

Eco 5316 Time Series Econometrics  
Lecture 5 Autoregressive Moving Average (ARMA) processes

## ARMA( $p, q$ ) model

- ▶ AR or MA models may require a high-order model and thus many parameters to adequately describe the dynamic structure of the data
- ▶ Autoregressive Moving-Average (ARMA) models allow to overcome this and allow parsimonious model specification with a small number of parameters

## ARMA( $p, q$ ) model

- ▶ suppose that  $\{\varepsilon_t\}$  is a white noise, time series process  $\{y_t\}$  follows an ARMA(1,1) if

$$y_t = \phi_0 + \phi_1 y_{t-1} + \varepsilon_t + \theta_1 \varepsilon_{t-1}$$

or equivalently, using the lag operator if  $(1 - \phi_1 L)y_t = \phi_0 + (1 + \theta_1 L)\varepsilon_t$

- ▶ more generally, time series process  $\{y_t\}$  follows an ARMA( $p, q$ ) if

$$y_t = \phi_0 + \sum_{i=1}^p \phi_i y_{t-i} + \varepsilon_t + \sum_{i=1}^q \theta_i \varepsilon_{t-i}$$

or, using the lag operator

$$(1 - \phi_1 L - \dots - \phi_p L^p)y_t = \phi_0 + (1 + \theta_1 L + \dots + \theta_q L^q)\varepsilon_t$$

## Autocorrelation function for ARMA( $p, q$ ) model

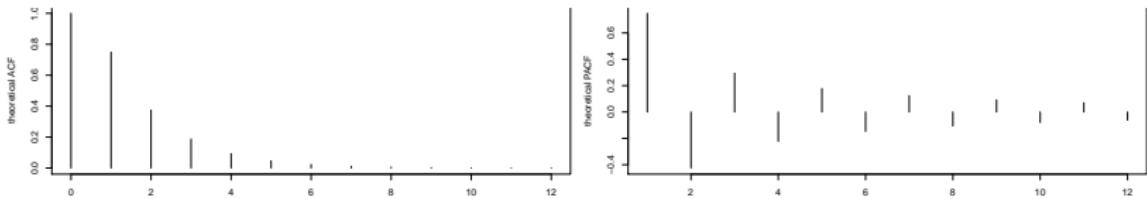
- ▶ recall:
  - ▶ for AR( $p$ ): ACF dies out slowly, PACF drops to zero suddenly after lag  $p$
  - ▶ for MA( $q$ ): ACF drops to zero immediately after lag  $q$ , PACF dies out slowly
- ▶ if neither ACF nor PACF drop to zero abruptly we are dealing with an ARMA model
- ▶ in this case both ACF and PACF die out slowly in exponential, oscillating exponential or damped sine wave pattern
- ▶ an overview of ACF and PACF for simulated AR( $p$ ), MA( $q$ ) and ARMA( $p, q$ ) models can be found here:  
<https://janduras.shinyapps.io/ARMAsim/lec02ARMAsim.Rmd>

# Autocorrelation function for ARMA( $p, q$ ) model

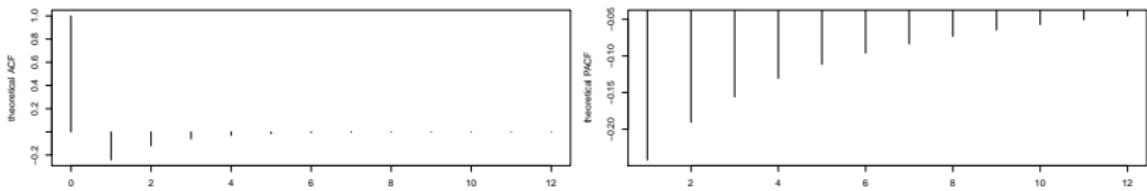
process		ACF	PACF
white noise		$\rho_l = 0$ for all $l > 0$	$\phi_{l,l} = 0$ for all $l$
AR(1)	$\phi_1 > 0$	exponential decay, $\rho_l = \phi_1^l$	$\phi_{l,l} = \phi_1, \phi_{l,l} = 0$ for $l > 1$
	$\phi_1 < 0$	oscillating decay, $\rho_l = \phi_1^l$	$\phi_{l,l} = \phi_1, \phi_{l,l} = 0$ for $l > 1$
AR(2)	$\phi_1^2 + 4\phi_2 > 0$	mixture of two exponential decays	$\phi_{1,1} \neq 0, \phi_{2,2} \neq 0, \phi_{l,l} = 0$ for $l > 2$
	$\phi_1^2 + 4\phi_2 < 0$	dampened sine wave	$\phi_{1,1} \neq 0, \phi_{2,2} < 0, \phi_{l,l} = 0$ for $l > 2$
AR( $p$ )		decays toward zero in dampened sine wave pattern or oscillating pattern	$\phi_{l,l} = 0$ for $l > p$
MA(1)	$\theta_1 > 0$	$\rho_1 > 0, \rho_l = 0$ for all $l > 1$	oscillating decay, $\phi_{1,1} > 0, \phi_{2,2} < 0, \dots$
	$\theta_1 < 0$	$\rho_1 < 0, \rho_l = 0$ for all $l > 1$	exponential decay, $\phi_{l,l} < 0$ for all $l$
MA(2)		$\rho_1 \neq 0, \rho_2 \neq 0, \rho_l = 0$ for $l > 2$	mixture of two direct or oscillatory exponential decays, or a dampened wave
			decays toward zero, may oscillate or have a shape of a dampened sine wave
MA( $q$ )		$\rho_l = 0$ for $l > q$	
ARMA(1,1)	$\phi_1 > 0, \theta_1 > 0$	exponential decay	oscillating exponential decay
	$\phi_1 > 0, \theta_1 < 0$	exponential decay after lag 1	exponential decay
	$\phi_1 < 0, \theta_1 > 0$	oscillating exponential decay	oscillating exponential decay
	$\phi_1 < 0, \theta_1 < 0$	oscillating exponential decay	exponential decay
ARMA( $p, q$ )		decay (direct or oscillatory) after lag $p$ or dampened sine wave	decay (direct or oscillatory) after lag $q$ or dampened sine wave

# Autocorrelation function for ARMA( $p, q$ ) model

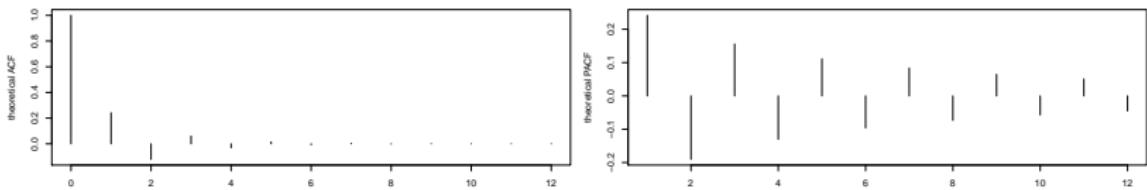
**ARMA(1,1) with  $\phi_1 = 0.5, \theta_1 = 0.9$**



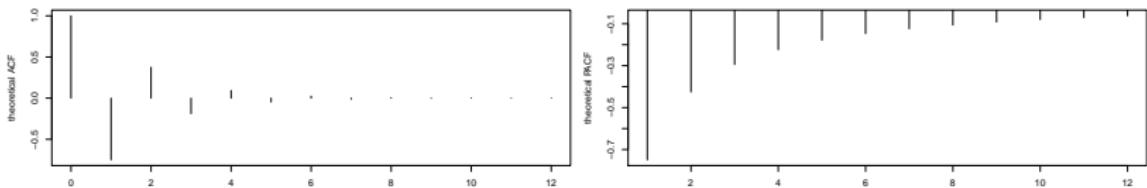
**ARMA(1,1) with  $\phi_1 = 0.5, \theta_1 = -0.9$**



**ARMA(1,1) with  $\phi_1 = -0.5, \theta_1 = 0.9$**



**ARMA(1,1) with  $\phi_1 = -0.5, \theta_1 = -0.9$**



## A Couple of Notes

- ▶ in practice, we rarely find a data series that precisely conforms to a theoretical ACF or PACF
- ▶ consequently, there will be some ambiguities when using the Box-Jenkins methodology
- ▶ order  $(p, q)$  of an ARMA model may depend on the frequency of the series:
  - ▶ daily returns of a market index often show some minor serial correlations
  - ▶ monthly returns of the index may not contain any significant serial correlation

## Stationarity

- ▶ time series  $\{y_t\}$  is stationary if it can be represented as a finite order moving average process or a convergent infinite order moving average process
- ▶ for an ARMA model to have a convergent MA representation, and thus be stationary, the inverse roots of the polynomial  $1 - \phi_1 L - \dots - \phi_p L^p$  must lie inside the unit circle
- ▶ for example, for AR(1) the root of  $1 - \phi_1 x = 0$  is  $x = \frac{1}{\phi_1}$  its inverse  $\omega = \phi_1$  the condition is thus  $|\phi_1| < 1$

## Invertibility

- ▶ time series  $\{y_t\}$  is invertible if it can be represented as a finite order autoregressive process or a convergent infinite order autoregressive process
- ▶ for an ARMA model to have a convergent AR representation, and thus be invertible, the inverse roots of the polynomial  $1+\theta_1L+\dots+\theta_qL^q$  must lie inside the unit circle
- ▶ for example, for MA(1) the root of  $1+\theta_1x=0$  is  $x=-\frac{1}{\theta_1}$  its inverse  $\omega=-\theta_1$  the condition is thus  $|\theta_1| < 1$
- ▶ to see why this is necessary note that by repeated substitution

$$y_t = \varepsilon_t + \theta_1 \varepsilon_{t-1} \tag{1}$$

$$= \varepsilon_t + \theta_1(y_{t-1} - \theta_1 \varepsilon_{t-2}) \tag{2}$$

$$= \varepsilon_t + \theta_1 y_{t-1} - \theta_1^2 (y_{t-2} - \theta_1 \varepsilon_{t-3}) \tag{3}$$

$$= \varepsilon_t + \theta_1 y_{t-1} - \theta_1^2 y_{t-2} + \theta_1^3 (y_{t-3} - \theta_1 \varepsilon_{t-4}) \tag{4}$$

$$= \dots \tag{5}$$

we obtain

$$\left(1 + \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} (-1)^i \theta_1^i L^i\right) y_t = \varepsilon_t$$

which requires  $|\theta_1| < 1$

## Three Representations for an ARMA Model

1. standard representation as  $\text{ARMA}(p, q)$
2. moving average representation of  $\text{ARMA}(p, q)$
3. autoregressive representation of  $\text{ARMA}(p, q)$

## Three Representations for an ARMA Model

1. standard representation as ARMA( $p, q$ )

compact, useful for estimation, and computing forecasts

$$\phi(L)y_t = \phi_0 + \theta(L)\varepsilon_t$$

where  $\phi(L) = 1 - \sum_{i=1}^p \phi_i L^i$  and  $\theta(L) = 1 + \sum_{i=1}^q \theta_i L^i$

## Three Representations for an ARMA Model

### 2. moving average representation of ARMA( $p, q$ )

if all inverse roots of the equation  $\phi(L) = 0$  lie inside of the unit circle then  $\{y_t\}$  is weakly stationary and can be written as

$$y_t = \frac{\phi_0 + \theta(L)}{\phi(L)} \varepsilon_t \equiv \frac{\phi_0}{\phi(1)} + \psi(L) \varepsilon_t$$

for AR(1) we for example get

$$y_t = \frac{1}{1 - \phi_1 L} (\phi_0 + \varepsilon_t) = \frac{\phi_0}{1 - \phi_1} + \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} \phi_1^l \varepsilon_{t-l}$$

coefficients  $\{\psi_i\}$  are referred to as the impulse response function of the ARMA model

## Three Representations for an ARMA Model

### 3. autoregressive representation of ARMA( $p, q$ )

if all roots of the equation  $\theta(L) = 0$  lie outside of the unit circle then  $\{y_t\}$  is invertible and can be written as

$$\varepsilon_t = \frac{\phi_0 + \phi(L)}{\theta(L)} y_t \equiv \frac{\phi_0}{\theta(1)} + \pi(L) y_t$$

or equivalently

$$y_t = \frac{\phi_0}{1 + \theta_1 + \dots + \theta_q} + \sum_{i=l}^{\infty} \pi_i y_{t-i} + \varepsilon_t$$

coefficients  $\{\pi_i\}$  are referred to as  $\pi$  weights of the ARMA model

## Example: Total Wages and Salaries in Texas

```
library(tidyverse)
library(tidyquant)
library(timetk)
library(ggfortify)
library(forecast)

theme_set(theme_bw())

# get quarterly Total Wages and Salaries in Texas, Thousands of Dollars, Seasonally Adjusted Annual Rate
wTX_raw <- tq_get("TXWTOT", get = "economic.data", from = "1980-01-01", to = "2018-12-31")

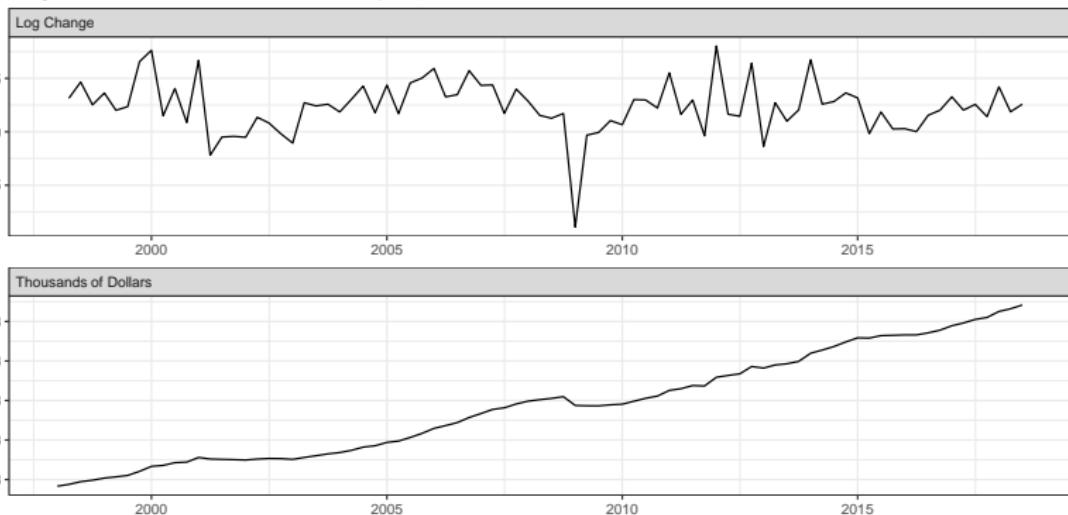
# note that the sample is quite small
wTX_raw

## # A tibble: 83 x 2
##   date     price
##   <date>    <int>
## 1 1998-01-01 283350760
## 2 1998-04-01 287832928
## 3 1998-07-01 294612688
## 4 1998-10-01 298346392
## 5 1999-01-01 303809300
## 6 1999-04-01 306873476
## 7 1999-07-01 310509076
## 8 1999-10-01 320868008
## 9 2000-01-01 333337632
## 10 2000-04-01 335838948
## # ... with 73 more rows
# log change, a stationary transformation
wTX_tbl <- wTX_raw %>%
  rename(wTX = price) %>%
  mutate(dlwTX = log(wTX) - lag(log(wTX)))
```

## Example: Total Wages and Salaries in Texas

```
wTX_tbl %>%
  tk_xts(date_var = date, select = c("wTX", "dlwTX")) %>%
  autoplot() +
  labs(x = "", y = ""),
  title = "Wages and Salaries in Texas, Seasonally Adjusted Annual Rate") +
  facet_wrap(~plot_group, ncol = 1, scales = "free",
             labeller = labeller(plot_group = c(dlwTX = "Log Change",
                                                wTX = "Thousands of Dollars"))) +
  theme(strip.text = element_text(hjust = 0))
```

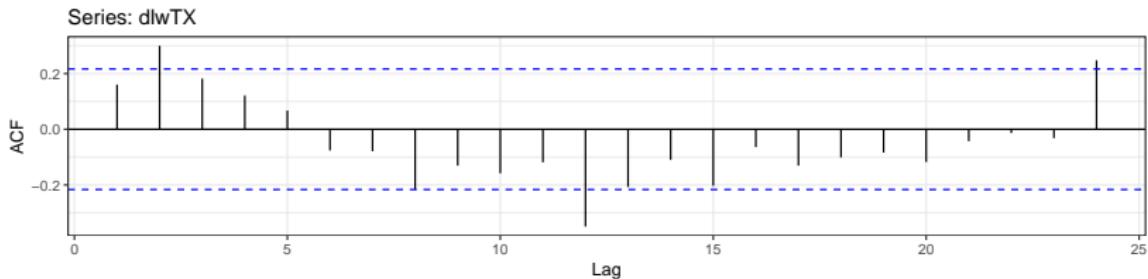
Wages and Salaries in Texas, Seasonally Adjusted Annual Rate



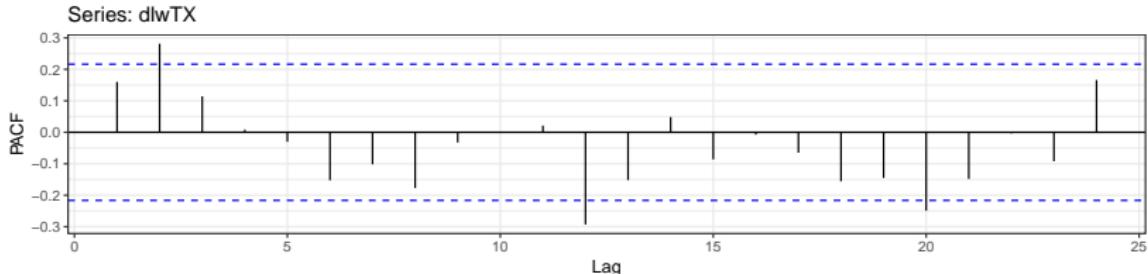
## Example: Total Wages and Salaries in Texas

```
dlwTX <- wTX_tbl %>%
  filter(!is.na(dlwTX)) %>%
  tk_xts(date_var = date, select = dlwTX)

nlags <- 24
ggAcf(dlwTX, lag.max = nlags)
```



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ggPacf(dlwTX, lag.max = nlags)
```



## Example: Total Wages and Salaries in Texas

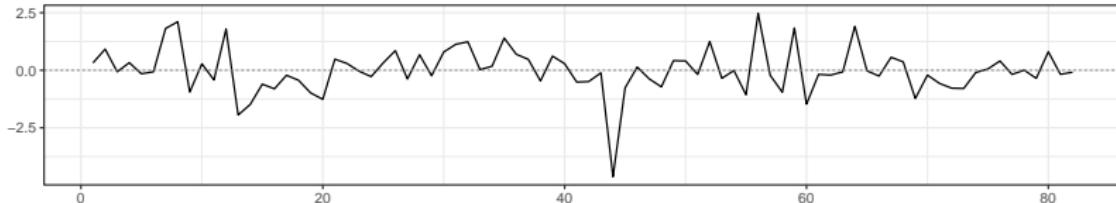
```
m1 <- Arima(dlwTX, order = c(0,0,2))
m1

## Series: dlwTX
## ARIMA(0,0,2) with non-zero mean
##
## Coefficients:
##          ma1      ma2     mean
##        0.0721  0.2388  0.0118
##  s.e.  0.1113  0.0983  0.0017
##
## sigma^2 estimated as 0.0001408: log likelihood=248.72
## AIC=-489.43  AICc=-488.92  BIC=-479.81
```

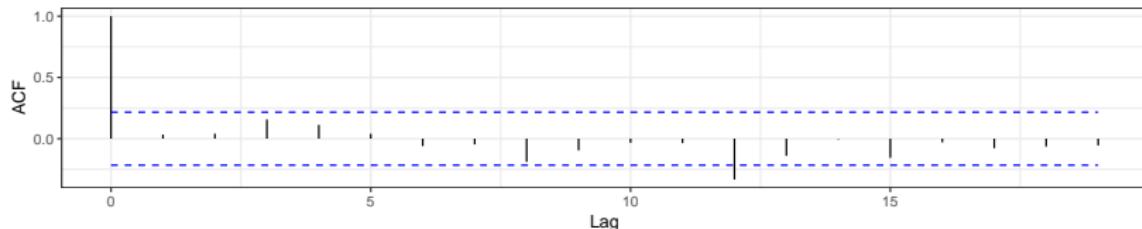
## Example: Total Wages and Salaries in Texas

```
ggttsdiag(m1, gof.lag = nlags)
```

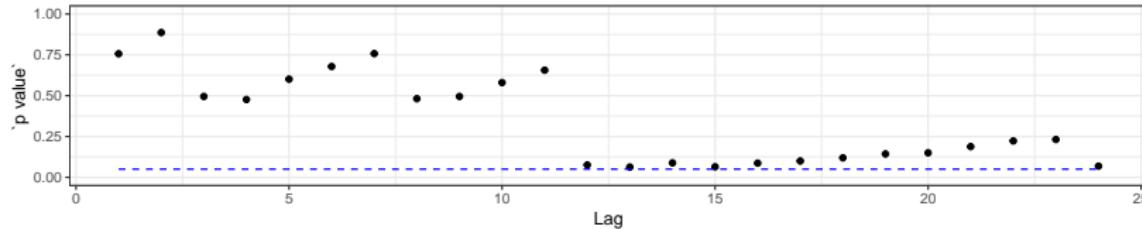
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p values for Ljung–Box statistic



## Example: Total Wages and Salaries in Texas

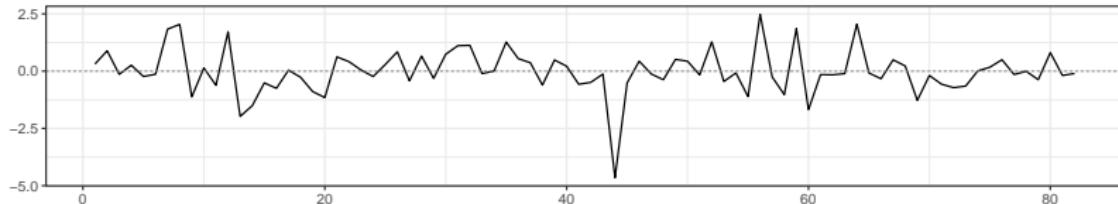
```
m2 <- Arima(dlwTX, order = c(2,0,0))
m2

## Series: dlwTX
## ARIMA(2,0,0) with non-zero mean
##
## Coefficients:
##             ar1      ar2      mean
##       0.1143  0.2786  0.0118
##   s.e.  0.1048  0.1050  0.0021
##
## sigma^2 estimated as 0.0001373:  log likelihood=249.71
## AIC=-491.42  AICc=-490.9  BIC=-481.8
```

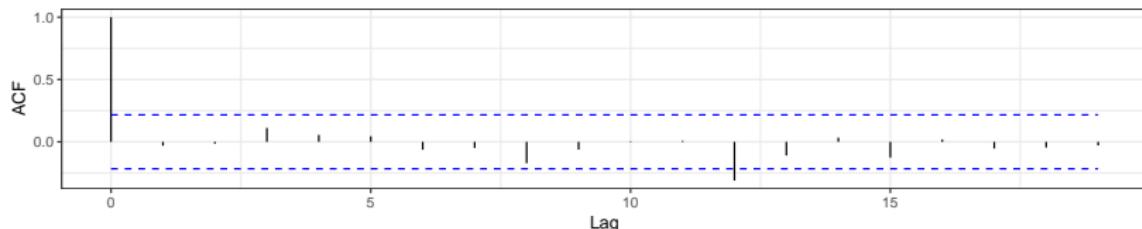
## Example: Total Wages and Salaries in Texas

```
ggttsdiag(m2, gof.lag = nlags)
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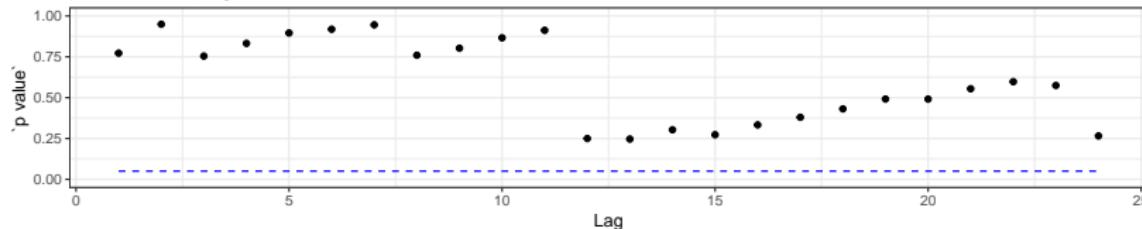
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## Example: Total Wages and Salaries in Texas

```
# z-statistics for coefficients of AR(2) model - phi1 is not significant at any level
m2$coef/sqrt(diag(m2$var.coef))

##          ar1      ar2 intercept
## 1.090892  2.652768 5.717169
# p values
(1-pnorm(abs(m2$coef)/sqrt(diag(m2$var.coef))))*2

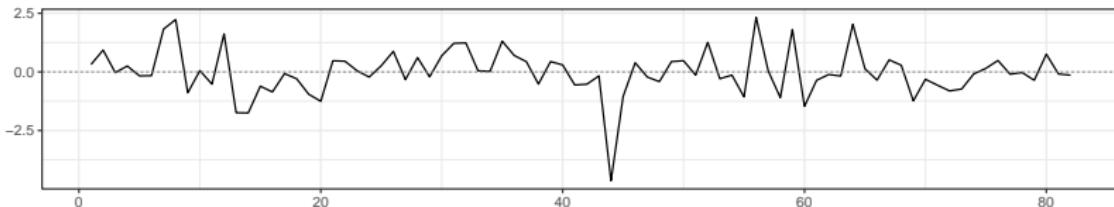
##          ar1      ar2 intercept
## 2.753205e-01 7.983480e-03 1.083133e-08
# estimate ARMA model with a restriction on a parameter
m2.rest <- Arima(dlwTX, order = c(2,0,0), fixed = c(0,NA,NA))
m2.rest

## Series: dlwTX
## ARIMA(2,0,0) with non-zero mean
##
## Coefficients:
##          ar1      ar2      mean
##          0  0.2965  0.0118
## s.e.    0  0.1045  0.0018
##
## sigma^2 estimated as 0.0001393: log likelihood=249.12
## AIC=-492.24   AICc=-491.93   BIC=-485.02
```

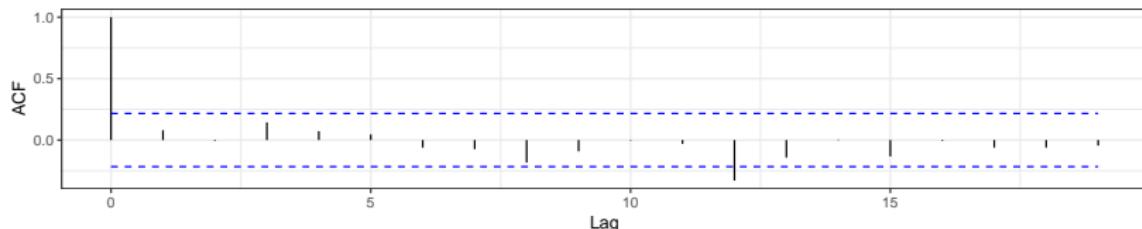
## Example: Total Wages and Salaries in Texas

```
ggtstdiag(m2.rest, gof.lag = nlags)
```

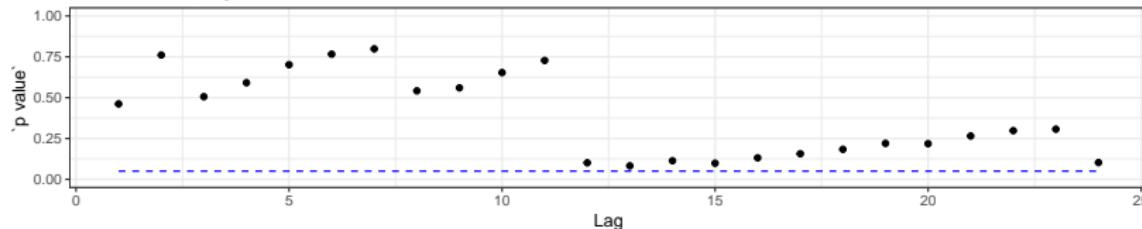
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## Example: Total Wages and Salaries in Texas

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# find the best ARIMA model based on either AIC, AICC or BIC
m3 <- auto.arima(dlwTX, ic="aicc", seasonal=FALSE, stationary=TRUE)
m3

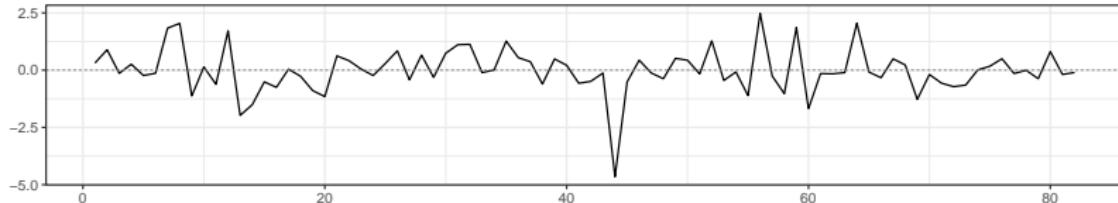
## Series: dlwTX
## ARIMA(2,0,0) with non-zero mean
##
## Coefficients:
##          ar1      ar2      mean
##        0.1143  0.2786  0.0118
## s.e.  0.1048  0.1050  0.0021
##
## sigma^2 estimated as 0.0001373: log likelihood=249.71
## AIC=-491.42  AICC=-490.9  BIC=-481.8
# by default auto.arima uses stepwise approach and might end up in a "local minimum" like m3 above
m4 <- auto.arima(dlwTX, ic="aicc", seasonal=FALSE, stationary=TRUE, stepwise=FALSE, approximation=FALSE)
m4

## Series: dlwTX
## ARIMA(2,0,0) with non-zero mean
##
## Coefficients:
##          ar1      ar2      mean
##        0.1143  0.2786  0.0118
## s.e.  0.1048  0.1050  0.0021
##
## sigma^2 estimated as 0.0001373: log likelihood=249.71
## AIC=-491.42  AICC=-490.9  BIC=-481.8
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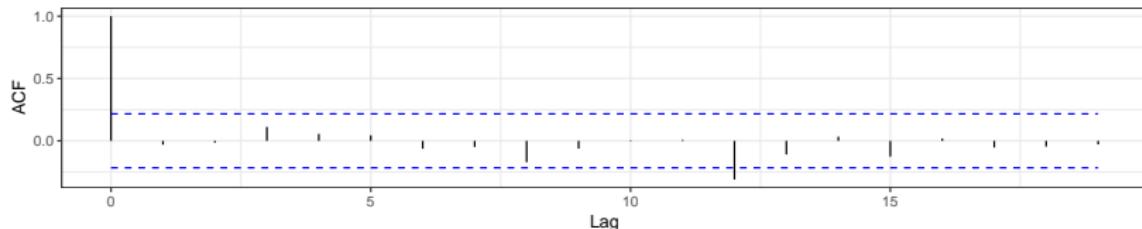
## Example: Total Wages and Salaries in Texas

```
ggttsdiag(m3, gof.lag = nlags)
```

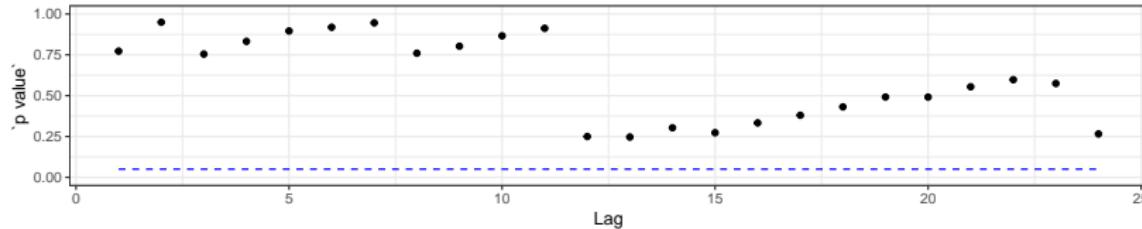
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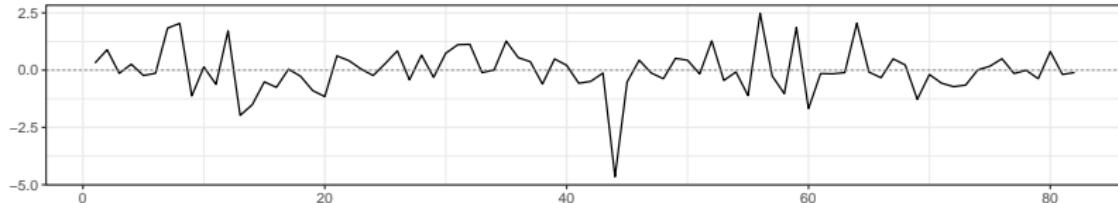
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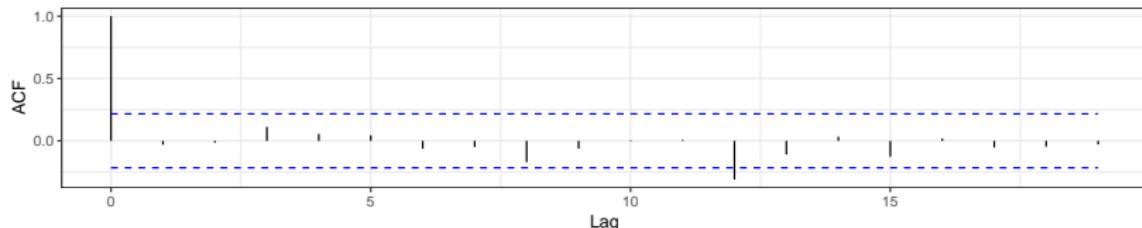
## Example: Total Wages and Salaries in Texas

```
ggttsdiag(m4, gof.lag = nlags)
```

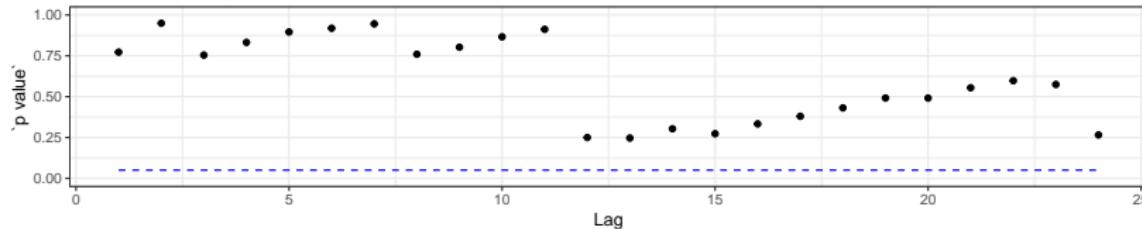
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## Example: Total Wages and Salaries in Texas

```
# check staionarity and invertibility of the estimated model - plot inverse AR and MA roots  
autoplot(m4)
```

