

DSC 152:  
Applied Statistical Data Analysis and Inference

Lecture #17 Part 2  
Introduction to  
Time Series Analyses

# Moving Average Models

In a Moving Average model, each value is a function of a *weighted average of past values*.

## Examples

- A period of high demand at a store results in the store increasing their inventory; if demand drops for long enough, they will decrease their inventory
- Prolonged weather patterns may influence foot traffic at retail locations, impacting their sales.

Moving Average models are referenced as  $\overline{MA}(p)$   $MA(q)$  where  $p$   $q$  is the number of past values that influence the current value.

*(apologies for the typo, I originally had this as  $MA(p)$  in the slides)*

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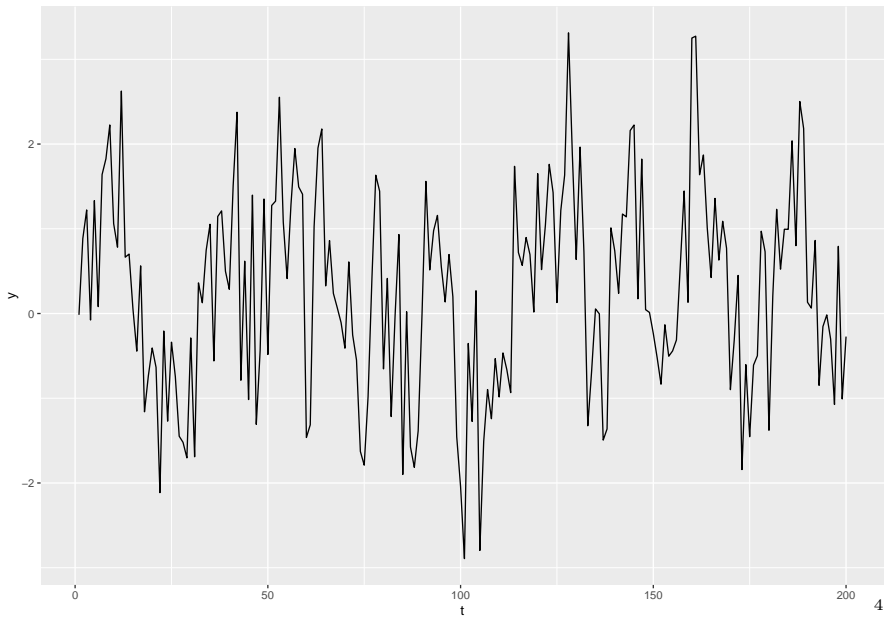
What might an MA(q) process look like?

Let's simulate some values according to an MA(5) process and plot it:

```
y <- arima.sim(model =  
                list(ma = c(0.5, 0.4, 0.3, 0.2, 0.1)),  
                n = 200)  
t <- 1:200  
df <- data.frame(y=y, t=t)  
ggplot(df, aes(x=t, y=y)) +  
  geom_line()
```

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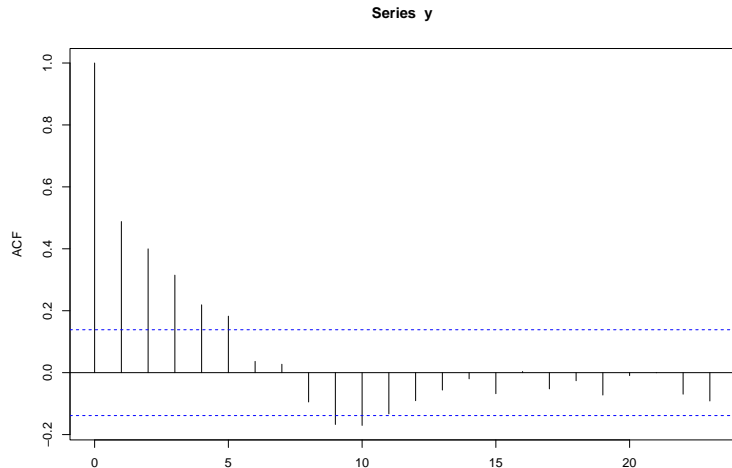


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It's hard to discern from that plot! But what about an ACF plot?

```
acf(y)
```





## Your Turn #2

- Load in the data from the `casino_poker_data.csv` file on the course website
- Make a timeplot of the `R2_COIN` variable
- Make an ACF plot of the `R2_COIN` variable and briefly comment on what you observe.