

Homework #1**(Due Wednesday 27 March)**

1. Explain how would you specify the order of AR/MA/ARMA model. Then run simulations to compare the performance of each method.

(Tips: Take AR model as an example. You first simulate 200 observations from a given AR(1) model, then you try to specify an AR(p) model to the simulated data, with order p selected by the methods you considered. Repeat this procedure, say 200 times, and see how many times you will get the correct order under each method. This should give you a flavor of how each method performs.)

2. For the following three models:

(1) $Z_t = a_t + 0.5a_{t-1}$,

(2) $Z_t = a_t - 0.3a_{t-1} - 0.1a_{t-2}$,

(3) $Z_t = 0.8Z_{t-1} + a_t$,

Where $a_t \sim i.i.d. N(0,1)$ for all t.

- (a) Check if model (1) and model (2) are invertible.
- (b) Check if model (3) is stationary.
- (c) Compute the ACF and PACF for each series.
- (d) Obtain the 1-step ahead and 2-step head forecast for each series, and the corresponding forecast errors and their standard errors.

Then simulate 100 observations from each series.

- (e) Plot each series and comment on their shapes.
- (f) Obtain the SACF and SPACF for each series, and compare with what you get in (c).
- (g) Produce forecast for each series for 10 periods.