

### Solutions for Chapter 5 Exercises

1. a) First, we compute  $a_1, a_2, a_3, a_4$  given  $a_0 = 0$  using  $Z_1, Z_2, Z_3, Z_4$ .

$$\begin{aligned} a_1 &= Z_1 = 0.5 \\ a_2 &= Z_2 - 0.4a_1 = 1.9 \\ a_3 &= Z_3 - 0.4a_2 = 0.44 \\ a_4 &= Z_4 - 0.4a_3 = -0.976. \end{aligned}$$

The one-step ahead forecast is

$$\begin{aligned} Z_5^4 &= E(Z_5|Z_1, Z_2, Z_3, Z_4) \\ &= E(a_5 + 0.4a_4|Z_1, Z_2, Z_3, Z_4) \\ &= 0.4E(a_4|Z_1, Z_2, Z_3, Z_4) \\ &= 0.4a_4 = -0.3904. \end{aligned}$$

The one-step ahead forecast error is

$$e_4(1) = Z_5 - Z_5^4 = a_5.$$

The forecast error variance is given by

$$P_5^4 = \text{Var}(e_4(1)|Z_1, Z_2, Z_3, Z_4) = E(e_4(1)^2|Z_1, Z_2, Z_3, Z_4) = E(a_5^2) = 4.$$

Since  $a_t$  is assumed to be normally distributed, we have  $e_4(1) \sim N(0, 4)$ . Thus, the prediction interval for the value  $Z_5$  is constructed as

$$(Z_5^4 - 1.96 \times \sqrt{P_5^4}, Z_5^4 + 1.96 \times \sqrt{P_5^4}) = (-4.31, 3.53).$$

- b) First, we have the two-step ahead forecast

$$Z_6^4 = E(a_6 + 0.4a_5|Z_1, Z_2, Z_3, Z_4) = 0,$$

and forecast error

$$e_4(2) = Z_6 - Z_6^4 = a_6 + 0.4a_5.$$

Therefore, the forecast error variance is

$$P_6^4 = \text{Var}(e_4(2)|Z_1, Z_2, Z_3, Z_4) = E(e_4(2)^2|Z_1, Z_2, Z_3, Z_4) = 1.16 \times 4 = 4.64,$$

so the prediction interval is constructed as

$$(Z_6^4 - 1.96 \times \sqrt{P_6^4}, Z_6^4 + 1.96 \times \sqrt{P_6^4}) = (-4.22, 4.22).$$

- c) The forecast is  $Z_{100}^4 = 0$  and the forecast error is  $e_4(96) = Z_{100} = a_{100} + 0.4a_{99}$ . The variance of the forecast error is

$$P_{100}^4 = E(e_4(96)^2 | Z_1, Z_2, Z_3, Z_4) = 1.16 \times 4.$$

So the prediction interval for  $Z_{100}$  is the same as that of  $Z_6$ , i.e.  $(-4.22, 4.22)$ .

2. a) Using the Box and Jenkins forecasting approach, we have

$$\begin{aligned} Z_{201}^{200} &= E(Z_{201} | Z_{200}) = 0.1Z_{200} + 0.2Z_{199} = 34 \\ Z_{202}^{200} &= E(Z_{202} | Z_{200}) = 0.1Z_{201}^{200} + 0.2Z_{200} = 23.4 \\ Z_{203}^{200} &= E(Z_{203} | Z_{200}) = 0.1Z_{202}^{200} + 0.2Z_{201}^{200} = 9.14 \\ Z_{204}^{200} &= E(Z_{204} | Z_{200}) = 0.1Z_{203}^{200} + 0.2Z_{202}^{200} = 5.6 \\ Z_{205}^{200} &= E(Z_{205} | Z_{200}) = 0.1Z_{204}^{200} + 0.2Z_{203}^{200} = 2.39. \end{aligned}$$

- b) The variance of forecast error is

$$\begin{aligned} P_{201}^{200} &= \text{Var}(e_{200}(1) | Z_{200}, \dots, Z_1) \\ &= E(e_{200}(1)^2 | Z_{200}, \dots, Z_1) \\ &= E[(Z_{201} - \hat{Z}_{200}(1))^2 | Z_{200}, \dots, Z_1] \\ &= E(a_{201}^2 | Z_{200}, \dots, Z_1) \\ &= E(a_{201}^2) \\ &= 25. \end{aligned}$$

Thus, the prediction interval of  $Z_{201}$  can be constructed as

$$(Z_{201}^{200} - 1.96 \times \sqrt{P_{201}^{200}}, Z_{201}^{200} + 1.96 \times \sqrt{P_{201}^{200}}) = (24.2, 43.8).$$

For the 95% prediction interval for  $Z_{203}$ , we need to first find the forecast error of  $Z_{202}^{200}$ , then find the forecast error of  $Z_{203}^{200}$ . First, as  $e_{200}(1) = Z_{201} - Z_{201}^{200} = a_{201}$ , the forecast error of  $Z_{202}^{200}$  is

$$\begin{aligned} e_{200}(2) &= Z_{202} - Z_{202}^{200} \\ &= a_{202} + 0.1(Z_{201} - Z_{201}^{200}) \\ &= a_{202} + 0.1a_{201}. \end{aligned}$$

Next, forecast error of  $Z_{203}^{200}$  is

$$\begin{aligned}
e_{200}(3) &= Z_{203} - Z_{203}^{200} \\
&= a_{203} + 0.1(Z_{202} - Z_{202}^{200}) + 0.2(Z_{201} - Z_{201}^{200}) \\
&= a_{203} + 0.1e_{200}(2) + 0.2e_{200}(1) \\
&= a_{203} + 0.1a_{202} + 0.21a_{201} .
\end{aligned}$$

Hence, the variance of forecast is

$$\begin{aligned}
P_{203}^{200} = \text{Var}(e_{200}(3)|Z_{200}, \dots, Z_1) &= E[(a_{203} + 0.1a_{202} + 0.21a_{201})^2|Z_{200}, \dots, Z_1] \\
&= E(a_{203}^2) + 0.1^2 E(a_{202}^2) + 0.21^2 E(a_{201}^2) \\
&= (1 + 0.01 + 0.0441) \times 25 \\
&= 26.35
\end{aligned}$$

Finally, the 95% prediction interval for  $Z_{203}$  is constructed as

$$(Z_{203}^{200} - 1.96\sqrt{P_{203}^{200}}, Z_{203}^{200} + 1.96\sqrt{P_{203}^{200}}) = (-0.92, 19.2) .$$

c) Following the steps in part (a), we have

$$\begin{aligned}
Z_{202}^{201} &= 0.1Z_{201} + 0.2Z_{200} = 21.1 \\
Z_{203}^{201} &= 0.1Z_{202}^{201} + 0.2Z_{201} = 4.31 \\
Z_{204}^{201} &= 0.1Z_{203}^{201} + 0.2Z_{202}^{201} = 4.65 \\
Z_{205}^{201} &= 0.1Z_{204}^{201} + 0.2Z_{203}^{201} = 1.327 .
\end{aligned}$$

d) Rewrite the AR model as

$$a_t = (1 + 0.4B)(1 - 0.5B)Z_t .$$

The causal (MA) representation is given by

$$\begin{aligned}
Z_t &= (1 - 0.4B + 0.4^2 B^2 \dots)(1 + 0.5B + 0.5^2 B^2 + \dots)a_t \\
&= \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} (-0.4)^j 0.5^k B^{j+k} a_t \\
&= \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \left( \sum_{j \geq 0, k \geq 0, j+k=i} (-0.4)^j 0.5^k \right) B^i a_t \\
&= \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \left( \sum_{j=0}^i (-0.4)^j 0.5^{i-j} \right) B^i a_t \\
&= \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \psi_i a_{t-i},
\end{aligned}$$

where

$$\psi_i = \sum_{j=0}^i (-0.4)^j (0.5)^{i-j} = (0.5)^i \frac{1 - (-0.8)^{i+1}}{1.8}.$$

Therefore, the forecast error is

$$e_t(k) = \sum_{i=0}^{k-1} a_{t-i+k} \psi_i.$$

Without loss of generality, suppose  $k \geq m$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned}
&\text{Cov}(e_t(k), e_t(m)) \\
&= \sum_{i=0}^{m-1} \psi_i \psi_{i+k-m} \sigma_a^2 \\
&= 25 \sum_{i=0}^{m-1} (0.5)^i \frac{1 - (-0.8)^{i+1}}{1.8} (0.5)^{i+k-m} \frac{1 - (-0.8)^{i+k-m+1}}{1.8} \\
&= 25 \frac{0.5^{k-m}}{1.8^2} \sum_{i=0}^{m-1} (0.5)^{2i} (1 - (-0.8)^{i+1}) (1 - (-0.8)^{i+k-m+1}) \\
&= 25 \frac{0.5^{k-m}}{1.8^2} \sum_{i=0}^{m-1} (0.25^i + 0.8(-0.2)^i + 0.8(-0.8)^{k-m}(-0.2)^i + (-0.8)^{k-m+2}(0.16)^i) \\
&= 25 \frac{0.5^{k-m}}{1.8^2} \left( \frac{1 - 0.25^m}{0.75} + 0.8((-0.8)^{k-m} + 1) \frac{1 - (-0.2)^m}{1.2} + (-0.8)^{k-m+2} \frac{1 - 0.16^m}{0.84} \right).
\end{aligned}$$