

Difference equations and Yule-Walker equations

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1.

The following difference equation is given: $a_n = 4a_{n-1} - 3a_{n-2}$. What is the auxiliary or the characteristic equation?



$$\lambda^2 - 4\lambda + 3 = 0$$

Correct

Correct! $a_n = \lambda^n$ will give us the above equation.



$$\lambda^2 + 4\lambda - 3 = 0$$



$$a_n - 4a_{n-1} + 3a_{n-2} = 0$$

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2.

Solve the difference equation $a_n = 4a_{n-1} - 3a_{n-2}$.



$$a_n = c_1 + c_2 3^n$$

Correct

Correct! We take linear combination of $1^n = 1$ and 3^n .



$$a_n = 1 + 3^n$$

Un-selected is correct

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CorrectCorrect! We take linear combination of 3^n and $1^n = 1$.1 / 1
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3.

Solve the difference equation $a_n = 4a_{n-1} - 3a_{n-2}$ with initial data $a_0 = 2$ and $a_1 = -2$.

$a_n = 6 - 4(2^n)$



$a_n = 4 - 2(3^n)$

CorrectCorrect! For sanity check, we see that $a_0 = 4 - 2 = 2$ and $a_1 = 4 - 2(3) = -2$.1 / 1
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4.

Stationary AR(1) process is given: $X_t = 0.4X_{t-1} + Z_t$. Find the Yule-Walker equations.

$(1 - 0.4B)X_t = Z_t$



$\rho(k) = 0.4\rho(k - 1)$ when $k \geq 1$.

Correct

Correct!

AR(1) process gives us Yule-Walker equations starting at lag 1.



$\rho(k) = 0.4\rho(k - 1)$ for all $k \in \mathbb{Z}$.

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5.

Find the solution of the Yule-Walker equations of the process

$$X_t = 0.4X_{t-1} + Z_t.$$



$$\rho(k) = c0.4^k \text{ for } k \geq 1.$$

**Un-selected is correct**

$$\rho(k) = 0.4^k \text{ for } k \geq 0.$$

**Correct**

Correct! We get a geometric sequence that is decreasing to zero.



$$\rho(k) = 0.4^k \text{ for } k \geq 0, \text{ and } \rho(k) = \rho(-k) \text{ for } k \in \mathbb{Z}^-.$$

**Correct**Correct! $\rho(k)$ is an even function.1 / 1
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6.

Find the Yule-Walker equations and general solutions of them that govern autocorrelation coefficients of the AR(3) process

$$X_t = \frac{1}{2}X_{t-1} + \frac{1}{9}X_{t-2} - \frac{1}{18}X_{t-3} + Z_t$$



$$\rho(k) = \frac{1}{2}\rho(k-1) + \frac{1}{9}\rho(k-2) - \frac{1}{18}\rho(k-3)$$

$$\rho(k) = c_1\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^k + c_2\left(\frac{1}{9}\right)^k + c_3\left(-\frac{1}{18}\right)^k$$



$$18\rho(k) = 9\rho(k-1) + 2\rho(k-2) - \rho(k-3)$$

$$\rho(k) = c_1(2)^k + c_2(9)^k + c_3(-18)^k$$



$$\rho(k) = \frac{1}{2}\rho(k-1) + \frac{1}{9}\rho(k-2) - \frac{1}{18}\rho(k-3)$$

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Correct!

Characteristic equation can be written as $18\lambda^3 - 9\lambda^2 - 2\lambda + 1 = 0$

. Factorization $(2\lambda - 1)(3\lambda - 1)(3\lambda + 1) = 0$ gives us the roots $\frac{1}{2}$, $\frac{1}{3}$ and $-\frac{1}{3}$.

