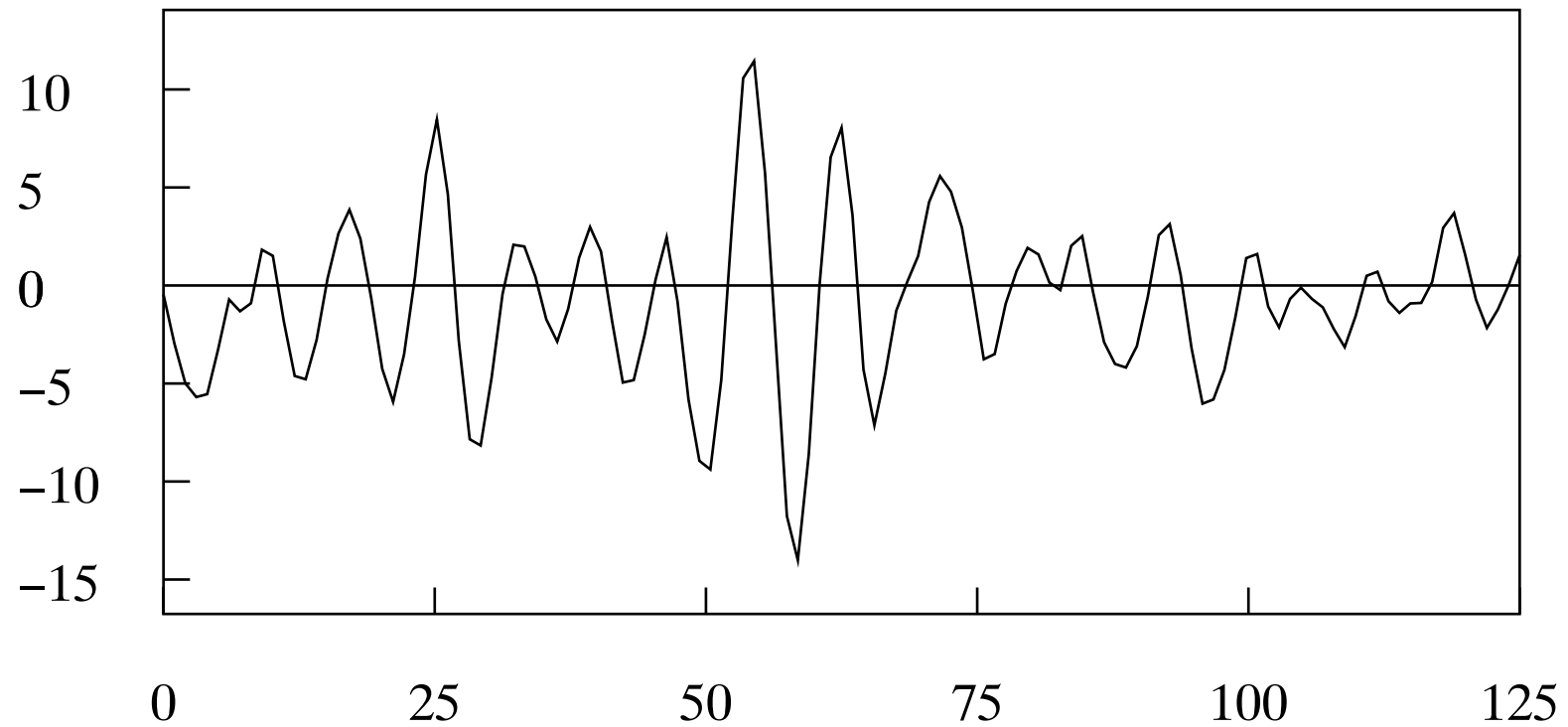
$$(46) \quad \begin{bmatrix} \alpha_0 & \alpha_1 & \alpha_2 \\ \alpha_1 & \alpha_0 + \alpha_2 & 0 \\ \alpha_2 & \alpha_1 & \alpha_0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \gamma_0 \\ \gamma_1 \\ \gamma_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \mu_0 & \mu_1 & \mu_2 \\ \mu_1 & \mu_2 & 0 \\ \mu_2 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \delta_0 \\ \delta_1 \\ \delta_2 \end{bmatrix},$$

they can be solved for  $\gamma_0$ ,  $\gamma_1$  and  $\gamma_2$ . Thus the starting values are obtained, which enable the equation

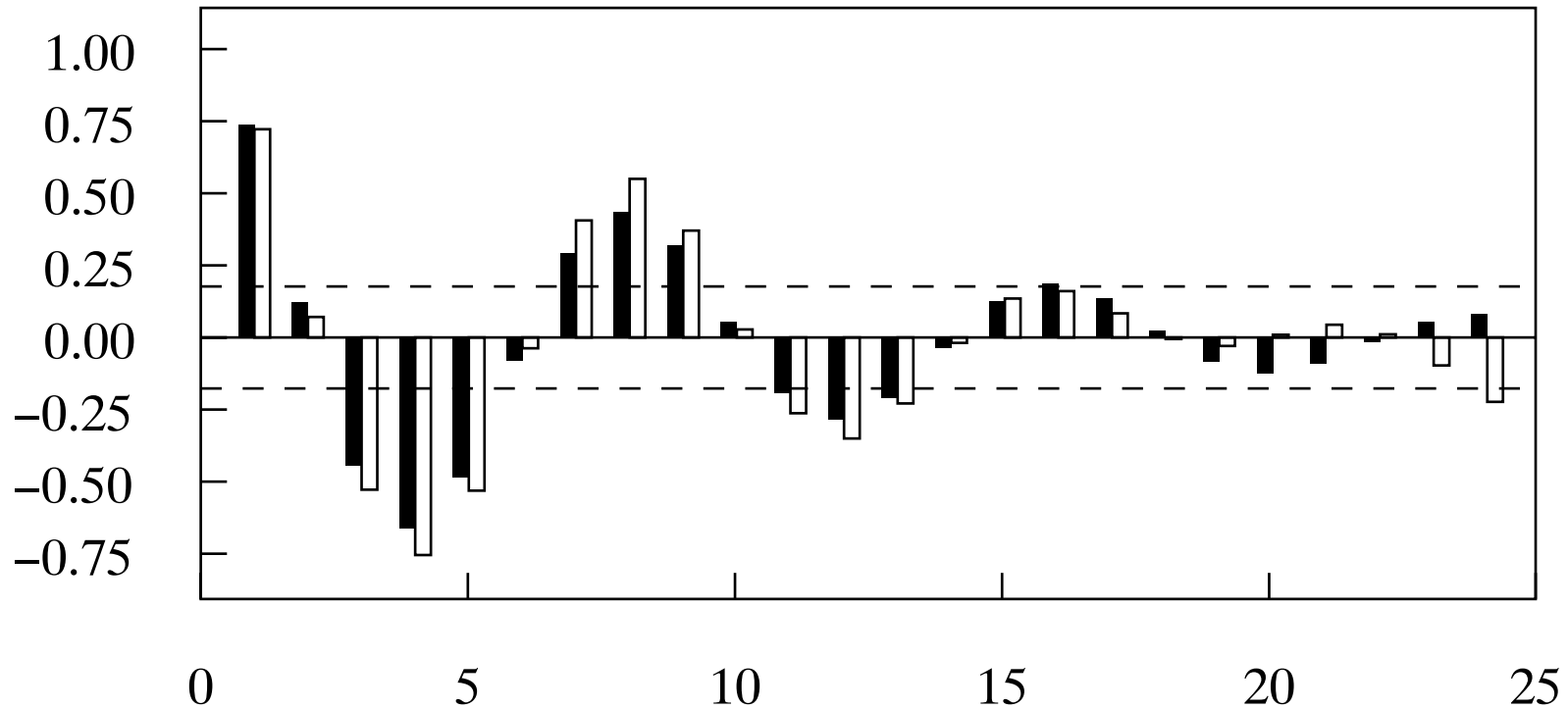
$$(47) \quad \alpha_0 \gamma_\tau + \alpha_1 \gamma_{\tau-1} + \alpha_2 \gamma_{\tau-2} = 0; \quad \tau > 2$$

to be solved recursively to generate the succeeding values  $\{\gamma_3, \gamma_4, \dots\}$  of the autocovariances.

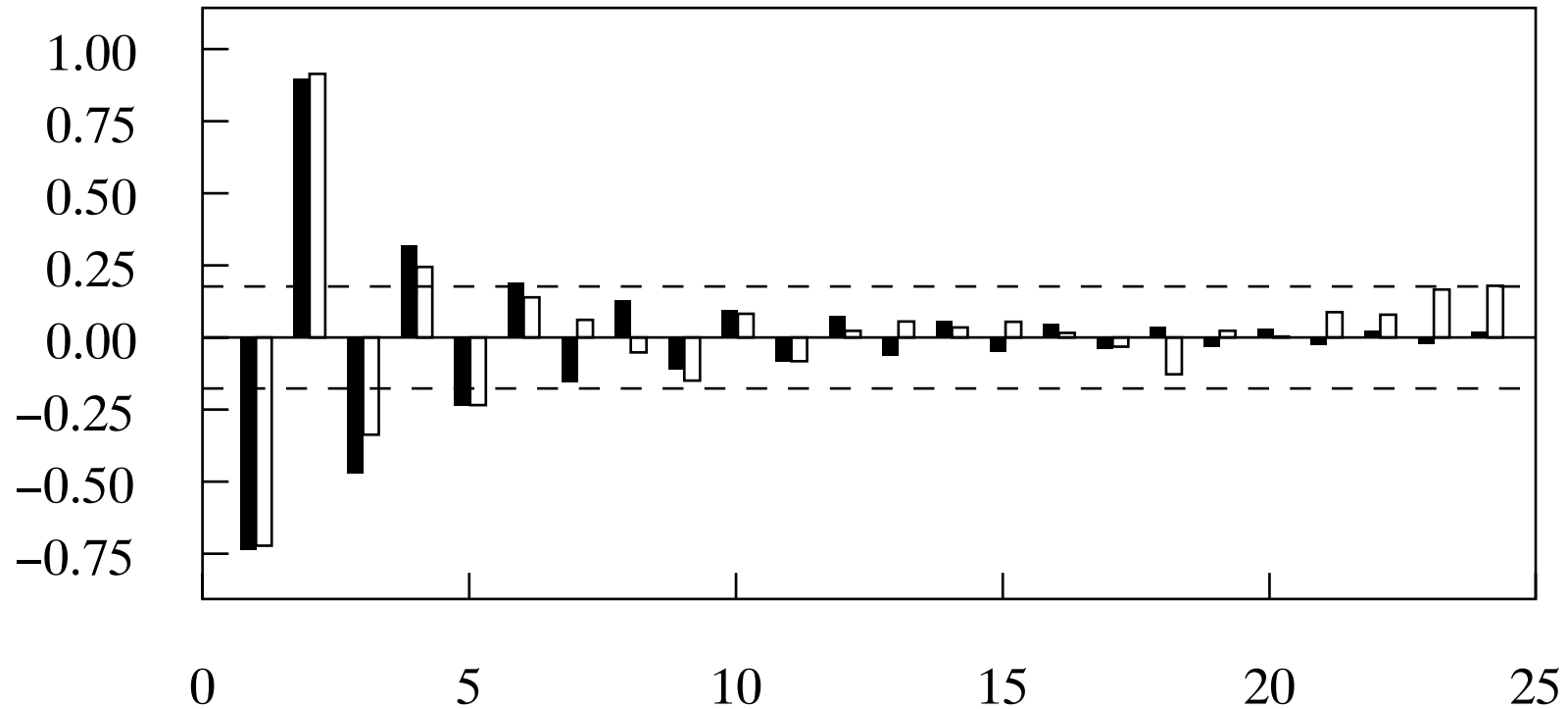




**Figure 7.** The graph of 125 observations on a simulated series generated by an ARMA(2, 1) process  $(1 - 0.273L + 0.81L^2)y(t) = (1 + 0.9L)\varepsilon(t)$ .



**Figure 8.** The theoretical autocorrelations and of the ARMA(2, 1) process  $(1 - 0.273L + 0.81L^2)y(t) = (1 + 0.9L)\varepsilon(t)$  together with their empirical counterparts, calculated from a simulated series of 125 values.



**Figure 9.** The theoretical partial autocorrelations of the ARMA(2, 1) process  $(1 - 0.273L + 0.81L^2)y(t) = (1 + 0.9L)\varepsilon(t)$  together with their empirical counterparts, calculated from a simulated series of 125 values.