

# ON THE THEORY OF ONE DIMENSIONAL INTEGRATED AUTOREGRESSIVE BILINEAR TIME SERIES MODELLING

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## ABSTRACT

The theory of one-dimensional integrated autoregressive bilinear time series models which are capable of achieving stationarity for all nonlinear series are proposed in this paper. These models are denoted by BL (p, d, 0, r, 1). The sufficient conditions for stationarity of this bilinear time series models are derived. The conditions for the invertibility of the model are also included. The parameters of the proposed models are estimated using proposed algorithm and robust nonlinear least squares method and statistical properties of the derived estimates are investigated. The bilinear models are fitted to Wolfer sunspot numbers and stationarity conditions are satisfied.

**Keywords** Non-linear Least Squares, Parameters, Wolfer Sunspot Numbers, Invertibility and Stationarity

## INTRODUCTION

Building probability models for time series data is an important activity that enables a statistician to understand the underlying random mechanisms generating the series. Better still, it provides invaluable assistance in forecasting the future. Linear time series, such as the autoregressive (AR) models, have been widely and successfully used in many fields. This is mainly because these models can be easily analyzed and provide fairly good approximations of the underlying random mechanisms of numerous real-life time series.

Nevertheless, in some situations linear time series models may be insufficient in explaining the underlying random mechanisms. This is, for instance, the case with sunspot data and the Canadian lynx data set. Linear time series models cannot adequately describe them, and the test proposed by Subba Rao and Gabr (1980) does confirm that linear Gaussian models fail to describe the above series. Thus a natural alternative that suggests itself is nonlinear models. Undoubtedly, the nonlinear time series models are more complex than linear ones for several reasons.

These are difficult parameter estimation of these models; intricate studying of statistical properties of most nonlinear models and sampling distribution of the estimates; and lastly, difficult evaluation of optimal forecasts for several steps in the future from these models. Yet despite these problems it seems reasonable to expect that in many situations nonlinear time series model should work better than a linear time series one.

Special nonlinear models considered by Granger and Andersen (1978) and Subba Rao (1981) are known as bilinear (BL) time series models. Providing a good fit, this class of time series has been found useful in many areas of biological sciences, ecology and engineering (e.g., Bruni et al. 1974). Thus many researchers have studied various bilinear models (e.g., Pham and Tran 1981, Gabr and Subba Rao 1981, Rao et al. 1983, Liu 1992, Cathy 1997, Gonclaves et al. 2000, Shangodoyin and Ojo 2003, Wang and Wei 2004, Boonchai and Eivind 2005, Bibi 2006, Doukhan et al. 2006, Drost et al. 2007, Usoro and Omekara 2008). This wide use and usefulness notwithstanding, the above models could not achieve stationarity for all nonlinear series. As a

result we proposed bilinear models that could achieve stationarity for all non linear series.

**PROPOSED ONE-DIMENTIONAL INTEGRATED AUTOREGRESSIVE BILINEAR TIME SERIES MODELS**

The models majorly considered by the above authors have its specification as BL (p, 0, r, 1) and can

be defined as follows:  $x_t + \sum_{j=1}^p \phi_j x_{t-j} = e_t + \left( \sum_{j=1}^r \beta_{1j} x_{t-j} \right) e_{t-1}$  and these models could not achieve stationarity for all nonlinear series. Therefore the model proposed that could achieve stationarity for all nonlinear series which is an important improvement over other bilinear time series models is called one-dimensional integrated autoregressive bilinear (BL) time series models and this is defined as follows:

$$\psi(B)X_t = \phi(B)\nabla^d X_t + \left( \sum_{k=1}^r b_{k1} X_{t-k} \right) e_{t-1} + e_t, \quad (1)$$

denoted as BL (p, d, 0, r, 1) where  $\phi(B) = 1 - \phi_1 B - \phi_2 B^2 \dots - \phi_p B^p$

In the model,  $\psi(B)X_t = \phi(B)\nabla^d$  is called the generalized autoregressive operator; it is a non stationary operator; p is the order of the autoregressive component; d is the degree of consecutive differencing required to achieve stationarity and b's are the component of nonlinear term Also  $e_t$  are independently and identically distributed as  $N(0, \sigma_e^2)$ . We assume that the models are invertible and have a realization  $(X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n)$  on the time series  $\{X_t\}$  (Ojo (2009)).

*The Vector Form of BL (p, d, 0, r, 1)*

It is convenient to study the properties of a process when the model is in the state space form because of the Markovian nature of the model (Akaike (1974)).

Let

$$\Psi_{p \times p} = \begin{pmatrix} -\psi_1 & -\psi_2 & -\psi_3 & \dots & -\psi_{p+d-1} & -\psi_{p+d} \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$B_j = \begin{pmatrix} b_{11} & b_{21} & b_{31} & \dots & b_{r1} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad j=1$$

and vectors  $C^T = (1, 0, 0, \dots, 0)$  and let  $X^T = (X_t, X_{t-1}, \dots, X_{t-p+d})$ , (Here T stands for the transpose of a matrix)  $t = \dots -1, 0, 1, \dots$  With this notation, we can write the model (1) in the vector form as:

$$X_t = \Psi X_{t-1} + B X_{t-1} e_{t-1} + C e_t \quad (2)$$

**STATIONARITY AND CONVERGENCE OF BL (p, d, 0, r, 1)**

In this section, we give a sufficient condition for the existence of strictly stationary process and convergence conforming to the bilinear model (1). This we do through the following theorem.

**Theorem 1**

Let  $\{e_t, t \in Z\}$  be a sequence of i.i.d. random variables defined on a probability space  $(\Omega, F, P)$  such that  $Ee_t = 0$  and  $Ee_t^2 = \sigma^2 < \infty$ . Let  $C$  be any column vector with components  $c_1, c_2, \dots, c_p$ .  $\Psi$  and  $B$  be two matrices of order  $p \times p$  such that  $\rho(\Psi \otimes \Psi + \sigma^2 B \otimes B) = \lambda < 1$ . The series of random vectors

$$\sum_{r=1}^t \prod_{j=1}^r (\Psi + B e_{t-j}) C e_{t-r}$$

converges absolutely almost surely as well as in the mean for every fixed  $t$  in  $Z$ . Further, if

$$X_t = C e_t + \sum_{r=1}^t \prod_{j=1}^r (\Psi + B e_{t-j}) C e_{t-r}, \quad t \in Z,$$

then for every  $t$  in  $Z$ ,  $\{X_t, t \in Z\}$  is a strictly stationary process conforming to the bilinear model

$$X_t = \Psi X_{t-1} + B X_{t-1} e_{t-1} + C e_t.$$

Conversely, if  $X_t$  is a strictly stationary process satisfying

$$X_t = C e_t + \Psi X_{t-1} + B X_{t-1} e_{t-1} \quad (3)$$

for every  $t$  in  $Z$  for some sequence  $\{e_t, t \in Z\}$  of i.i.d. random variables with  $Ee_t = 0$  and  $Ee_t^2 = \sigma^2 < \infty$  and some matrices  $\Psi, B, C$  of orders  $p \times p, r \times r, p \times 1$  with  $\rho(\Psi \otimes \Psi + \sigma^2 B \otimes B) = \lambda < 1$ , then for every  $t$  in  $Z$ .

Proof of theorem 1 is given in Appendix A.

**INVERTIBILITY CONDITION OF BL(p, d, 0, r, 1)**

For a time series model to be useful for forecasting purposes, it is necessary that it should

be invertible. The invertibility of linear time series models has been discussed by Box and Jenkins (1970). Granger and Andersen (1978c) have provided another definition of invertibility which can be applied to both linear and nonlinear time series models. Their definition is as follows:

Let  $X_t$  be a discrete parameter time series satisfying the model

$$X_t = f\{X_{t-j}, e_{t-j}, j = 1, 2, \dots, P\} + e_t \quad (4)$$

where the  $\{e_t\}$  are independent random variables.

The random variables  $\{e_t\}$  are not observable.

Let  $\{\hat{e}_t\}$  be an "estimate" of  $\{e_t\}$ , and let the initial values of  $\{\hat{e}_t\}$  be set equal to zero. The model (4) is said to be invertible if

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} E\{e_t - \hat{e}_t\}^2 \rightarrow 0$$

when the model and the parameters are known completely. The above definition holds for the bilinear models under study. Using this definition, we obtain a sufficient condition for the invertibility of the VBL(p, d, 0, r, 1) model.

Consider the VBL(p) model given by (2) and let  $X_t = H^T X_t$ . Let  $\{\hat{e}_t\}$  be an estimate of  $\{e_t\}$  satisfying the difference equation

$$X_t = H^T \Psi X_{t-1} + H^T B X_{t-1} \hat{e}_{t-1} + H^T C \hat{e}_t \quad (5)$$

$$H^T C \xi_t = -H^T B X_{t-1} \xi_{t-1} \quad (6)$$

where  $\xi_t = e_t - \hat{e}_t$ . Assuming the process  $X_t$  to be ergodic

$$E\{\xi_t^2\} \leq [E\{\zeta_s^2\}]^t, \quad (7)$$

where  $\zeta_s = \{H^T B X_s\} / H^T C$ . Taking limits on both sides of (7)

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} E\{\xi_t^2\} \leq \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} [E\{\zeta_s^2\}]^t.$$

The right-hand term of the inequality tends to zero as  $t \rightarrow \infty$  if  $E\{\zeta_s^2\} < 1$  which implies that

$$H^T B E\{X_s X_s^T\} B^T H < (H^T C)^2 \quad (8)$$

The condition (8) is a sufficient condition for the invertibility of the VBL (p, d, 0, r, 1) model.

**Algorithm for fitting One-dimensional integrated autoregressive bilinear time series models**

We will fit full autoregressive models with difference operator of various orders and choose that model for which the Akaike Information (AIC) is minimum. Let the order of this full linear autoregressive model with difference operator be  $p+d$  and let the model be

$$X_t = \psi_1 X_{t-1} + \dots + \psi_{p+d} X_{t-p-d} + e_t$$

Now, let the mean sum of squares of the residuals be  $\hat{\sigma}_e^{2(1)}$  and its AIC be equal to AIC(1). The estimation of the full autoregressive models with difference operator can be done by the least squares method. Having fitted the full autoregressive with difference operator and with the minimum AIC (1), we can now fit the best subset autoregressive model with difference operator by considering the  $2^k-1$  subsets.

$$X_t = \psi_1 X_{t-1} + \dots + \psi_{p+d} X_{t-p-d} + e_t + \left( \sum_{k=1}^r b_{k1} X_{t-k} \right) e_{t-1}$$

Using the estimation method described in the following subsection, we fit models of various orders and choose the model for which AIC is minimum. Let the minimum AIC be AIC (3), AIC (3) d" AIC (2). This is the fitted one-dimensional integrated autoregressive bilinear models.

**Estimation of parameters of BL (p, d,0, r, 1)**

The joint density function of  $(e_m, e_{m+1}, \dots, e_n)$ , where  $m = \max(r, 1)$ , is given by

$$\frac{1}{(2\pi\sigma_e^2)^{(n-m+1)/2}} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2\sigma_e^2} \sum_m^n e_i^2\right) \tag{9}$$

Since the Jacobian of the transformation from  $(e_m, e_{m+1}, \dots, e_n)$  to  $(X_m, X_{m+1}, \dots, X_n)$  is unity, the likelihood function of  $(X_m, X_{m+1}, \dots, X_n)$  is the same as the joint density function of  $(e_m, e_{m+1}, \dots, e_n)$ . Thus maximizing the likelihood function is equivalent to minimizing the function, which is as follows:

The subsets can be fitted using the approach of Hagan and Oyetunji (1980). The model for which AIC is minimum among the fitted subset models is chosen. This is the best subset autoregressive model with difference operator. Let the best subset autoregressive model with difference operator be

$$X_t = \sum_{i=1}^k \psi_{m_i+d} X_{t-m_i-d} + e_t$$

where  $m_1, m_2, \dots, m_{k+d}$  are subsets of the integers  $(1, 2, \dots, p+d)$ . Let the mean sum of squares of the residuals be and the AIC value be AIC (2), AIC(2) d" AIC(1). The estimation of the subsets autoregressive model with difference operator is done using the least squares method. Having fitted the subset autoregressive model, we now define the bilinear model as follows.

$$Q(\mathbf{G}) = \sum_{i=m}^n e_i^2, \tag{10}$$

with respect to the parameter  $\mathbf{G} = (\psi_1, \dots, \psi_{p+d}; B_{11}, \dots, B_{r1})$ . For convenience, we shall write  $G_1 = \psi_1, G_2 = \psi_2, \dots, G_R = B_{r1}$ , where  $R = p+d+r_1$ . Then the partial derivatives of  $Q(\mathbf{G})$  are given by

$$\frac{dQ(\mathbf{G})}{dG_i} = 2 \sum_{t=m}^n e_t \frac{de_t}{dG_i} \quad (i = 1, 2, \dots, R) \tag{11}$$

$$\frac{d^2Q(\mathbf{G})}{dG_i dG_j} = 2 \left( \sum_{t=m}^n e_t \frac{de_t}{dG_i} \frac{de_t}{dG_j} + \sum_{t=m}^n e_t \frac{d^2e_t}{dG_i dG_j} \right)$$

where the partial derivatives of  $e_t$  satisfy the recursive equations

$$\frac{de_t}{d\psi_i} + \sum_{j=1}^s W_j(t) \frac{de_{t-j}}{d\psi_i} = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } i = 0 \\ X_{t,i}, & \text{if } i = 1, 2, \dots, p \end{cases} \tag{12}$$

$$\frac{de_t}{dB_{k1}} + \sum_{j=1}^s W_j(t) \frac{de_{t-j}}{dB_{k1}} = -X_{t-k} e_{t-m} \quad (k=1,2,\dots,r; m_i=1) \quad (13)$$

$$\frac{d^2e_t}{d\psi_i dB_{k1}} + \sum_{j=1}^s W_j(t) \frac{d^2e_{t-j}}{dB_{k1} d\phi_i} + X_{t-k} \frac{d^2e_{t-m}}{d\psi_i} = 0 \quad (i=1,2,\dots,p; k_i=1,2,\dots,r; m_i=1) \quad (15)$$

$$\frac{d^2e_t}{d\psi_i d\psi_i} + \sum_{j=1}^s W_j(t) \frac{d^2e_{t-j}}{d\psi_i d\psi_i} = 0 \quad (i, i' = 1, 2, \dots, p) \quad (14)$$

$$\frac{d^2e_t}{d\psi_i d\theta_i} + \sum_{j=1}^s W_j(t) \frac{d^2e_{t-j}}{d\psi_i d\theta_i} = 0 \quad (16)$$

$$\frac{d^2e_t}{dB_{k1} dB_{k1}} + \sum_{j=1}^s W_j(t) \frac{d^2e_{t-j}}{dB_{k1} dB_{k1}} + X_{t-k} \frac{d^2e_{t-m}}{dB_{k1}} = -X_{t-k} \frac{de_{t-m}}{dB_{k1}} \quad (k, k' = 1, 2, \dots, r; m_i, m'_i = 1) \quad (17)$$

$$W_j(t) = \sum_{j=1}^s B_{ij} X_{t-j}$$

We assume that  $e_t = 0$  ( $t = 1, 2, \dots, m-1$ ) and

$$\frac{de_t}{dG_i} = 0, \frac{d^2e_t}{dG_i dG_j} = 0, (i, j = 1, 2, \dots, R; t = 1, 2, \dots, m-1)$$

From these assumptions and equation (13) it follows that the second order derivatives with respect to  $\psi_i$  ( $i = 1, 2, \dots, p$ ) is zero. For a given set of values  $\{\psi_i\}$ , and  $\{B_{ij}\}$  one can evaluate the first and second order derivatives using the recursive equations (12), (13) and (17).

Let

$$V(\mathbf{G}) = \frac{dQ(\mathbf{G})}{dG_1}, \frac{dQ(\mathbf{G})}{dG_2}, \dots, \frac{dQ(\mathbf{G})}{dG_R}$$

and let  $\mathbf{H}(\mathbf{G}) = [d^2Q(\mathbf{G})/dG_i dG_j]$  be a matrix of second partial derivatives. Expanding  $V(\mathbf{G})$ , near  $\mathbf{G} = \hat{\mathbf{G}}$  in a Taylor series, we obtain

$$[V(\hat{\mathbf{G}})]_{\hat{\mathbf{G}}=\mathbf{G}} = 0 = \mathbf{V}(\mathbf{G}) + \mathbf{H}(\mathbf{G})(\hat{\mathbf{G}} - \mathbf{G})$$

Rewriting this equation and following Krzanowski (1998), we have  $\hat{\mathbf{G}} - \mathbf{G} = -\mathbf{H}^{-1}(\mathbf{G})V(\mathbf{G})$ ,

thereby obtaining an iterative equation given by  $\mathbf{G}^{(k+1)} = \mathbf{G}^{(k)} - \mathbf{H}^{-1}(\mathbf{G}^{(k)})V(\mathbf{G}^{(k)})$ ,

where  $\mathbf{G}^{(k)}$  is the set of estimates obtained at the  $k^{\text{th}}$  stage of iteration. The estimates obtained

by the above iterative equations usually converge. For starting the iteration, we need to have good sets of initial values of the parameters. This can be obtained as follows:

Suppose we wish to fit one-dimensional bilinear model BL ( $p, d, 0, r, 1$ ). We choose the coefficients of the integrated autoregressive models (IAR) part of this model equal to the corresponding best subset IAR model. These coefficients are used as the initial values for starting the iteration of iterative equation.

### NUMERICAL EXAMPLE: THE WOLFER SUNSPOT DATA

To present the application of the models proposed, we use a real time series dataset, the Wolfer sunspot, available in Box et al. (1994). The scientists track solar cycles by counting sunspots – cool planet-sized areas on the Sun where intense magnetic loops poke through the star’s visible surface. It was Rudolf Wolf who devised the basic formula for calculating sunspots in 1848; these sunspot counts are still continued.

As the Wolfer sunspot data set represent a non-stationary series, the bilinear models proposed in this paper may be applied. The Wolfer sunspot data set is considered in this paper at three levels, namely for  $t = 50, 150$  and  $250$ .

*Fitted Model at t=50*

$$X_t = 0.314548X_{t-1} - 0.458429X_{t-2} - 0.302114X_{t-4} - 0.220568X_{t-5} - 0.386159X_{t-6} - 0.006533X_{t-1}e_{t-1} - 0.016081X_{t-2}e_{t-1} - 0.006741X_{t-3}e_{t-1} + 0.005995X_{t-4}e_{t-1} - 0.021399X_{t-4}e_{t-1} - 0.014003X_{t-5}e_{t-1} - 0.014003X_{t-6}e_{t-1} - 0.024585X_{t-7}e_{t-1} + e_t$$

*Fitted Model at t=150*

$$X_t = 0.412820X_{t-1} - 0.271125X_{t-2} - 0.270908X_{t-3} - 0.339150X_{t-5} - 0.293320X_{t-7} - 0.002709X_{t-1}e_{t-1} - 0.006085X_{t-2}e_{t-1} - 0.002411X_{t-3}e_{t-1} - 0.009225X_{t-4}e_{t-1} - 0.006196X_{t-5}e_{t-1} + 0.002575X_{t-6}e_{t-1} - 0.021601X_{t-7}e_{t-1} + 0.010533X_{t-8}e_{t-1} + e_t$$

*Fitted Model at t=250*

$$X_t = 0.239576X_{t-2} - 0.361665X_{t-3} - 0.238746X_{t-4} - 0.325416X_{t-5} - 0.328627X_{t-6} - 0.209789X_{t-7} - 0.365561X_{t-8} - 0.003211X_{t-1}e_{t-2} - 0.0111X_{t-2}e_{t-1} - 0.007729X_{t-3}e_{t-1} - 0.008414X_{t-4}e_{t-1} - 0.006220X_{t-5}e_{t-1} - 0.014280X_{t-6}e_{t-1} - 0.002048X_{t-7}e_{t-1} - 0.007351X_{t-8}e_{t-1} + e_t$$

The derived statistics from the above fitted models are given in Table1.

**Table 1.** Goodness of Fit of One-Dimensional Integrated Autoregressive Bilinear Models at  $t = 50, t= 150$  and  $t=250$ . All models are Significant at  $P < 0.001$ .

PdOrl at	Derived Statistics of one-dimensional IA Bilinear Models		
	t=50	t=150	t=250
Residual Variance	210.5	207.5	242.5
AIC	8.40	8.27	8.52
Schwartz Criterion	8.52	8.43	8.79
R <sup>2</sup>	0.58	0.63	0.61
Adjusted R <sup>2</sup>	0.57	0.60	0.56
F(Statistic)	11.97	27.75	54.70

From Table 1, the bilinear models fitted at  $t = 50, 150$  and  $250$  are significant with probability level less than  $0.001$ . We could see as well that when  $t = 150$  the derived statistics gave us the best estimate.

**CONCLUSION**

This study focused on new bilinear models that could handle all non-linear series. Bilinear models at different levels of sample sizes were considered using the non-linear real series.

Moreover, estimation of parameters has witnessed a unique, consistent and convergent estimator that has prevented the models from exploding, thereby making stationarity possible. The introduction of the  $d$  factor in our new models has made us to capture trend and seasonality in the data, which in turn helps arrive at stationarity easily for any time series data set.

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APPENDIX

Here we prove Theorem 1 from section 3. For the sake of simplicity, we will break the proof down into the following steps.

Step 1: For nearly sure convergence, we show that

$$\sum_{r \geq 1} E \left| \prod_{j=1}^r (\Psi + Be_{t-j}) Ce_{t-r} \right|_i < \infty \quad (A1)$$

for every  $i=1, 2, \dots, p$ . This then implies that

$$\sum_{r \geq 1} \prod_{j=1}^r (\Psi + Be_{t-j}) Ce_{t-r}$$

is absolutely convergent almost surely as well as in the mean.

Step 2: Let us establish (A1) for  $i = 1$ . The general case is clear. First, we note that for every  $t$  in  $Z$ ,  $r1$  and  $s = 1, 2, \dots, p$ , the following inequality holds:

$$E | ((\Psi + Be_{t-r}) Ce_{t-r})_s | \leq K_0,$$

where  $K_0$  is a constant that depends only on  $\Psi, B, C$  and  $\sigma_e^2$

Step 3: If  $r \geq 2$ , then

$$E \left| \prod_{j=1}^r (\Psi + Be_{t-j}) Ce_{t-r} \right|_1 \leq K_1 \lambda^{(r-1)/2}$$

for some constant  $K_1 > 0$ . Now observe that

$$\begin{aligned} E \left| \prod_{j=1}^r (\Psi + Be_{t-j}) Ce_{t-r} \right|_1 &= E \left| \left( \prod_{j=1}^{r-1} (\Psi + Be_{t-j}) \right) (\Psi + Be_{t-r}) Ce_{t-r} \right|_1 \\ &= E \left| \sum_{s=1}^p \left( \prod_{j=1}^{r-1} (\Psi + Be_{t-j}) \right)_{1s} ((\Psi + Be_{t-r}) Ce_{t-r})_s \right| \\ &\leq \sum_{s=1}^p \left( E \left| \left( \prod_{j=1}^{r-1} (\Psi + Be_{t-j}) \right)_{1s} \right| \right) \left( E | ((\Psi + Be_{t-r}) Ce_{t-r})_s | \right) \end{aligned}$$

(In the above derivation, we have used the fact that  $\prod_{j=1}^{r-1} (\Psi + Be_{t-j})$  and  $(\Psi + Be_{t-r}) Ce_{t-r}$  are independently distributed.)

By step 2 and the Cauchy-Schwartz inequality,

$$\sum_{s=1}^p \left( E \left| \left( \prod_{j=1}^{r-1} (\Psi + Be_{t-j}) \right)_{1s} \right| \right) \left( E | ((\Psi + Be_{t-r}) Ce_{t-r})_s | \right)$$

is not greater than

$$K_0 \sum_{s=1}^p \left( E \left( \left( \prod_{j=1}^{r-1} (\Psi + Be_{t-j}) \right)_{1s} \right)^2 \right)^{1/2}$$

Now, for any  $s = 1, 2, \dots, p$ ,



$$\begin{aligned} \left( \left( \prod_{j=1}^{r-1} (\Psi + \mathbf{B}e_{t-j}) \right)_{1s} \right)^2 &= \left( \left( \prod_{j=1}^{r-1} (\Psi + \mathbf{B}e_{t-i}) \right) \otimes \left( \prod_{j=1}^{r-1} (\Psi + \mathbf{B}e_{t-j}) \right) \right)_{1s:1s} \\ &= \left( \prod_{j=1}^{r-1} (\Psi + \mathbf{B}e_{t-j}) \otimes (\Psi + \mathbf{B}e_{t-i}) \right)_{1s:1s} \end{aligned}$$

Consequently,

$$\begin{aligned} E \left( \left( \prod_{j=1}^{r-1} (\Psi + \mathbf{B}e_{t-j}) \right)_{1s} \right)^2 &= \prod_{j=1}^{r-1} (E(\Psi + \mathbf{B}e_{t-i}) \otimes (\Psi + \mathbf{B}e_{t-j}))_{1s:1s} \\ &= ((E[(\Psi + \mathbf{B}e_t) \otimes (\Psi + \mathbf{B}e_t)])^{r-1})_{1s:1s} \\ &= ((E(\Psi \otimes \Psi + e_t \Psi \otimes \mathbf{B} + e_t \mathbf{B} \otimes \Psi + e_t^2 \mathbf{B} \otimes \mathbf{B}))^{r-1})_{1s:1s} \\ &= ((\Psi \otimes \Psi + \sigma^2 \mathbf{B} \otimes \mathbf{B})^{r-1})_{1s:1s} \\ &\leq k\lambda^{r-1} \end{aligned}$$

Hence

$$E \left| \left( \prod_{j=1}^r (\Psi + \mathbf{B}e_{t-j}) \mathbf{C}e_{t-r} \right)_1 \right| \leq K_1 \rho \lambda^{(r-1)/2}$$

for a suitable choice of  $K_1$ .

Step 4: Since  $\lambda < 1$ , we have

$$\sum_{r \geq 1} E \left| \left( \prod_{j=1}^r (\Psi + \mathbf{B}e_{t-j}) \mathbf{C}e_{t-r} \right)_i \right| < \infty$$

for every  $i=1, 2, \dots, p$ .

Thus (A1) is established. Therefore  $\rho(\Psi \otimes \Psi + \sigma^2 \mathbf{B} \otimes \mathbf{B}) = \lambda < 1$  is a sufficient condition for strictly stationary of the model 2.3. Hence the proof.

*Remarks on the proof of Theorem 1*

For a real valued process conforming to the bilinear model

$\psi(\mathbf{B})X_t = \phi(\mathbf{B})\nabla^1 X_t = b_{11}X_{t-1}e_{t-1} + e_t$  for every  $t$  in  $Z$  under the usual assumptions on the  $e_t$ 's, a sufficient condition for its existence is given by  $\psi^2 + b^2\sigma^2 < 1$ .

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