

# A Note on the Exact Order of Systematic Sampled ARMA Models

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## ABSTRACT

Assume ARMA(p',q') is a k-period sampled sequence from an ARMA(p,q) model, Brewer(1973) has show that p' = p and q' =  $\left[ \frac{p(k-1)+q}{k} \right]$ , where [m] = the largest integer, M, satisfying M ≤ m (c.f. Helsinki (1984)), We find that the order q' does not always equal  $\left[ \frac{p(k-1)+q}{k} \right]$  May be any non-negative smaller integer. Two counterexamples are given, furthermore, we provide a theorem to point out the exact value of q' directly via the information of any original ARMA(0,q) model

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### 1. Introduction :

Let  $Z_t$  be an original sequence generated by a real-valued discrete ARMA(p,q) model :

$$Z_t = \sum_{i=1}^p \phi_i Z_{t-i} + \sum_{j=0}^q \theta_j e_{t-j} \quad e_t \sim iid(0, \sigma_e^2) \quad \forall t \dots \dots \dots (1.1)$$

Where

$$\phi_i, \theta_j, \sigma_e \in R$$

$$i = 1, 2, \dots, p$$

$$j = 0, 1, 2, \dots, q$$

$$\theta_0 = 1 \quad \phi_p, \theta_q \neq 0$$

for any positive integer  $k > 1$ , If it is only every k th term is observed, We are concerned with the exact order of the sampled sequence  $Y_t = Z_{kt}$

### 2. Definitions :

[ Definition 1 ]

- (i) If  $Z_t$  is generated by an ARMA(p,0) model, We also say that  $Z_t$  is generated by an AR(p) model.
- (ii) If  $Z_t$  is generated by (1.1) but  $\phi_i = 0 \quad \forall i = 1, 2, \dots, p$  We say that  $Z_t$  is generated by an MA(

q) model ..... (2.1)

(Definition 2)

(i) If  $Z_t$  is generated by (1.1) or (2.1) and  $Y_t = Z_{kt}$  is generated by the following ARMA ( $p'$ ,  $q'$ ) model :

$$Y_t = \sum_{i=1}^{p'} \phi'_i Y_{t-i} + \sum_{j=0}^{q'} \theta'_j e'_{t-j} \quad e'_t \sim i.i.d(0, \sigma_e'^2) \quad \forall t \dots\dots\dots (2.2)$$

where

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \phi'_i, \theta'_j \in \mathbb{R} \\ i = 1, 2, \dots, p' \\ j = 0, 1, 2, \dots, q' \\ \theta'_0 = 1, \quad \phi'_{p'} \neq 0 \\ 0 < \sigma_e' \in \mathbb{R} \end{array} \right.$$

Then We say that the model (2.2) is a  $k$ -period sampled sub-model of the model (1.1) or (2.1); or a systematic sampled sub-model of (1.1) or (2.1), and conversely, We say that the model (1.1) or (2.1) is the original of the model (2.1).

(ii) If  $Z_t$  is generated by (1.1) or (2.1) and  $Y_t = Z_{kt}$  is generated by (2.2), but  $\phi'_i = 0 \quad \forall i = 1, 2, \dots, p'$ ,  $i, e$ , ARMA ( $0, q'$ ) model we have the same definition as (i)

3. Properties :

[ Theorem 1 ]

Let  $Z_t$  be a real-valued sequence generated by an ARMA (2.0) model :

$$Z_t = \phi Z_{t-2} + e_t \quad e_t \sim i.i.d N (0, \sigma_e^2) \quad \forall t \dots\dots\dots (3.1)$$

Then for any positive integer  $K$  the sampled sequence

$Y_t = Z_{kt}$  has the following properties :

(i) If  $k$  is an odd number

Then  $Y_t$  is generated by an ARMA (2.0) model :

$$Y_t = \phi' Y_{t-2} + e'_t \quad e'_t \sim i.i.d (0, \sigma_e'^2) \quad \forall t \dots\dots\dots (3.2)$$

Where

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \phi' = \phi^k \\ e'_t = \sqrt{\frac{1-\phi^{2k}}{1-\phi^2}} e_t \quad \text{if } \phi \neq 1 \\ \sigma_e'^2 = \frac{1-\phi^{2k}}{1-\phi^2} \sigma_e^2 \\ \phi' = 1 \\ e'_t = \sqrt{k} e_t \quad \text{if } \phi = 1 \\ \sigma_e'^2 = k \sigma_e^2 \end{array} \right.$$

(ii) If  $k$  is an even number

then  $Y_t$  is generated by an ARMA (2.1) model

$$Y_t' = \phi' Y_{t-2} + e_t' + \theta' e_{t-1}'$$

$$e_t \sim \text{iid } N(0, \sigma_e^2) \quad \forall t \dots\dots\dots (3.3)$$

Where

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \phi' = \phi^k \\ \theta' = \phi^{\frac{k}{2}} \\ e_t' = \sqrt{\frac{1-\phi^{2k}}{1-\phi^2}} e_t \\ \sigma_{e'}^2 = \frac{1-\phi^{2k}}{1-\phi^2} \sigma_e^2 \end{array} \right. \quad \text{if } \phi \neq 1$$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \phi' = 1 \\ \theta' = 1 \\ e_t' = \frac{k}{2} \\ \sigma_{e'}^2 = \frac{k}{2} \sigma_e^2 \end{array} \right. \quad \text{if } \phi = 1$$

[ Proof ]

Let  $B$  be the lag operator (i.e,  $BV_t = V_{t-1}$ )

formula (3.1) may be rewritten as :

$$(1 - \phi B^2) Z_t = e_t \dots\dots\dots (3.4)$$

and we have

$$(1 - \phi_k B^{2k}) Z_t = \left[ \sum_{i=0}^{k-1} \phi^i B^{2i} \right] e_t \quad \forall t \dots\dots\dots (3.5)$$

$$\text{i.e, } Z_t - \phi^k Z_{t-2k} = \sum_{i=0}^{k-1} \phi^i e_{t-2i} \quad \forall t \dots\dots\dots (3.6)$$

Replace  $t$  by  $kt$ , We get :

$$Z_{kt} - \phi^k Z_{k(t-2)} = \sum_{i=0}^{k-1} \phi^i e_{kt-2i} \quad \forall t \dots\dots\dots (3.7)$$

Let 
$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} Y_t = Z_{kt} \\ \varepsilon_t = \sum_{i=0}^{k-1} \phi^i e_{kt-2i} \end{array} \right.$$

we can get the following systematic sampled sub-model of the ARMA (2.0) model in the from :

$$Y_t = \phi^k Y_{t-2} + \varepsilon_t \dots\dots\dots (3.9)$$

$$E(\varepsilon_t) = E \sum_{i=0}^{k-1} \phi^i e_{kt-2i} = \sum_{i=0}^{k-1} \phi^i E(e_{kt-2i}) = 0$$

Where

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Var}(\varepsilon_t) &= E(\varepsilon_t^2) = \sum_{i=0}^{k-1} \phi^{2i} E(e_{kt-2i}^2) \\ &= \sigma_e^2 \sum_{i=0}^{k-1} \phi^{2i} = \begin{cases} \sigma_e^2 \left[ \frac{1-\phi^{2k}}{1-\phi^2} \right] & \phi \neq 1 \\ k\sigma_e^2 & \phi = 1 \end{cases} \dots\dots\dots (3.10) \end{aligned}$$

Now consider the properties of  $E(\varepsilon_t \varepsilon_{t-d})$  for  $d \in \mathbb{N}$ , = If  $d \geq 2$

$$\begin{aligned} E(\varepsilon_t \varepsilon_t - d) &= E(\varepsilon_t \varepsilon_t + d) \\ &= E \left[ \sum_{i=0}^{k-1} \phi^i e_{kt-2i} \left( \sum_{j=0}^{k-1} \phi^j e_{kt+(d-2j)} \right) \right] \\ &= E \left[ \sum_{i=0}^{k-1} \phi^i e_{kt-2i} \left( \sum_{j=0}^{k-1} \phi^j e_{kt+kd-2i} \right) \right] \dots \dots \dots (3.11) \end{aligned}$$

Consider the right hand side of (3.11) the largest footmark term in the first sequence is  $e_{kt}$ , and the smallest. footmark term in the second sequence is  $e_{kt+2+(d-2)k}$  Since  $kt < kt + 2 + (d - 2)k$   $\forall t \in \mathbb{Z}$  we get  $E(\varepsilon_t \varepsilon_{t-d}) = 0$

If  $d = 1$

$$\begin{aligned} E(\varepsilon_t \varepsilon_{t-1}) &= E(\varepsilon_t \varepsilon_{t+1}) \\ &= E \left[ \sum_{i=0}^{k-1} \phi^i e_{kt-2i} \left( \sum_{j=0}^{k-1} \phi^j e_{kt+(1-2j)} \right) \right] \dots \dots \dots (3.12) \end{aligned}$$

Consider the  $e_i^2$  term in (3.12)

(i) If  $k$  is an add number

There is no  $e_i^2$  term in (3.12) for every  $i$   $\perp$

Since  $k_{t-2i} \neq k_{(t+1)-2j} \quad \forall t, i, j \in \mathbb{Z}$  and  $e_i \quad e_j \quad \forall i \neq j$

we get  $E(\varepsilon_t, \varepsilon_t - 1) = 0$  Let  $\phi^k = \phi'$

$$\varepsilon_t = e_{t'} = \begin{cases} \sqrt{\frac{1-\phi^{2k}}{1-\phi^2}} e_t & \text{if } \phi \neq 1 \\ k e_t & \text{if } \phi = 1 \end{cases}$$

Hence we obtain that the  $k$ -pericod systmatic sub-model of model (3.1) is the model (3.2)

(ii) If  $k$  is an even number

Consider the right hand side of (3.12)

The largest foot mark term in the first sequence is  $e_{kt} = e_{k(t-1)-2(\frac{k}{2})}$

The smallest foot mark term in the second sequence is  $e_{k(t-1)-2(k-1)} = e_{kt-2(\frac{k}{2}-1)}$

We get all the following equal footmark term of the two sequences

$$\begin{aligned} e_{kt-2i} &= e_{k(t-1)-2(\frac{k}{2}-i)} \dots \dots \dots (3.13) \\ \forall i &= 0, 1, 2, \dots, (\frac{k}{2} - 1) \end{aligned}$$

Hence

$$\begin{aligned} E(\varepsilon_t \varepsilon_{t-1}) &= E(\varepsilon_t \varepsilon_{t+1}) \\ &= E \left[ \sum_{i=0}^{\frac{k}{2}-1} \phi^i \phi^{\frac{k}{2}+2i} e_{kt-2i} e_{k(t+1)-2(\frac{k}{2}+i)} \right] \\ &= E \left[ \sum_{i=0}^{\frac{k}{2}-1} \phi^{\frac{k}{2}+2i} e_{kt-2i}^2 \right] \\ &= \sigma_e^2 \left[ \sum_{i=0}^{\frac{k}{2}-1} \phi^{\frac{k}{2}+2i} \right] \end{aligned}$$

$$= \begin{cases} \phi^{\frac{k}{2}} \left[ \frac{1 - \phi^k}{1 - \phi^2} \right] \sigma_e^2 & \text{if } \phi \neq 1 \dots\dots\dots (3.14) \\ \frac{k}{2} \sigma_e^2 & \text{if } \phi = 1 \end{cases}$$

and we have

Case (a)

$$\phi \neq 1 \Rightarrow E(\epsilon_t \epsilon_{t-d}) = \begin{cases} \frac{1 - \phi^{2k}}{1 - \phi^2} \sigma_e^2 & d = 0 \\ \phi^{\frac{k}{2}} \left[ \frac{1 - \phi^k}{1 - \phi^2} \right] \sigma_e^2 & d = 1 \\ 0 & d \geq 2 \end{cases} \dots\dots\dots (3.15)$$

Case (b)

$$\phi = 1 \Rightarrow E(\epsilon_t \epsilon_{t-d}) = \begin{cases} k\sigma_e^2 & d = 0 \\ \frac{k}{2} \sigma_e^2 & d = 1 \dots\dots\dots (3.16) \\ 0 & d \geq 2 \end{cases}$$

Therefore  $Z_t$  is generated by a MA(1) model

$$\text{Let } \epsilon_t = a_t' + \theta' e'_{t-1} \quad e_t' \sim \text{iid } N(0, a_e^2) \dots\dots\dots (3.17)$$

We have

$$E(\epsilon_t \epsilon_{t-d}) = \begin{cases} (1 + \theta'^2) \sigma_e^2 & d = 0 \\ \theta' \sigma_e^2 & d = 1 \dots\dots\dots (3.18) \\ 0 & d \geq 2 \end{cases}$$

for case (a)

compare (e.15) to (3.18) we get :

$$\sigma_e^2 \frac{1 - \phi^k}{1 - \phi^2} \sigma_e^2 \quad \text{if } \theta' = \phi^{\frac{k}{2}} \quad \phi \neq 1$$

$$\text{Let } e_t' = \sqrt{\frac{1 - \phi^k}{1 - \phi^2}} e_t$$

for case (b)

compare (3.16) to (3.18) we get :

$$\theta' = \phi' = 1$$

$$e_t' = \sqrt{\frac{k}{2}} e_t \quad \text{if } \phi = 1$$

$$\sigma_e^2 = \frac{k}{2} \sigma_e^2$$

Therefore the proof is completed

Q.E.E

[ Theorem 2 ]

Let  $Z_t$  be a real-valued sequence generated by an ARMA (0,q) model

$$Z_t = \sum_{j=0}^q \theta_j e_{t-j} \quad e_t \sim \text{iid } N(0, \sigma_e^2) \quad \dots \dots \dots (3.19)$$

were

$$\theta_0 = 1 \quad \theta_j \in \mathbb{R} \quad j = 1, 2, \dots, q$$

$$0 < \sigma_e^2 < \infty$$

then for any positive integer  $k > 1$  and any given non-negative integer  $q'$  the sampled sequence  $Y_t = Z_{kt}$  is generated by an MA ( $q'$ ) = ARMA (0,  $g'$ ), if and only if the integer  $g' \leq \left[ \frac{q}{k} \right]$  such that

$$\begin{cases} \sum_{j=0}^{q'-k} \theta_j \theta_{j+kd} \neq 0 & \dots \dots \dots (3.20) \\ \sum_{j=0}^{q'-kd} \theta_j \theta_{j+kd} = 0 \end{cases}$$

where  $\left[ \frac{q}{k} \right]$  stands for the largest integer  $M$  satisfying  $M \leq q/k$   
 [ proof ] Let

$$\theta_0 = 1 \quad \theta_j \in \mathbb{R} \quad j \in \mathbb{N} \text{ and } 0 < \sigma_e^2 < \infty$$

$$e_t \sim \text{iid } N(0, \sigma_e^2) \quad \forall t \in \mathbb{Z}$$

then for any given non-negative integer  $q$  the MA-type sequence

$$Z_t = \sum_{j=0}^q \theta_j e_{t-j} \text{ is generated by an ARMA (0,q) model (3.19)}$$

if and only if

$$\begin{cases} \theta_q = \theta_0 \theta_q \neq 0 & \dots \dots \dots (3.21) \\ \theta_j > 0 \quad \forall j > q \end{cases}$$

or if and only if  $q$  is the largest number of the integer  $d$  satisfying

$$\begin{cases} \sum_{j=0}^{q-d} \theta_j \theta_{j+d} \neq 0 & d = q & \dots \dots \dots (3.22) \\ 0 & d > q \end{cases}$$

but we know that the sequence  $Z_t$  is generated by an ARMA (0,q) if and only if the Autocovariance function of  $Z_t$  is

$$R_2(d) = E(Z_t Z_{t+d}) = E(Z_t Z_{t-d})$$

$$= \begin{cases} \sum_{j=0}^{q-d} \theta_j \theta_{j+d} \sigma_e^2 & 0 \leq d \leq q & \dots \dots \dots (3.23) \\ 0 & d > q \end{cases}$$

[ See Fuller, w.A. (1976) ]

Compare (3.23) to (3.22), therefore, we get that for any given non-negative integer  $q$  the sequence  $Z_t$  is generated by an ARMA (0,q) model, if and only if the Autocovariance function of  $Z_t$  satisfies the following condition

$$\begin{cases} R_z(d) \neq 0 & d = q \\ R_z(d) = 0 & d > q \end{cases} \dots\dots\dots (3.24)$$

similarly we may analyse the case of systematic sampled sequences here :

for any given positive in teger  $k > 1$

Since  $Y_t = Z_{kt} = \sum_{j=0}^q \theta_j e_{kt-j}$

Autocovariance function of  $Y_t$  :

$R_y(d) = E(Y_t Y_{t+d}) = E(Z_{kt} Z_{kt-kd})$

$$\begin{cases} \sum_{j=0}^{q-kd} \theta_j \theta_{j+kd} \sigma_e^2 & 0 \leq kd \leq q \\ 0 & kd > q \end{cases}$$

or  $R_y(d) = \begin{cases} \sum_{j=0}^{q-kd} \theta_j \theta_{j+kd} \sigma_e^2 & 0 \leq d \leq \left[ \frac{q}{k} \right] \\ 0 & d > \left[ \frac{q}{k} \right] \end{cases} \dots\dots\dots (3.25)$

Where  $(m)$  stands for the largest integer  $M$  satisfying  $M \leq m$  form statement (3.24) We know that the sequence  $Y_t = Z_{kt}$  is generated by an ARMA  $(0, [\frac{q}{k}])$  model if and only if

$$\begin{cases} R_y(d) \neq 0 & d = \left[ \frac{q}{k} \right] \\ R_y(d) = 0 & d > \left[ \frac{q}{k} \right] \end{cases} \dots\dots\dots (3.26)$$

In general for any given non-negative in teger  $q'$  the sampled sequence  $Y_t = Z_{kt}$  is generated by an ARMA  $(0, q')$  model if and if

$$\begin{cases} R_y(d) \neq 0 & d = q' \\ R_y(d) = 0 & d > q' \end{cases} \dots\dots\dots (3.27)$$

In other words, for any given non-negative integer  $q'$ , the sampled sequence  $Y_t = Z_{kt}$  is generated by an ARMA  $(0, q')$  model if and only if the integer  $q' \leq [\frac{q}{k}]$  such that

$$\begin{cases} \sum_{j=0}^{q-kq'} \theta_j \theta_{j+q'} \neq 0 \\ \sum_{j=0}^{q-kd} \theta_j \theta_{j+kd} = 0 \end{cases}$$

the proof is completed

Q.E.D.

4. Examples

[ Example ]

Consider the sub-models of the sampled sequence  $Y_t = Z_{kt}$  sampling from some original ARMA  $(0, q)$  model (2.1) Let  $q = 16$   $k = 5$  and  $e_t \sim iid N(0,1)$  we have  $[\frac{q}{k}] = 3$   $Y_t = Z_{5t}$  is generated by an ARMA  $(0, q')$  model if and only if the non-negative  $q' \leq 3$

such that

$$\begin{cases} \sum_{j=0}^{16-5d} \theta_j \theta_{j+5d} \neq 0 & d = q' \\ \sum_{j=0}^{16-5d} \theta_j \theta_{j+5d} = 0 & d > q' \end{cases} \dots\dots\dots (4.1)$$

(a) Let  $Z_t = e_t + e_{t-4} + e_{t-8} + e_{t-12} + e_{t-16}$  be the original ARMA (0,16) model, then the sampled sequence  $Y_t = Z_{5t}$  is not generated by an ARMA  $(0, \lfloor \frac{q}{k} \rfloor) = \text{ARMA}(0,3)$  model. It is generated by an ARMA (0,0) model i.e.  $Y_t \sim \text{iid } N(0,5)$ . Since the autocovariance function of  $Y_t$  is

$$R_y(d) = \begin{cases} \sum_{j=0}^{q-kd} \theta_j \theta_{j+kd} \sigma_e^2 & 0 \leq d \leq \lfloor \frac{q}{k} \rfloor \\ 0 & d > \lfloor \frac{q}{k} \rfloor \end{cases}$$

$$= \begin{cases} 5 & d = 0 \\ 0 & d > 0 \end{cases} \dots\dots\dots (4.2)$$

(b) Let  $Z_t = e_t + \frac{1}{2} e_{t-5} + \frac{1}{4} e_{t-7} + e_{t-7} + e_{t-16}$  be the original ARMA (0,16) model then the sampled sequence  $Y_t = Z_{5t}$  is also not generated by an ARMA  $(0, \lfloor \frac{q}{k} \rfloor) = \text{ARMA}(0,3)$  model

Since  $R_y(d) = \begin{cases} 2.3125 & d = 0 \\ 0.5 & d = 1 \\ 0 & d > 1 \end{cases} \dots\dots\dots (4.3)$

(c) Let  $Z_t = e_t - e_{t-1} + \sum_{j=2}^{16} e_{t-j}$  be the original ARMA (0,16) complete model then the sampled sequence  $Y_t = Z_{5t}$  is still not generated by an ARMA  $(0, \lfloor \frac{q}{k} \rfloor) = \text{ARMA}(0,3)$ , but an ARMA (0,2) model

Since  $R_y(d) = \begin{cases} 17 & d = 0 \\ 10 & d = 1 \\ 5 & d = 2 \\ 0 & d > 2 \end{cases} \dots\dots\dots (4.4)$

(d) Let  $Z_t = \sum_{j=0}^{16} e_{t-j}$  be the original ARMA (0,16) model then the sampled sequence  $Y_t = Z_{5t}$  is exactly generated by an ARMA  $(0, \lfloor \frac{q}{k} \rfloor) = \text{ARMA}(0,3)$ , not generated by an ARMA (0,4) model; Notice that 3 is the largest number of the integer  $d$  satisfying  $d \leq \lfloor \frac{16}{5} \rfloor$  hence  $\lfloor \frac{16}{5} \rfloor = 3$  and 4 is the smallest number of the integer  $d$  satisfying  $d \geq \frac{16}{5}$ . Hence  $\lfloor \frac{16}{5} \rfloor \neq 4$  [c.f. Helsinki (1984)]

5. Conclusion :

Brewer (1973) has shown that if  $Z_t$  is generated by an ARMA (p,q) model then  $Y_t = Z_{kt}$  is generated by an ARMA  $(p, \lfloor \frac{p(k-1)+q}{k} \rfloor)$ , In our [theorem 1] we get a counter-Example : if  $Z_t$  is generated by an ARMA (2,0) model  $Z_t = \phi Z_{t-2} + e_t$  when  $k$  is an odd number  $Y_t = Z_{kt}$  is not generated by an ARMA  $(2, \frac{2(k-1)+0}{k}) = \text{ARMA}(2,1)$ , but an ARMA (2,0) model, it is true only if  $k$  is an even number, furthermore, we provide the [Theorem 2] to point out the exact order of the systematic sampled ARMA (0,q') model, and an applied example is given, by the way, there is a slip of

the pen in Helsinki's paper (1984) on p.43 about the order  $\lfloor \frac{p(k-1)+q}{k} \rfloor$ , where he say that "[m] = the smallest integer M satisfying  $m \leq M$ "

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### Abstract

We provide a general method to generate a P vector  $Z$  with  $N \times 1$  dimension. The P-variate normal distribution with mean vector  $\mu$  and covariance matrix  $\Sigma$  (non-singular) is defined by the pdf:

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{N/2} |\Sigma|^{1/2}} \exp\left\{-\frac{1}{2}(x-\mu)^T \Sigma^{-1}(x-\mu)\right\}$$

we denote this distribution as  $N(\mu, \Sigma)$ .

In simulation, an efficient method to generate a P vector  $Z$  with  $N \times 1$  dimension is to generate  $Z_1, Z_2, \dots, Z_N$  as independent  $N(0, 1)$  variates, forming the P vector  $Z$  having  $N \times 1$  dimension from  $X$  as:

$$X = AZ + \mu$$

where  $A$  is  $N \times N$  and

$$A = W^T \Sigma^{-1} \mu$$

$$\Sigma = W^T \Sigma^{-1} W$$

$$W^T = \text{diag}\left\{\sqrt{\lambda_1}, \sqrt{\lambda_2}, \dots, \sqrt{\lambda_N}\right\}$$

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# 系統抽樣 ARMA 模式之 精確階數之研究

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## 摘要

假定  $ARMA(p', q')$  為抽自  $ARMA(p, q)$  模式之  $K$  期系統抽樣子數列，Brewer 於 1973 年證明了階數之值，具下述關係： $p' = p$  且  $q' = \left\lceil \frac{p(k-1)+q}{k} \right\rceil$ ，其中高斯函數  $\lceil m \rceil$  表不大於  $m$  之最大整數，但筆者發現階數  $q'$  值並不恒為  $\left\lceil \frac{p(k-1)+q}{k} \right\rceil$  除提出兩則反例以驗證上言外，進而並提出一個方便有用之定理，藉之可經由任意一個原始之  $ARMA(0, q)$  母模式的有關訊息，直接指出其抽樣子模式中階數  $q'$  值之精確值。

(註：本文曾在中華民國七十六年度統計學術研討會中發表摘要)。