# Problem 2 (10 credits)

#### HW2

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```
suppressWarnings(suppressPackageStartupMessages({
  library(TSA)
  library(forecast)
  library(ggplot2)
  library(dplyr)
}))
```

## Characteristic Polynomials

#### Question 1

Assume  $Y_t$  is the following stochastic process such as

$$Y_t = 2.2 \cdot Y_{t-1} - 1.57 \cdot Y_{t-2} + 0.36 \cdot Y_{t-3} + e_t$$

where  $e_i \sim N(0,1)$  i.i.d

#### a) (1 credit)

First, let's determine whether the process is stationary or not by computing the roots of the characteristic polynomial.

#### Hints:

• use polyroot() function

Please pick the smallest root as  $x_1$  and the larger root as  $x_3$ :

```
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## [1] "Does this mean that the largest root is 2.2? That's the assumption I'm making." polyroot(c(1, -2.2, 1.57, -0.36))

```
## [1] 1.111111-0i 1.250000+0i 2.000000-0i
```

```
x_1 <- 2.0
x_2 <- 1.25
x_3 <- 1.11
```

(please include only the numerical answer above not the computation. An acceptable format for your answer is such as  $x_1 < 5$ )

#### b) (1 credit)

Based on your answer above conclude whether the process is stationary or not:

```
stationary <- TRUE # type a boolean: TRUE or FALSE
```

#### c) (2 credits)

Please generate N = 100 sample paths of length T = 100 for this stochastic process.

- Please save the results into a data.frame df2c where:
  - column df2c\$Y has the values of the process
  - column df2c\$id has the id of the sample path
  - column df2c\$t has the time

```
## Y id t
## 1 -3.0438630 1 1
## 2 -4.5287222 1 2
## 3 -5.0575687 1 3
## 4 -3.7126110 1 4
## 5 -2.5849935 1 5
## 6 -0.3763685 1 6
```

#### d) (1 credit)

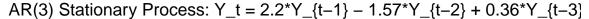
Please plot the sample paths that you generated in the previous question

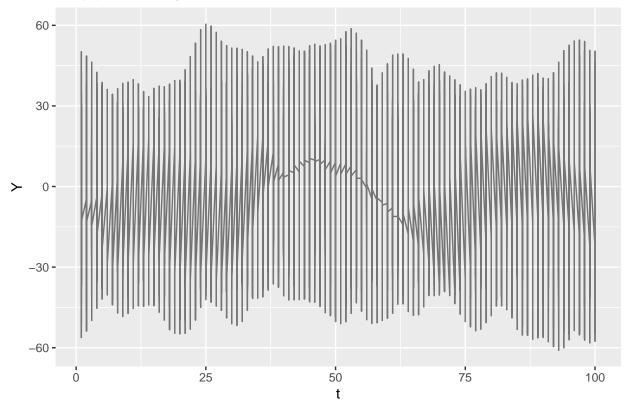
• Please save your plot into variable pld

#### Hints:

- use ggplot and take advantage of the long format of the data
- please don't change the color (keep the lines black) but do put alpha=0.05 into your geom\_line to make sample paths somewhat transparent.
- do not use geom\_points just geom\_line is fine
- As you will see from your plot:
  - the fainter the line the less likely the stochastic process would reach this spot

## Don't know how to automatically pick scale for object of type ts. Defaulting to continuous.





### Question 2 (5 credits)

Repeat a) - d) in Question 1 for the following stochastic process  $Y_t$ :

$$Y_t = 2.4 \cdot Y_{t-1} - 1.55 \cdot Y_{t-2} + 0.3 \cdot Y_{t-3} + e_t$$

where  $e_i \sim N(0,1)$  i.i.d

Compared with Question 1, we expect to see significant difference in the stationarity from the plot, although the coefficients are very close.

**a**)

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#### Hints:

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Please pick the smallest root as  $x_1$  and the larger root as  $x_3$ :

```
"Based on the stochastic process equation, we rewrite it as 1 - 2.4 + 1.55 - 0.3."
```

## [1] "Based on the stochastic process equation, we rewrite it as 1 - 2.4 + 1.55 - 0.3." polyroot(c(1, -2.4, 1.55, -0.3))

## [1] 0.6666667+0i 2.0000000-0i 2.5000000+0i

```
x<sub>1</sub> <- 2.5
x<sub>2</sub> <- 2.0
x<sub>3</sub> <- 0.66
```

(please include only the numerical answer above not the computation. An acceptable format for your answer is such as  $x_1 < 5$ )

b)

Based on your answer above conclude whether the process is stationary or not:

```
stationary <- FALSE # type a boolean: TRUE or FALSE
```

**c**)

Please generate N=100 sample paths of length T=20 for this stochastic process.

- Please save the results into a data.frame df2c where:
  - column df2c\$Y has the values of the process
  - column df2c\$id has the id of the sample path
  - column df2c\$t has the time

```
set.seed(42) # Please do not change the seed

N <- 100L
T <- 20L

Y = c()
for(i in 1:T){

    x <- numeric(100)
    x[1] = x[2] = x[3] = rnorm(1)
    for(i in 4: length(x)) {
        x[i] <- 2.4*x[i-1] - 1.55*x[i-2] + 0.3*x[i-3] + rnorm(1)
        }
    Y = append(Y, x)
}

df2c <- data.frame(Y = Y, id = rep(1:N, each = T), t = rep(1:T, N))
head(df2c)</pre>
```

```
## Y id t
## 1 1.370958 1 1
## 2 1.370958 1 2
## 3 1.370958 1 3
## 4 1.011904 1 4
## 5 1.078000 1 5
## 6 2.062899 1 6
```

d)

Please plot the sample paths that you generated in the previous question. You should see the effect of the roots of the polynomial on the sample paths of the process.

• Please save your plot into variable pld

#### Hints:

- $\bullet\,$  use  ${\tt ggplot}$  and take advantage of the long format of the data
- do not use geom\_points just geom\_line is fine

```
p1d <- ggplot(data = df2c, aes(x = t, y = Y)) + geom_line(alpha = 0.5) + ggtitle("Non Stationary Process: Y_t = 2.4*Y_{t-1} - 1.55*Y_{t-2} + 0.3*Y_{t-3} + e_t") p1d
```

