

INSIGHT 1 (Problem of the parsimonious description)

Identifying a model having few parameters and describing a large class of stochastic processes. $\square$

INSIGHT 2 (K-factor GARMA model)

[THE (?) parsimonious model encompassing a LARGE class of random processes (Fractionally differenced, AutoRegressive, Moving Average, etc), ...difficult to beat, without too much complicating the model!]

A **K-factor GARMA (Gegenbauer AutoRegressive Moving Average)** model satisfies (time domain)

$$\Phi(B) \prod_{k=1}^K (1 - 2\psi_k B + B^2)^{\delta_k} X(t) = \Theta(B) Z(t), \quad (1)$$

where $Z(t)$ is a zero-mean white noise with variance σ^2 , functions Θ, Φ are defined by $\Theta(B) = I - \sum_{p=1}^P \theta_p B^p$, $\Phi(B) = I - \sum_{q=1}^Q \phi_q B^q$, B is the backshift operator: $BX(t) = X(t-1)$ and I represents the identity operator. Parameters $(\phi_\ell)_\ell$ model the contribution of autoregressive terms and parameters $(\theta_\ell)_\ell$ correspond to moving average contributions. $\square$

INSIGHT 3 (K-factor GARMA spectrum)

3) The spectrum γ of a K-factor GARMA random process is of the form

$$\gamma(\omega) = \Lambda(\omega) \times \Psi(\omega), \text{ with } \Lambda(\omega) = \frac{\Theta(e^{-i\omega})}{\Phi(e^{-i\omega})} = \frac{|1 - \sum_{p=1}^P \theta_p e^{-ip\omega}|^2}{|1 - \sum_{q=1}^Q \phi_q e^{-iq\omega}|^2} \text{ and } \Psi(\omega) = \prod_{k=1}^K \frac{\sigma^2}{\{2|\cos \omega - \psi_k|\}^{2\delta_k}}, \quad (2)$$

where function Λ provides the ARMA spectral contribution and Ψ denotes the following “fractional K-factor” function: $\square$

INSIGHT 4 (Poles of K-factor GARMA spectrum)

A K-factor GARMA spectrum can admit up to $Q + K + 1$ poles.

When some poles of γ are very close to each other, estimating these poles is difficult because their lobes/peaks tend to overlap from standard Fourier based spectrum estimators. $\square$

♠ The Discrete Wavelet Packet Transform (DWPT) is relevant for discriminating the poles of γ with high accuracy [these poles are associated with singular DWPT paths with unbounded set of variances], see [1].

[1] A. M. Atto and Y. Berthoumieu, “Wavelet packets of nonstationary random processes: Contributing factors for stationarity and decorrelation,” *IEEE Transactions on Information Theory*, vol. 58, no. 1, Jan. 2012. Available: <http://dx.doi.org/10.1109/TIT.2011.2167496>