

02417: Time Series Analysis

# Week 8 – the MARIMA estimation method and Multivariate time series

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## Week 8: Outline of the lecture

- ▶ Introduction to MARIMA
- ▶ How the MARIMA method works (how it includes an MA part)
- ▶ Chapter 9 – Multivariate time series

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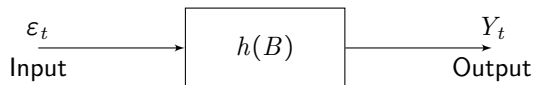
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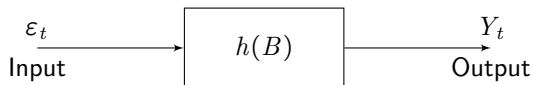
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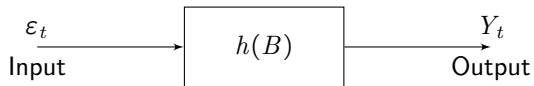
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- ▶ We can fit an **ARMAX model with a transfer function!**
- ▶ E.g. ARMAX(1,1):

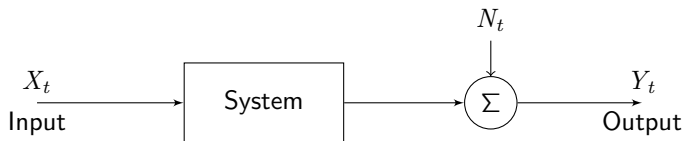
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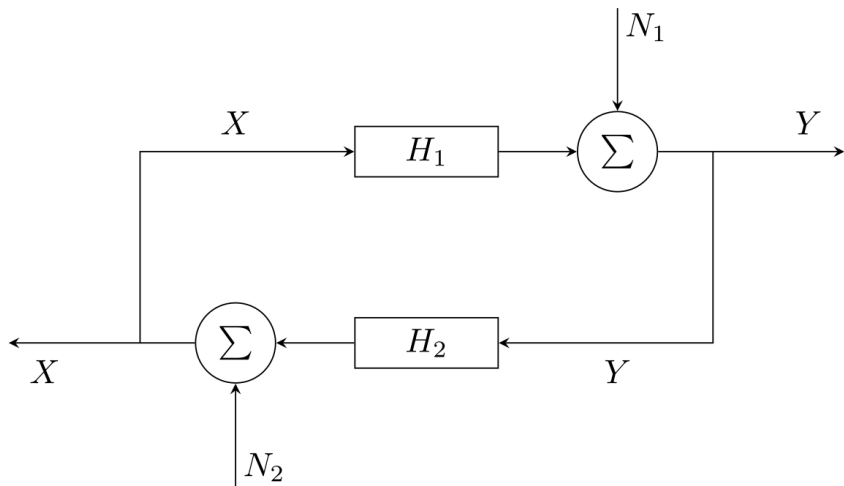
Re-consider the univariate transfer function model:



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- ▶ What if there is a feedback from  $Y$  to  $X$ ?

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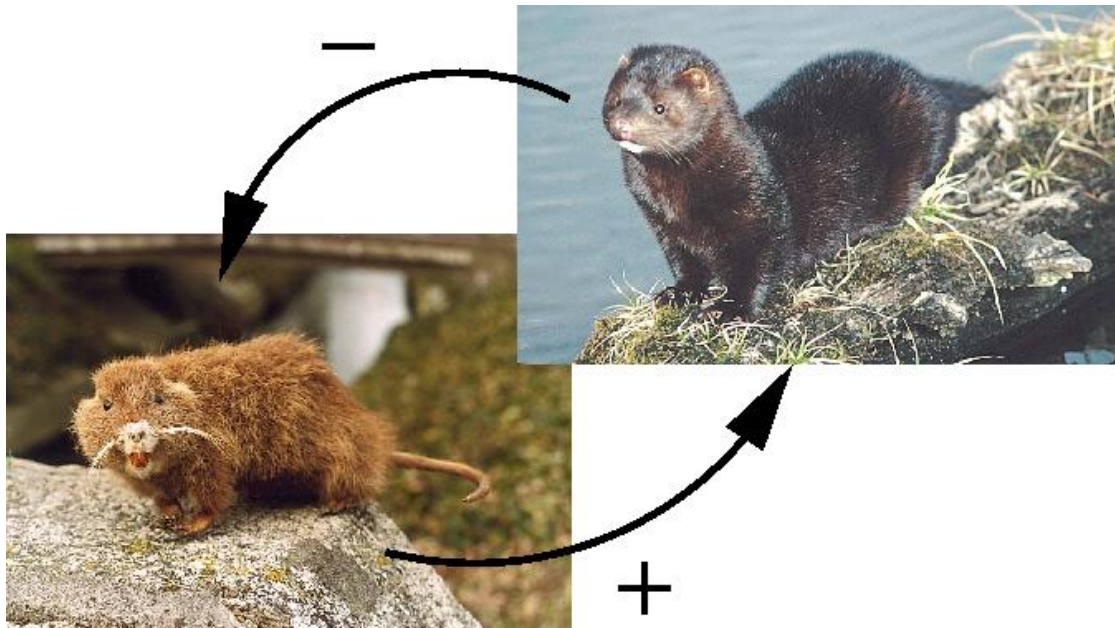
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- ▶ Two inputs ( $N_1, N_2$ );
- ▶ Two outputs ( $Y, X$ );
- ▶ Four transfer functions from input to output.

# Predator-pray: Mink-Muskrat example



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We can describe these by plotting

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- ▶ each cross-covariance or cross-correlation function for  $k = 0, \pm 1, \pm 2, \dots$

## Identification using Autocovariance Matrix Functions

**Sample Correlation Matrix Function;**  $R_k$  near zero for pure moving average processes of order  $q$  when  $k > q$

**Sample Partial Correlation Matrix Function;**  $S_k$  near zero for pure autoregressive processes of order  $p$  when  $k > p$

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in general the multivariate model  $\phi(B)Y_t = \theta(B)\epsilon_t$  is equivalent to

$$\mathbf{diag}(\det(\phi(B)))Y_t = \mathbf{adj}(\phi(B))\theta(B)\epsilon_t$$

Therefore the corresponding univariate models will have much higher order, so although this is often done in the literature: **Don't take this approach!**



## Multivariate ARMA(p,q) processes (centered data)

- ▶ Matrices with polynomials in  $B$  as elements:

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So the coefficients are now matrices:

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- ▶ In general, no analytic solution exists.
- ▶ Therefore, estimation algorithms ( or numerical optimization) is necessary.

## Estimation procedures

For multivariate ARX(p):

- ▶ Least squares estimation is possible

For multivariate ARMAX(p,q):

- ▶ The Spliid method (Henrik Spliid, 1983)
- ▶ Maximum likelihood

Go and have a look into [marima\\_from\\_scratch\\_armax\\_bivariate.R](#), it's a very short example on how to simulate and fit a bivariate ARMAX(1,1) with MARIMA.

## Highlights

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## Exercises and Assignment 3

- ▶ A new exercise was uploaded, gives you “hands-on” of fitting ARX and ARMAX to data from an experimental set up
- ▶ Upload Assignment 3 in the afternoon, take a look at it