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ABSTRACT

The prime concern of this paper is to describe procedures for computing the polynomial defining a backward autoregressive recursion from the polynomial defining a forward autoregressive recursion without necessarily using a Levinson-Wiggins-Robinson type of algorithm. Two distinct procedures are given, one involving the computation of covariance data, the other not.

1. INTRODUCTION

A well-known problem in statistics or communication engineering is to fit an autoregressive model of prescribed order to a set of given covariance estimates. The vector or multi-channel recursive determination of the matrix coefficients from the set of given covariance matrices is the task of the Levinson-Whittle-Wiggins-Robinson (LWR) algorithm, [1-3]. The LWR algorithm constructs the forward polynomials, the backward polynomials, and the reflection coefficient matrices recursively from the given set of covariance matrices, increasing the degree of the forward and backward polynomial at each step of the iteration. Besides serving as a tool for calculating the reflection coefficients, the backward polynomials also define a collection of backward AR processes of increasing order which fit the prescribed covariance.

The LWR algorithm solves one of several related problems which can be described as follows. With  $A, B, R_i$  and  $K_i$  denoting the forward polynomial, backward polynomial, covariance and reflection coefficients respectively,

- P1: Given the covariance matrices  $R_i$ , find  $A, B$  and  $K_i$   
 P2a: Given the forward polynomial  $A$ , find  $B, R_i$ , and  $K_i$   
 P2b: Given the backward polynomial  $B$ , find  $A, R_i$  and  $K_i$   
 P3: Given the reflection coefficient matrices  $K_i$ , find  $A, B$ , and  $R_i$ .

Problem P1 is solved by the standard LWR algorithm. In this paper, we will consider the solutions to problems P2-P3. We will consider the problem P2a in a rather more detailed fashion. Problem P2b may be solved by a trivial modification of some steps in the solution of P2a. Problem P3 turns out to have a known solution.

We note a recent solution to P2a [4,22] which first finds the  $R_i$  from  $A$ , and then uses the standard LWR algorithm. Later in this paper, we draw distinctions between our work and that of [4,22].

Let us now note some other relevant literature. Connections between forward and reverse time modelling of covariances using state variable equations can be found in [5-8]. The ideas of especially [7,8] are of use in this paper in developing a procedure for passing from a forward to a backward polynomial.

A further collection of relevant literature is provided from stability theory. Thus several authors, e.g. [9], have pointed out the relationship between a least squares prediction problem and the problem of checking the unit-circle stability of a prescribed polynomial. The idea of a backward polynomial arises here in disguise, the backward polynomial basically being the forward polynomial with coefficients reversed. Vector results can be found in [10] and [11]. In these papers, the forward/backward polynomial relation is no longer so simple.

2. REVIEW OF FORWARD AND BACKWARD MODELS

Consider the system

$$x_{t+1} = Fx_t + Gu_t \quad y_t = Hx_t + Ju_t \quad (2.1)$$

where  $[F, G]$  is a controllable pair and  $E[u_t] = 0$ ,  $E[u_t u_s'] = I \delta_{ts}$  \*. Suppose also that  $|\lambda_i(F)| < 1$  for all  $i$  and that  $E[x_0 u_t'] = 0 \forall t > 0$ . Then (2.1) can be regarded as a forward time model for a certain stationary random process, provided the initial time is in the infinitely remote past. Now with  $\Pi = [x_t x_t']$ , so that

$$\Pi = F\Pi F' + GG' \quad (2.2)$$

a reverse time model [8] is defined by

$$x_t^b = F_b x_{t+1}^b + G_b u_t^b \quad y_t^b = H_b x_{t+1}^b + J_b u_t^b \quad (2.3)$$

where

$$F_b = F^{-1}(I - GG'F^{-1}) = HF'F^{-1}, G_b = -F^{-1}G,$$

$$J_b = J - HF^{-1}G, H_b = HF^{-1} + (J - HF^{-1}G)G'F^{-1}$$

$$x_t^b = x_t, y_t^b = y_t \quad (2.4)$$

\* The analysis is virtually the same if with  $Q_f$  an arbitrary positive definite matrix  $E[u_t u_s'] = Q_f \delta_{t,s}$ .

Further

$$E[u_t^b] = 0, [E u_t^b u_s^{b'}] = (I - G' \Pi^{-1} G) \delta_{t,s} = Q_b \delta_{t,s},$$

$$E[x_T u_t^b] = 0, \forall t < T \quad (2.5)$$

The above reverse time model is unsuitable when F is singular. To treat F singular, we shall recast the above model into a form which does allow F to be made singular. Simple calculations show that

$$\begin{bmatrix} G_b \\ J_b \end{bmatrix} (I - G' \Pi^{-1} G) \begin{bmatrix} G_b' & J_b' \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \Pi - \Pi F' \Pi^{-1} F \Pi & (\Pi - \Pi F' \Pi^{-1} F \Pi) H' - \Pi F' \Pi^{-1} G J' \\ H(\Pi - \Pi F' \Pi^{-1} F \Pi) & J(I - G' \Pi^{-1} G) J' \\ -J G' \Pi^{-1} F & -J G' \Pi^{-1} F H H' - H \Pi F' \Pi^{-1} G J' \\ & + H(\Pi - \Pi F' \Pi^{-1} F) H' \end{bmatrix} \quad (2.6)$$

This has a factorization as

$$\begin{bmatrix} \bar{G}_b \\ \bar{J}_b \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \bar{G}_b' & J_b' \\ & b \end{bmatrix}$$

and the reverse model is given by

$$F_b = \Pi F' \Pi^{-1}, \quad \bar{G}_b, \bar{J}_b \text{ computed as above}$$

$$H_b = J G' \Pi^{-1} + H \Pi F' \Pi^{-1}, \quad (2.7)$$

with

$$E[u_t^{-b}] = 0, \quad E[u_t^{-b} u_s^{-b'}] = I \delta_{t,s}$$

$$E[x_T u_t^{-b}] = 0, \quad \forall t < T \quad (2.8)$$

If the transfer function matrices of the forward and backward models (2.1) and (2.3) are defined as

$$W(z) = H(zI - F)^{-1} G + J, \quad W_b(z) = H_b z [I - F_b z]^{-1} G_b + J_b \quad (2.9)$$

then, analogously with the continuous-time result, [7], one can argue that the spectrum of y is given by

$$\phi(z) = W(z) W^*(z) = W_b(z) Q_b W_b^*(z) \quad (2.10)$$

Here, the superscript asterisk denotes transposition and replacement of z by z<sup>-1</sup>. In matrix fraction terms, suppose that

$$W(z) = A(z) B^{-1}(z) \quad (2.11)$$

Then one can find a B<sub>b</sub>(z) such that

$$W_b(z) = A(z) B_b^{-1}(z) \quad (2.12)$$

Of course, trivial variations apply if (2.7) and (2.8) replace (2.4) and (2.5).

Above, we assumed that |λ<sub>i</sub>(F)| < 1 which ensured that y is stationary. If however, we simply assume that no two eigenvalues of F are reciprocal, (2.2) is

guaranteed to have a solution, one can define quantities as in (2.4) or as in (2.7), and still conclude (2.10). One no longer has the stochastic interpretation however.

### 3. APPLICATION OF FORWARD/REVERSE MODELS TO AR PROCESSES

Assume we are given a forward AR model

$$y_t + \sum_{i=1}^N A_i y_{t-i} = u_t \quad (3.1)$$

with E(u<sub>t</sub>) = 0, [E u<sub>t</sub> u<sub>s</sub><sup>'</sup>] = I δ<sub>t,s</sub> \*. For the moment, we assume y<sub>t</sub> is stationary. We shall describe how the associated backward AR model can be obtained using the ideas of the previous section. We can provide a state-variable model for y<sub>t</sub> of the form (2.1) via

$$F = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & I & \dots & 0 \\ \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \\ \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & I \\ -A_N & -A_{N-1} & \dots & -A_1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad G = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ \cdot \\ 0 \\ I \end{bmatrix} \quad (3.2)$$

$$H = -[A_N \ A_{N-1} \ \dots \ A_1], \quad J = I$$

The state vector x<sub>t</sub> is related to y<sub>t</sub> by

$$x_t = [y'_{t-N} \ \dots \ y'_{t-1}]' \quad (3.3)$$

Notice that [F,G] forms a controllable pair. Because of (3.3) it is readily seen that Π = E[x<sub>t</sub> x<sub>t</sub><sup>'</sup>] defined via (2.2) is Toeplitz.

Now suppose that a reverse time model is constructed, as per (2.4), supposing temporarily that F is nonsingular. Then

$$F^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} -A_N^{-1} A_{N-1} & -A_N^{-1} A_{N-2} & \dots & -A_N^{-1} A_1 & -A_N^{-1} \\ I & 0 & & 0 & 0 \\ \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \\ \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & I & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

which ensures that for some B<sub>1</sub>

$$F_b = F^{-1} (I - G G'^{-1}) = \begin{bmatrix} -B_1 & -B_2 & \dots & -B_{N-1} & -B_N \\ I & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 \\ \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \\ \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & I & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad (3.5)$$

\* Again, the analysis would be virtually the same if E[u<sub>t</sub> u<sub>s</sub><sup>'</sup>] = Q<sub>f</sub> δ<sub>t,s</sub>.

In fact,

$$B_i = A_N^{-1}(A_{N-i} - P_{1,N-i+1}), \quad i = 1, \dots, N-1$$

$$B_N = A_N^{-1}(I - P_{11}) \quad (3.6)$$

where  $P_{ij}$  is the block  $i$ - $j$  entry of  $\Pi^{-1}$ . We also obtain using (2.4)

$$H_b = [0 \dots 0 \ I], \quad J_b = 0, \quad G_b = [-A_N^{-1} \ 0 \ \dots \ 0]' \quad (3.7)$$

The backward model has the same state-vector as the forward model.

Hence

$$\sum_{i=0}^N B_{N-i} y_{t-i} = -A_N^{-1} b u_t \quad (B_0 = I) \quad (3.8a)$$

In case  $F$  is singular, a perturbation argument shows that  $F_b$  which is given by  $\Pi F \Pi^{-1}$  even if  $F$  is singular, still has the block companion form of (3.5). Also, when  $F$  is nonsingular,

$$\begin{bmatrix} G_b \\ J_b \end{bmatrix} (I - G' \Pi^{-1} G) \begin{bmatrix} C_b' & J_b' \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} A_N^{-1}(I - G' \Pi^{-1} G)(A_N^{-1})' & 0 & \dots & 0 & | & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & | & 0 \\ \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & | & \cdot \\ \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & | & \cdot \\ \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & | & \cdot \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & | & 0 \\ \hline 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & | & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

So the earlier argument yields

$$\begin{bmatrix} \bar{G}_b \\ \bar{J}_b \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \bar{C}_b' & \bar{J}_b' \end{bmatrix} = \bar{Q}_b \oplus 0$$

allowing us to take

$$\bar{J}_b = 0 \quad \bar{G}_b = [\bar{Q}_b^{-1/2} \ 0 \ \dots \ 0]$$

So once again, we have a backward AR model:

$$\sum_{i=0}^N B_{N-i} y_{t-i} = \bar{Q}_b^{-1/2} u_t^b \quad (B_0 = I) \quad (3.8b)$$

Equations (3.1) and (3.8) exhibit the related forward and backward polynomials

$$A_N(z) = I + A_1 z^{-1} + \dots + A_N z^{-N} \quad (3.9a)$$

$$B_N(z) = B_N + B_{N-1} z^{-1} + \dots + I z^{-N} \quad (3.9b)$$

#### REMARKS

1. Above, we have given a procedure for computing  $B_N(z)$  from  $A_N(z)$ . One proceeds via  $A_N(z) + \Pi \rightarrow \Pi^{-1} \rightarrow B_N(z)$ . The step  $A_N(z) \rightarrow \Pi$  is based on solving a Lyapunov equation. For the development of fast procedures, see [4]. If  $A_N(z)$  is known to be stable, the Lyapunov equation solution can be obtained via a

doubling algorithm [12 see p67]. The step  $\Pi \rightarrow \Pi^{-1}$  could in principle use a specialized block Toeplitz algorithm; should it use the specialized LWR type algorithm, forward and backward polynomials of increasing orders will be found. However, should other doubling-type algorithms eg [13-15] be used, this will not necessarily be the case. Finally (3.6) yields  $B_N(z)$ .

2. The procedure will work even if  $\det A_N(z)$  does not have all its zeros in  $|z| < 1$  - so long as no two zeros of  $\det A_N(z)$  have a product of 1. The matrix  $Q_b^{-1/2}$  may no longer be real - but this is irrelevant unless a stochastic process interpretation is desired.

3. From (2.10), we obtain the standard relation see e.g. [16] between the forward and backward polynomials. Evidently, (3.1) and (3.8) yield

$$W(z) = (I + A_1 z^{-1} + \dots + A_N z^{-N})^{-1}, \quad W_b(z) = (B_N + B_{N-1} z^{-1} + \dots + I z^{-N})^{-1}$$

and so with

$$A_N^*(z) = I + A_1 z^{-1} + \dots + A_N z^{-N} \quad B_N(z) = B_N + B_{N-1} z^{-1} + \dots + I z^{-N}$$

we have

$$A_N^* A_N = B_N^* \bar{Q}_b^{-1} B_N \quad (3.10)$$

Notice also that after a simple calculation

$$\det[A_N^*(z)] = \det z^{-N} B_N^*(z^{-1}) = \det z^{-N} B_N^*(z) \quad (3.11)$$

#### 4. COMPUTATION OF BACKWARD POLYNOMIAL WITHOUT INTERMEDIATE COVARIANCE CALCULATION

In this section, we shall describe a discrete-time version of a continuous-time procedure essentially described in [10]. The task is as follows. Given a square polynomial in  $z^{-1}$

$$A_N(z) = I + A_1 z^{-1} + \dots + A_N z^{-N} \quad (4.1)$$

with  $|A_N(z)|$  not zero for  $z_i, z_j$  such that  $z_i z_j = 1$ , find a polynomial

$$B_N(z) = B_N + B_{N-1} z^{-1} + \dots + B_1 z^{-(N-1)} + I z^{-N} \quad (4.2)$$

such that\*

$$A_N^* A_N = B_N^* \bar{Q}_b^{-1} B_N \quad (4.3)$$

for some  $\bar{Q}_b = \bar{Q}_b'$ , and

$$\det A_N(z) = \det z^{-N} B_N(z^{-1}) \quad (4.4)$$

In an extended version of the paper it is proved that there exists a unique  $C(z)$ , polynomial in  $z^{-1}$ , such that

$$A_N^{-1}(z) [A_N^*(z)]^{-1} = A_N^{-1}(z) C(z) + C^*(z) [A_N^*(z)]^{-1} \quad (4.5)$$

$$C(1) = \frac{1}{2} [A_N'(1)]^{-1} \quad (4.6)$$

and  $A_N^{-1}(z) C(z)$  is proper, i.e. is finite when  $z^{-1} = 0$ .

\* Trivial modification of the succeeding material will allow replacement of the left side of (4.3) by  $A_N^* Q_F^{-1} A_N$  for some positive definite symmetric  $Q_F$ .

Now let

$$A_N^{-1}C = DE^{-1} \quad (4.7)$$

where D, E are right coprime [17], and polynomial in  $z^{-1}$ . Then

$$E^* A_N^{-1} A_N^{-*} E = E^* D + D^* E \quad (4.8)$$

and, (see the right side), is polynomial in  $z$  and  $z^{-1}$ . Further,  $|E|$  is a divisor of  $|A_N|$  by (4.7), the quotient being polynomial in  $z^{-1}$ ; similarly,  $|A_N^*|$ , the quotient being polynomial in  $z$ ; this means that the left side of (4.8) has a determinant of the form  $1/(\text{polynomial in } z \text{ and } z^{-1})$ . Hence the determinant must be constant and  $\det E$  is a constant multiple of  $\det A_N$ . The left side of (4.8) is also para-hermitian and positive definite almost everywhere. Consequently, by elementary transformations (here the constancy of the determinant is critical), see [18], we can find a  $V$ , polynomial in  $z^{-1}$ , such that

$$E^* A_N^{-1} (A_N^{-*}) E = V^* V \quad (4.9)$$

Further  $V$  is unimodular, i.e.  $V^{-1}$  is polynomial in  $z^{-1}$ . Then

$$A_N^* A_N = (EV^{-1})(EV^{-1})^*$$

Define  $N = EV^{-1}|_{z^{-1}=0}$  and  $\bar{Q}_b = NN^*$ . Because  $\det A_N(z)$  is a multiple of  $\det E(z)$  and is nonzero at  $z^{-1} = 0$ , and because  $V$  is unimodular  $N$  is nonsingular. Hence with  $F(z) = EV^{-1}N^{-1}$

$$A_N^* A_N = F \bar{Q}_b F^* \quad (4.10)$$

and  $\det A_N = \det F$  (That  $\det A_N$  is a multiple of  $\det F$  is clear; that the multiple is 1 follows by considering  $z^{-1} = 0$ ). Now let  $F(z) = I + F_1 z^{-1} + \dots + F_m z^{-m}$ . By considering the terms in  $z^N$  and higher degree on each side of (4.10), we see that  $m = N$ . It is then straightforward to verify that

$$B_N(z) = z^{-N} F^*(z) \quad (4.11)$$

satisfies (4.2) through (4.4).

Remark. The calculation of  $C(z)$  in (4.5) allows another approach to covariance calculation. For if  $R_k = E[y_t y_{t-k}']$ , then

$$A_N^{-1}(z) C(z) = \sum_{k \geq 0} z^{-k} R_k \quad (4.12)$$

whence we can easily recursively obtain the  $R_i$  if

$$C(z) = \sum_{i=0}^m C_i z^{-i} \text{ by}$$

$$\begin{aligned} C_0 &= R_0 \\ C_1 &= A_1 R_0 + R_1 \\ C_2 &= A_2 R_0 + A_1 R_1 + R_2 \\ &\vdots \end{aligned} \quad (4.13)$$

## 5. COMPUTATION OF REFLECTION COEFFICIENTS AND COVARIANCE FROM FORWARD AND BACKWARD POLYNOMIALS

It is relatively straightforward to obtain the reflection coefficients knowing the forward and backward polynomials  $A_N(z)$  and  $B_N(z)$ . From the standard LWR equations [16]

$$A_n(z) = z^{-1} A_{n-1}(z) - K_n^\alpha B_{n-1}(z) \quad (5.1)$$

$$B_n(z) = -z^{-1} K_n^\beta A_{n-1}(z) + B_{n-1}(z) \quad (5.2)$$

(where  $K_n^\alpha$  and  $K_n^\beta$  are the forward and backward reflection coefficients) we have

$$K_n^\alpha = -\text{coefficient of } z^{-n} \text{ in } A_n(z) \quad (5.3a)$$

$$K_n^\beta = -B_n(z^{-1})|_{z^{-1}=0} \quad (5.3b)$$

and it is trivial to verify from (5.1) and (5.2) that

$$A_{n-1}(z) = z[1 - K_n^\alpha K_n^\beta]^{-1} [A_n(z) + K_n^\alpha B_n(z)] \quad (5.4a)$$

$$B_{n-1}(z) = [I - K_n^\beta K_n^\alpha]^{-1} [K_n^\beta A_n(z) + B_n(z)] \quad (5.4b)$$

so that (5.4) allows a recursion with decreasing  $n$ ; (5.3) allows the reflection coefficients to be found. Of course, the inverses in (5.4) must exist; a sufficient condition is that  $\det A_n(z)$  be stable.\*

Now consider the determination of the covariance. We have already indicated two procedures: (a) Find  $\Pi$  using the Lyapunov equation (2.2) (here,  $B_N$  is not used); (b) Find  $C(z)$  in (4.5) and use the recursion (4.13) (again,  $B_N$  is not used). We now indicate a third procedure. One finds  $\Pi^{-1}$  and from it  $\Pi$ , with the key point being that a simple formula exists for  $\Pi^{-1}$  in terms of  $A_N(z)$  and  $B_N(z)$ .

The formula for  $\Pi^{-1}$  comes about in the following way. Define a block matrix  $R_{N+1}$  with  $L$ - $j$  entry

$$R_{N+1}^{L,j} = E(y_{t+i-1} y_{t+j-1}') \quad (5.5)$$

(assuming the  $y_t$  process is stationary). Then it is easy to see using the forward recursion for  $y_t$ , (3.1), that

$$[A_N \ A_{N-1} \ \dots \ A_1 \ I] R_{N+1} = [0 \ 0 \ \dots \ 0 \ I] \quad (5.6a)$$

$$R_{N+1} [I \ B_1' \ \dots \ B_{N-1}' \ B_N'] = [\bar{Q}_b \ 0 \ \dots \ 0 \ 0]' \quad (5.6b)$$

Observe now that  $\Pi = E[x_t x_t']$  is a submatrix of  $R_{N+1}$  obtained by deleting the last block row and column. Accordingly, a now standard formula due to Gohberg and Heinig [19-21] yields  $\Pi^{-1}$  in terms of  $\bar{Q}_b$  and triangular block Toeplitz matrices formed using the  $A_i$  and  $B_i$ .

\* In fact, what we are describing here is the matrix generalization of the Jury table test:  $\det A_N(z)$  is stable if and only if the singular values of the  $K_n^\alpha$  and  $K_n^\beta$  lie in  $(-1, 1)$ .

Of course, once  $\Pi$  is known, the quantities  $E[y_t y_t']$ , ...  $E[y_t y_{t-n+1}']$  are known, and the remaining covariance coefficient matrices can be found recursively using the Yule-Walker relations. It can also be noted that a formula is available for  $R_{N+1}^{-1}$  in terms of the  $A_i$ ,  $B_i$ , see [19-21].

## 6. CONCLUSION

In this paper, we have described two procedures for passing from a forward polynomial to a backward polynomial associated with AR processes of stationary spectrum. The first procedure involves finding covariance data before finding the backward polynomial, the second does not. We have also described how this second procedure can be used to rapidly construct the covariance data. \*\*When forward and backward polynomials are both known, and reflection coefficients and covariance data are not known, a simple recursion yields the reflection coefficients while the covariance data is accessible via several approaches.

As foreshadowed in the introduction, we comment on the task of passing from a backward polynomial to a forward polynomial. This is virtually the same problem as we have solved. Using the relations described in Section 4, see (4.1) through (4.4), it is easy to see that  $[A_N, B_N]$  is a forward-backward pair if and only if

$[z^{-N} B_N(z^{-1}), z^{-N} A_N(z^{-1})]$  is a forward-backward pair.

So given  $B_N$ , we can find  $A_N$  using the forward to backward algorithms of the paper, taking  $z^{-N} B_N(z^{-1})$  as the starting point.\*

Also, as commented earlier, the problem of finding the forward polynomial, the backward polynomial and the covariance matrices from the reflection coefficient matrices  $K_i$  is straightforward. We note that the forward and backward polynomials may be obtained from the reflection coefficient matrices by running the LWR algorithm backwards, [23]. Once the forward-backward pair is obtained, the covariance matrices may be obtained via any of the approaches described in section 4 or 5.

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\* Strictly, we must be given the value of  $Q_b$  as well as  $B_N$ .

\*\*The first procedure involves the solution of a Lyapunov equation and hence the methods proposed in [4] and [22] are applicable. The second procedure does not require the solution of a Lyapunov equation and hence it is different from methods proposed in [4] and [22]. In fact the second procedure gives a solution to the problem posed in the conclusions of [4] and [22].

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