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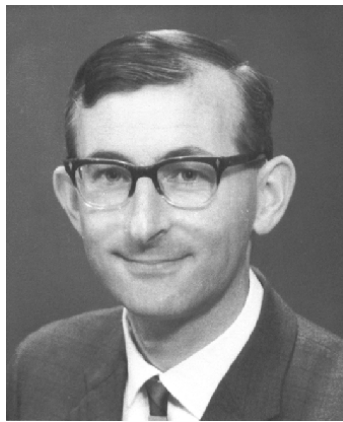
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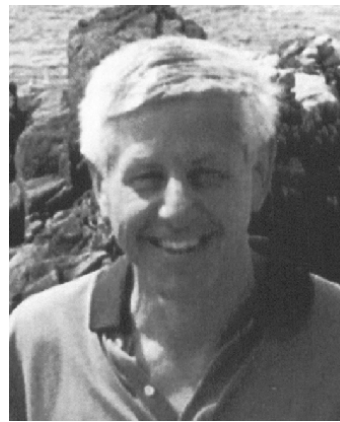
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## Preface to the Fourth Edition

It may be of interest to briefly recount how this book came to be written. Gwilym Jenkins and I first became friends in the late 1950s. We were intrigued by an idea that a chemical reactor could be designed that optimized itself automatically and could follow a moving maximum. We both believed that many advances in statistical theory came about as a result of interaction with researchers who were working on real scientific problems. Helping to design and build such a reactor would present an opportunity to further demonstrate this concept.

When Gwilym Jenkins came to visit Madison for a year, we discussed the idea with the famous chemical engineer Olaf Hougen, then in his eighties. He was enthusiastic and suggested that we form a small team in a joint project to build such a system. The National Science Foundation later supported this project. It took three years, but suffice it to say, that after many experiments, several setbacks, and some successes the reactor was built and it worked.

As expected this investigation taught us a lot. In particular we acquired proficiency in the manipulation of difference equations that were needed to characterize the dynamics of the system. It also gave us a better understanding of nonstationary time series required for realistic modeling of system noise. This was a happy time. We were doing what we most enjoyed doing: interacting with experimenters in the evolution of ideas and the solution of real problems, with real apparatus and real data.

Later there was fallout in other contexts, for example, advances in time series analysis, in forecasting for business and economics, and also developments in statistical process control (SPC) using some notions learned from the engineers.

Originally Gwilym came for a year. After that I spent each summer with him in England at his home in Lancaster. For the rest of the year, we corresponded using small reel-to-reel tape recorders. We wrote a number of technical reports and published some papers but eventually realized we needed a book. The first two editions of this book were written during a period in which Gwilym was, with extraordinary courage, fighting a debilitating illness to which he succumbed sometime after the book had been completed.

Later Gregory Reinsel, who had profound knowledge of the subject, helped to complete the third edition. Also in this fourth edition, produced after his untimely

death, the new material is almost entirely his. In addition to a complete revision and updating, this fourth edition resulted in two new chapters: Chapter 10 on nonlinear and long memory models and Chapter 12 on multivariate time series.

This book should be regarded as a tribute to Gwilym and Gregory.

I was especially blessed to work with two such gifted colleagues.

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## Preface to the Third Edition

This book is concerned with the building of stochastic (statistical) models for time series and their use in important areas of application. This includes the topics of forecasting, model specification, estimation, and checking, transfer function modeling of dynamic relationships, modeling the effects of intervention events, and process control. Coincident with the first publication of *Time Series Analysis: Forecasting and Control*, there was a great upsurge in research in these topics. Thus, while the fundamental principles of the kind of time series analysis presented in that edition have remained the same, there has been a great influx of new ideas, modifications, and improvements provided by many authors.

The earlier editions of this book were written during a period in which Gwilym Jenkins was, with extraordinary courage, fighting a slowly debilitating illness. In the present revision, dedicated to his memory, we have preserved the general structure of the original book while revising, modifying, and omitting text where appropriate. In particular, Chapter 7 on estimation of ARMA models has been considerably modified. In addition, we have introduced entirely new sections on some important topics that have evolved since the first edition. These include presentations on various more recently developed methods for model specification, such as canonical correlation analysis and the use of model selection criteria, results on testing for unit root nonstationarity in ARIMA processes, the state space representation of ARMA models and its use for likelihood estimation and forecasting, score tests for model checking, structural components, and deterministic components in time series models and their estimation based on regression-time series model methods. A new chapter (12) has been developed on the important topic of *intervention and outlier* analysis, reflecting the substantial interest and research in this topic since the earlier editions.

Over the last few years, the new emphasis on industrial quality improvement has strongly focused attention on the role of control both in process *monitoring* as well as in process *adjustment*. The control section of this book has, therefore, been completely rewritten to serve as an introduction to these important topics and to provide a better understanding of their relationship.

The objective of this book is to provide practical techniques that will be available to most of the wide audience who could benefit from their use. While we have tried

to remove the inadequacies of earlier editions, we have not attempted to produce here a rigorous mathematical treatment of the subject.

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