

# Intercepts and drift in ARIMA functions

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## Cover on your own: Intercepts and drift in Arima()

```
d = 0 Arima(x, order=c(1,0,0), include.drift=FALSE,  
include.mean=TRUE)
```

$m$  is estimated and called intercept.

$$(x_t - m) = \phi_1(x_{t-1} - m) + w_t$$

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Arima(x, order=c(1,0,0), include.drift=TRUE,  
include.mean=FALSE)
```

$\mu$  is estimated and called drift.

$$x_t = \mu + \phi_1 x_{t-1} + w_t$$

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Arima(x, order=c(1,0,0), include.drift=TRUE,  
include.mean=TRUE)
```

$\mu$  and  $m$  are estimated and called drift and intercept.

$$(x_t - m) = \mu + \phi_1(x_{t-1} - m) + w_t$$

If  $d = 1$ , then `include.mean` is ignored in `Arima()` and `include.drift` estimates an intercept like `include.mean` in the  $d = 0$  case, but it is called `drift` in the output.  $y_t = x_t - x_{t-1}$ .

► `Arima(x, order=c(1,1,0), include.drift=TRUE)`

$m$  is estimated and called `drift`.

$$(y_t - m) = \phi_1(y_{t-1} - m) + w_t$$

► `Arima(x, order=c(1,1,0), include.drift=FALSE)`

$$y_t = \phi_1 y_{t-1} + w_t$$

► `Arima(x, order=c(0,1,0), include.drift=TRUE)`

This is a random walk with drift.

$$(y_t - m) = w_t$$

which is

$$x_t = m + x_{t-1} + w_t$$

If  $d \geq 2$ , then both `include.mean` and `include.drift` are ignored.  $z_t = y_t - y_{t-1} = (x_t - x_{t-1}) - (x_{t-1} - x_{t-2})$ .

► `Arima(x, order=c(1,2,0))`

$$z_t = \phi_1 z_{t-1} + w_t$$

## Intercepts in arima()

If  $d = 0$ ,

▶ `arima(x, order=c(1,0,0), include.mean=TRUE)`

$m$  is estimated and called `intercept`.

$$(x_t - m) = \phi_1(x_{t-1} - m) + w_t$$

If  $d = 1$ , then `include.mean` is ignored and no intercept can be estimated.

► `arma(x, order=c(1,1,0), include.mean=TRUE)`

$$y_t = \phi_1 y_{t-1} + w_t$$

► `arma(x, order=c(0,1,0))`

Because an intercept cannot be estimated, this means that a random walk with drift cannot be estimated by `arma()`.

$$y_t = w_t$$

only can be estimated which is random walk without drift.

$$x_t = x_{t-1} + w_t$$