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HOW MUCH METHODOLOGY ROR EXPLAINS THE RAIN ERRORS IN CAIBARIÉN, CUBA

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ABSTRACT

The objective of this work is to determine how much information the methodology ROR can give when having a series whose self-correlograms are a white noise. It was used the variable of the monthly fallen rain in Caibarién, Cuba, in the period 1977-2014. By using modeling ROR, it has been obtained information for the future projection of data series of errors by modeling ARIMA, as this type of modeling opens an important and promising way for the series that behave as white noise, by giving new information for the series and its behavior. The model explains the 8.7 % of variance, with errors of 44.6 mm. The errors tendency is the increase around 0.004 mm, although it is not statistically significant, the errors depend on the errors 1 month behind. All the work was carried out with the help of the statistical package of Social Sciences (SPSS) Version 13.

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INTRODUCTION

The information in a data series is important when projecting the future, but: what happens when the modeling series is a white noise?, therefore there is no information in previous steps allowing to model towards the future. This article deals about methodology ROR and how through its use, important information can be obtained to project the future behavior of the series.

The Methodology ROR (Regression Objective Regressive<sup>1</sup>) is carried out in several steps which are explained in this article; however it is necessary to detail them since the mathematical point of view.

In this methodology, it is done an adjustment of curves using the method of square minimums, which are explained as follows.

It is frequently necessary to represent by means of a functional relation data that have been given as a group of points X - Y. For instance, an experiment has been made and the points X - Y have been obtained in a graphic of Y against X. As these points are going to be used for computer calculus, several problems have to be faced:

1. There are experimental errors in Y values. It should be softened somehow the variations due to experimental errors.

2. The value of Y is wanted corresponding to some value of X which is found between two experimental values of X.
3. It would be desirable- in fact it can be the main purpose of the calculus- to transfer, that is to determine the value of Y corresponding to a value of X out of the range of experimental values of this variable.

All these considerations lead to the necessity of a functional relation between X and Y in equation form, and hopefully simple. The question is then to determine a curve to approximate data with enough precision. The first question is this: How to decide if a curve given is a good "adjustment" to data?

This discussion will be simpler if a new term is defined now: The deviation in a given point is the difference between the value of experimental Y and the calculated value of Y beginning from a functional relation. The question to adjust a curve to data can be reformulated: What conditions can be put to deviations to reach an adequate curve?

A possibility that could be attractive is to ask for the deviations sums can be as small as possible. If a prime is used to identify the values<sup>2</sup> of Y calculated beginning from the wanted functional relation, this means to ask for:

$$\sum_{i=1}^N (Y_i - \hat{Y}_i)$$

be a minimum, in which N is the number of data points, but the attractive of this possibility disappears when considering the simple case of adjusting a line at two points. This difficulty could be avoided by specifying absolute values, that is requiring to minimize.

$$\sum_{i=1}^N |Y_i - Y_i|$$

But it cannot be derived to find a minimum value because the function absolute value has no derivate in its minimum. It can be thought to ask for the maximum error is a minimum, which is Chebyshev approximation, but this leads to an iterative process complicated to determine the functional relation. This leads to the criterion of the square minimums, in which is inquired a minimum value of:

$$\sum_{i=1}^N (Y_i - Y_i)^2$$

As it can be observed, this expression can be different to determine its minimum and leads to equations that are linear in many cases of practical interest, and from the beginning, are easy to solve. Finally, there are statistical considerations that suggest the square minimums are a good criterion, besides its computer facility.

Thus it is written the function of approximation for methodology ROR as follows:

$$Y_i = c_1 * c_1(x_i) + c_2 * c_2(x_i) + c_3 * \text{NoC}(x_i).$$

Where:

$$c_1(x_i) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } X_i = 2n \\ n & \text{if } n=0,1,\dots,N \\ 1 & \text{if } X_i = 2n+1. \end{cases}$$

$$c_2(x_i) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } X_i = 2n \\ n & \text{if } n=0,1,\dots,N \\ 0 & \text{if } X_i = 2n+1. \end{cases}$$

$$\text{NoC}(x_i) = x_i, \quad x_i = 0,1,\dots, N.$$

The objective is to determine C1, C2 and C3, to minimize:

$$S = \sum_{i=1}^N (Y_i - Y_i)^2$$

$$S = \sum_{i=1}^N (Y_i - c_1 * c_1(x_i) - c_2 * c_2(x_i) - c_3 * \text{NoC}(x_i))^2$$

It is known that to minimize S considered as function of C1 is equals to zero the partial derivate of S with respect to C1, the result is:

$$\left( \frac{\partial S}{\partial c_1} \right) = (-2) \sum_{i=1}^N (Y_i - c_1 * c_1(x_i) - c_2 * c_2(x_i) - c_3 * \text{NoC}(x_i)) * c_1(x_i) = 0.$$

Making equal to zero and readjusting, it is obtained:

$$\sum_{i=1}^N c_1(x_i) + c_2 * \sum_{i=1}^N c_2(x_i) + c_3 * \sum_{i=1}^N \text{NoC}(x_i) = \sum_{i=1}^N Y_i.$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^N c_1(x_i) + c_2 * \sum_{i=1}^N c_2(x_i) + c_3 * \sum_{i=1}^N \text{NoC}(x_i) = \sum_{i=1}^N Y_i.$$

Deriving S with respect to C2 and then with respect to C3 and making each one of the results equal to zero, they are obtained two more equations in the incognitos C1, C2, C3, the three simultaneous equations in these three incognitos are named normal equations to adjust an equation to the data group, then:

$$\sum_{i=1}^N c_1(x_i) + c_2 * \sum_{i=1}^N c_2(x_i) + c_3 * \sum_{i=1}^N \text{NoC}(x_i) = \sum_{i=1}^N Y_i.$$

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To find a "better" function for data; it is only needed to carry out the necessary sums and solve the system of three equations, this combination explains great quantity of variance of Yi, and then it is obtained:

$$Y_i = c_1 * c_1(x_i) + c_2 * c_2(x_i) + c_3 * \text{NoC}(x_i).$$

There are errors left  $e_i = (Y_i - Y_i)$ , then it is calculated the cross correlation of  $e_i$  with  $Y_{i-n}(x_i)$  in the following formula:

$$\text{Corr}(e_i, Y_{i-n}(x_i)) = \frac{\text{Cov}(e_i, Y_{i-n}(x_i))}{[\text{Var}(e_i) * \text{Var}(Y_{i-n}(x_i))]^{1/2}}$$

function that is the corresponding peak named t, it is calculated then the variable  $Y_t$  and the system is resolved again, this time with the variable  $Y_t$ ,

$$\left( \frac{\partial S}{\partial c_i} \right) = \left( \frac{\partial S}{\partial c_i} \right) = 0 \text{ this time with the function:}$$

$$S_2 = (Y_i - c_1 * c_1(x_i) - c_2 * c_2(x_i) - c_3 * \text{NoC}(x_i) - c_4 * Y_t(x_i))^2,$$

Then there is an error left  $e_2$  which is croscorelated with  $g_{i-k}(x_i)$  as hexogen variable, the same done with  $e_i$  obtaining a new peak in t for the variable  $g_{i-k}(x_i)$ , and is resolved again the system (t can be of different order to the calculated for the function  $Y_{i-n}(x_i)$ ).

$$\text{This time } \left( \frac{\partial S}{\partial c_i} \right) = \left( \frac{\partial S}{\partial c_i} \right) = 0 \text{ in such way}$$

$$S_3 = (Y_i - c_1 * c_1(x_i) - c_2 * c_2(x_i) - c_3 * \text{NoC}(x_i) - c_4 * Y_t(x_i) - c_5 * g_t(x_i))^2,$$

At the end it is obtained an error  $e_4$  which should have media zero and variance 1 and the process is stopped obtaining the highest quantity of variance as possible, in this approximation data of the same function are used  $Y_{i-n}(xi)$  and hexogen data of the function  $g_{i-k}(xi)$ .

This methodology has been used in the model for variable angiostrongilosis<sup>3</sup>, where the following model of function was obtained:

|      |            | Coefficients               |          |                        |       |      |
|------|------------|----------------------------|----------|------------------------|-------|------|
| Mode |            | Unstandardize Coefficients |          | Standardize Coefficien | t     | Sig. |
|      |            | B                          | Std. Err | Beta                   |       |      |
| 1    | DI         | -981.34                    | 308.74   | -1.38                  | -3.17 | .003 |
|      | DS         | -795.90                    | 304.28   | -1.12                  | -2.61 | .013 |
|      | NoC        | 7.166                      | 3.007    | .374                   | 2.383 | .023 |
|      | Lag3angios | .880                       | .190     | .719                   | 4.630 | .000 |
|      | Lag3XY1    | 33.63                      | 12.27    | 1.62                   | 2.73  | .010 |

a-Dependent Variable: Angiostrongilosis

b-Linear Regression through the Origin

Where  $DS = Y_{i-1}(xi)$  and  $DI = Y_{i-2}(xi)$   $NoC = NoC(x_i)$ , is the tendency and  $Lag3angiostrongilosis = Y_{i-3}(xi)$  is the regressive angiostrongilosis in three bimonthly ( $t=3$ ) and  $lag3XY1$  is the hexogen variable Mean Temperature in Yabú station ( $g_{i-k}(xi)$ ) regressive in three bimonthly where  $t$  is equal to 3, the same for angiostrongilosis.

The objective of this work is to determine how much variance provides methodology ROR when modeling the errors of the variable modeled rain by ARIMA that is when there is a series whose selfcorrelograms are a white noise.

**MATERIALS AND METHODS**

It is used the variable monthly fallen rain in Caibarién (figure 1), Cuba, in the period 1977-2014, and the methodology ROR [1] was also used. To model the error series of rain, Box and Jenkins methodology was used [4]. It was worked with the statistical package spss version 13.

For the analysis of errors the regressive method was used [1].

This methodology is also used for the prognosis of high intensity earthquake in Cuba [5], besides it was implemented in mosquitoes control [6], and the results were used in the study of Climatic Change applied to animal health in Villa Clara, Cuba [7], the mathematical modeling was applied to malaria [8]. The methodology ROR is greatly spread in Meteorology, for example in the modeling of cold fronts and the impact of sun spots [9]. The methodology ROR is also applied for predictions of anopheles mosquito larval density [10]; moreover it was done a long term prognosis (one year) of meteorological variables in Santi Spíritus, Cuba [11].

The regressive methodology opens a wide range of applications for the modeling of any series data of time.

The data for the modeling obtained for the rain were taken from Provincial Meteorological Center [12].

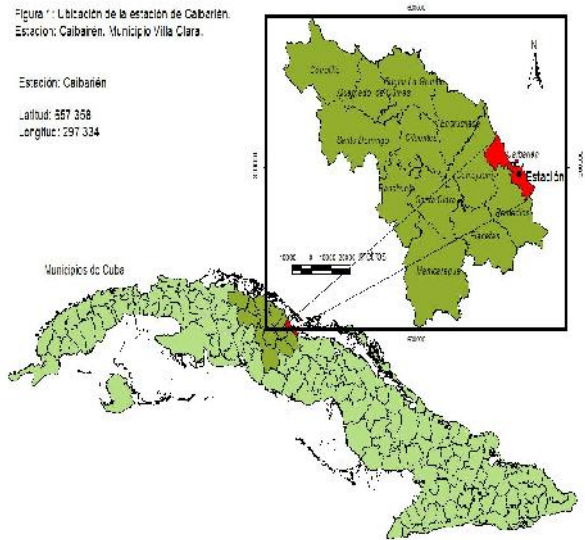


Figure 1 Location of Caibarién station. Villa Clara, Cuba.

**RESULTS AND DISCUSSION**

Subsequently, they are shown the total correlograms and partial auto correlations of errors of the variable rain in Caibarién (Table 1 and Table 2), this model was calculated with modeling ARIMA. As it can be appreciated there is a presence of a white noise.

Table 1 Correlograms of variable Rain in Caibarién modeled by ARIMA

| Auto correlations               |                 |                         |                     |    |                   |
|---------------------------------|-----------------|-------------------------|---------------------|----|-------------------|
| Series: Unstandardized Residual |                 |                         |                     |    |                   |
| Lag                             | Autocorrelation | Std. Error <sup>a</sup> | Box-Ljung Statistic |    |                   |
|                                 |                 |                         | Value               | df | Sig. <sup>b</sup> |
| 1                               | .000            | .028                    | .000                | 1  | .987              |
| 2                               | .006            | .028                    | .050                | 2  | .975              |
| 3                               | .042            | .028                    | 2.416               | 3  | .491              |
| 4                               | -.011           | .028                    | 2.586               | 4  | .629              |
| 5                               | -.028           | .027                    | 3.627               | 5  | .604              |
| 6                               | -.003           | .027                    | 3.639               | 6  | .725              |
| 7                               | -.020           | .027                    | 4.184               | 7  | .758              |
| 8                               | -.018           | .027                    | 4.630               | 8  | .796              |
| 9                               | .023            | .027                    | 5.341               | 9  | .804              |
| 10                              | .020            | .027                    | 5.855               | 10 | .827              |
| 11                              | -.021           | .027                    | 6.460               | 11 | .841              |
| 12                              | .066            | .027                    | 12.314              | 12 | .421              |
| 13                              | -.029           | .027                    | 13.446              | 13 | .414              |
| 14                              | .030            | .027                    | 14.663              | 14 | .402              |
| 15                              | .043            | .027                    | 17.089              | 15 | .314              |
| 16                              | -.044           | .027                    | 19.635              | 16 | .237              |

A. The underlying process assumed is independence (whitenoise).  
 B. Based on the asymptotic chi-square approximation.

Thus, there is no information in previous steps in the series allowing to predict towards the future, however methodology ROR<sup>1</sup> is applied to the errors of rain obtaining the following model.

The model explains the 8.7 % of variance; the model has errors of 44.6 mm (Table 3).

**Table 2** Partial self correlograms of the rain in Caibarién modeled with ARIMA

**Partial Autocorrelations**

Series: Unstandardized Residual

| Lag | Partial Autocorrelation | Std. Error |
|-----|-------------------------|------------|
| 1   | .000                    | .028       |
| 2   | .006                    | .028       |
| 3   | .042                    | .028       |
| 4   | -.011                   | .028       |
| 5   | -.029                   | .028       |
| 6   | -.005                   | .028       |
| 7   | -.019                   | .028       |
| 8   | -.016                   | .028       |
| 9   | .023                    | .028       |
| 10  | .021                    | .028       |
| 11  | -.021                   | .028       |
| 12  | .063                    | .028       |
| 13  | -.031                   | .028       |
| 14  | .033                    | .028       |
| 15  | .038                    | .028       |
| 16  | -.041                   | .028       |

**Table 3** Summary of the model for the series of errors of rain in Caibarién (xc7)

**Model Summary<sup>c,d</sup>**

| Model | R                 | R Square <sup>a</sup> | Adjusted R Square | Std. Error of the Estimate | Durbin-Watson |
|-------|-------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|----------------------------|---------------|
| 1     | .087 <sup>b</sup> | .008                  | .005              | 44.59382603                | 2.000         |

- a. For regression through the origin (the no-intercept model), R Square measures the proportion of the variability in the dependent variable about the origin explained by regression. This CANNOT be compared to R Square for models which include an intercept.
- b. Predictors: Lag1Error, DS, DI, NoC
- c. Dependent Variable: Error for xc7 from ARIMA, MOD\_1 NOCON
- d. Linear Regression through the Origin

In Table 4 it is appreciated that the analysis of variance is significant with an F of Fisher of 2.5 significant to the 95 %.

**Table 4** Analysis of variance of errors modeling

**ANOVA<sup>c,d</sup>**

| Model |            | Sum of Squares       | df   | Mean Square | F     | Sig.              |
|-------|------------|----------------------|------|-------------|-------|-------------------|
| 1     | Regression | 19870.256            | 4    | 4967.564    | 2.498 | .041 <sup>a</sup> |
|       | Residual   | 2609055              | 1312 | 1988.609    |       |                   |
|       | Total      | 2628926 <sup>b</sup> | 1316 |             |       |                   |

- a. Predictors: Lag1Error, DS, DI, NoC
- b. This total sum of squares is not corrected for the constant because the constant is zero for regression through the origin.
- c. Dependent Variable: Error for xc7 from ARIMA, MOD\_1 NOCON
- d. Linear Regression through the Origin

In Table 5 it can be appreciated the parameters of the model. The tendency NoC of errors is to increase in 0.004 mm, the errors depend on the errors one month behind (**Lag1Error**). Although DI and the tendency NoC are not significant, they are kept in the model because they provide variance to the model.

**Table 5** Parameters of the model of errors of rain in Caibarién.

**Coefficients<sup>a,b</sup>**

| Model |           | Unstandardized Coefficients |            | Standardized Coefficients |        | Sig. |
|-------|-----------|-----------------------------|------------|---------------------------|--------|------|
|       |           | B                           | Std. Error | Beta                      | t      |      |
| 1     | DS        | -8.362                      | 2.646      | -.101                     | -2.235 | .026 |
|       | DI        | -2.619                      | 2.646      | -.045                     | -.990  | .322 |
|       | NoC       | .004                        | .003       | .067                      | 1.165  | .244 |
|       | Lag1Error | .053                        | .028       | .053                      | 1.936  | .053 |

- a. Dependent Variable: Error for xc7 from ARIMA, MOD\_1 NOCON
- b. Linear Regression through the Origin

## CONCLUSIONS

Through modeling ROR, it can be obtained information for the future projection of data series. This type of modeling opens an important and promising way for the series that behave as a white noise, providing new information for the series and its behavior. The model explains the 8.7 % of variance, with errors of 44.6 mm.

The tendency of errors is to increase around 0.004 mm, although it is not statistically significant, the errors depend on the errors one month behind.

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