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1.1 Problem 1

Your time series data are as follows. 1.146 -0.064 1.152 2.825 2.873 3.414 1.459 0.842 1.259 0.887 0.252 0.634 2.334 3.805 3.699 4.111 5.59 3.322 4.323 5.81 For these data (length 20), plot the times series, plot the acf, and get the acf function numerically. Do the same for the differenced series of length 19.

1.1.1 Part a) Original Series Analysis

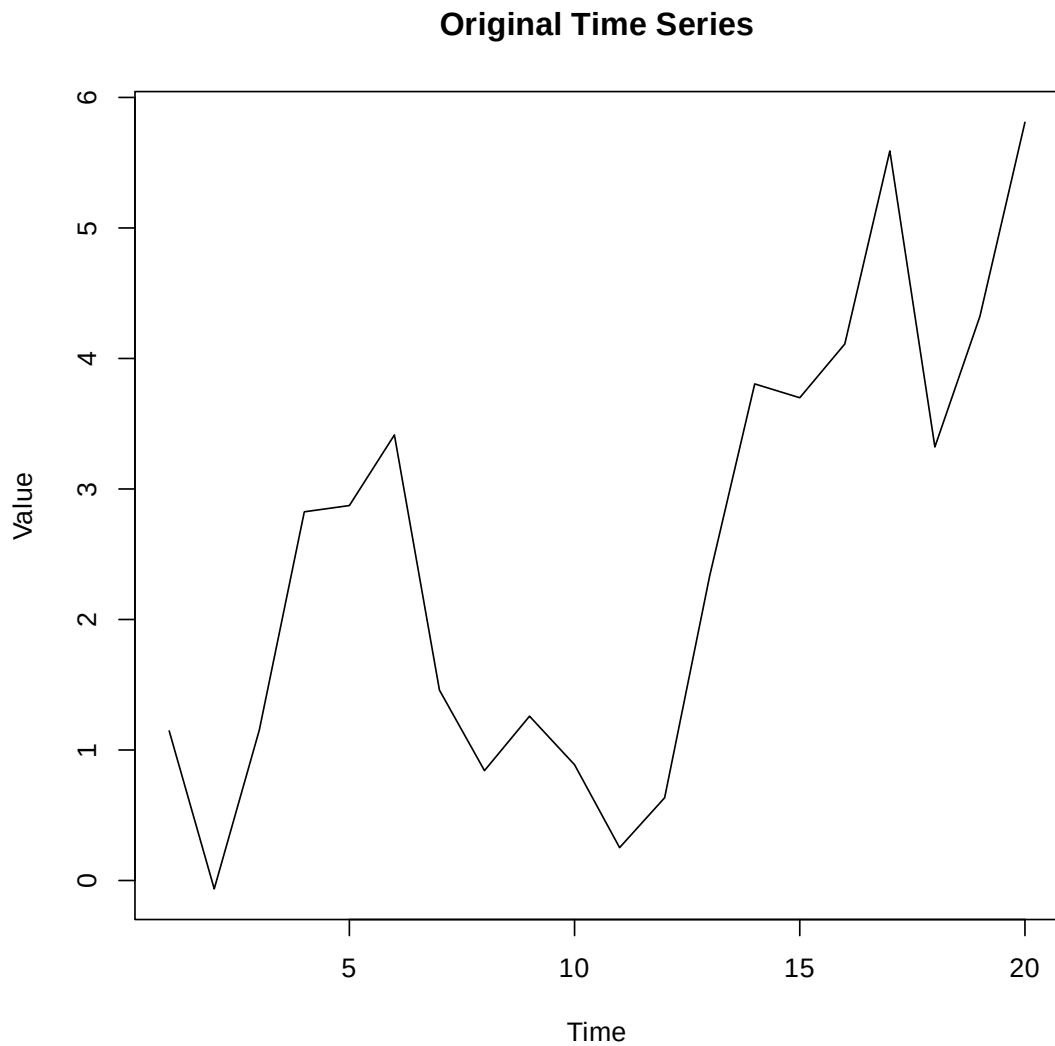
```
[1]: data <- c(1.146, -0.064, 1.152, 2.825, 2.873, 3.414, 1.459, 0.842, 1.259, 0.887, 0.252, 0.634, 2.334, 3.805, 3.699, 4.111, 5.59, 3.322, 4.323, 5.81)
```

Creates a vector (list of numbers) named data containing 20 time series observations. The c() function combines values into a vector.

```
[2]: ts_data <- ts(data, frequency = 1)
```

Converts regular vector into a time series object using ts(). The frequency = 1 means non-seasonal data (one observation per time period). This special object type allows R to recognize it as time series data for plotting and analysis.

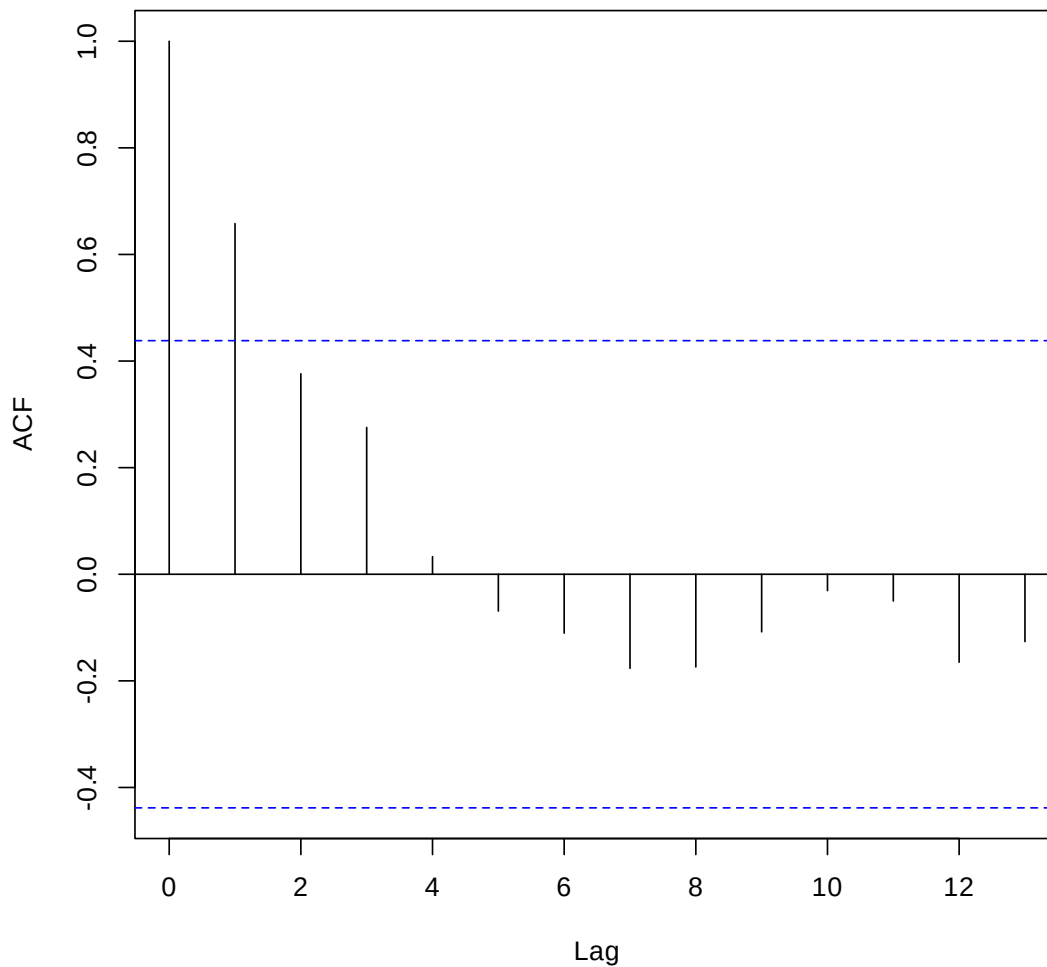
```
[3]: plot(ts_data, main = "Original Time Series", ylab = "Value")
```



Creates a time series plot where time is on x-axis and values on y-axis. The `main =` adds a title; `ylab =` labels the y-axis. Points are automatically connected with line segments, as standard for time series plots.

```
[4]: acf(ts_data, main = "ACF - Original Series")
```

ACF - Original Series



Plots the autocorrelation function, showing vertical bars for each lag's correlation. Blue dotted horizontal lines indicate significance bounds; bars exceeding these show significant serial correlation.

```
[5]: acf_original <- acf(ts_data, plot = FALSE)
```

Computes ACF values without displaying a plot (plot = FALSE) and stores results in acf_original. This object contains the numerical values you need to extract.

```
[6]: print("Part a) Serial correlations for lags 1, 2, 3: ")
     print(acf_original$acf[2:4])
```

```
[1] "Part a) Serial correlations for lags 1, 2, 3: "
[1] 0.6579139 0.3761787 0.2754533
```

Displays text, then extracts lags 1, 2, 3, from the ACF object. - acf_original\$acf accesses the

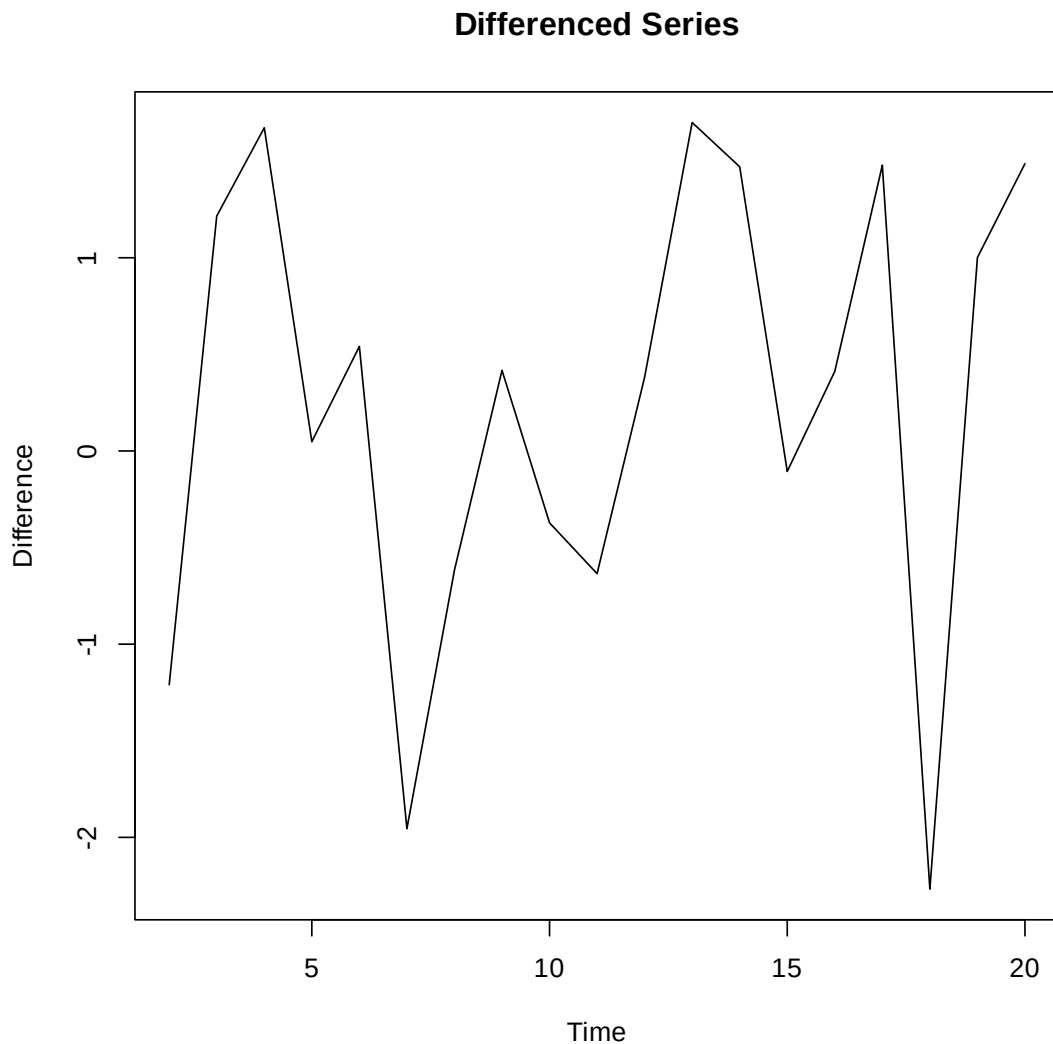
correlation values - [2:4] extracts positions 2-4 (lag 0 is position 1, so lags 1-3 are positions 2-4)

1.1.2 Part b) Differenced Series Analysis

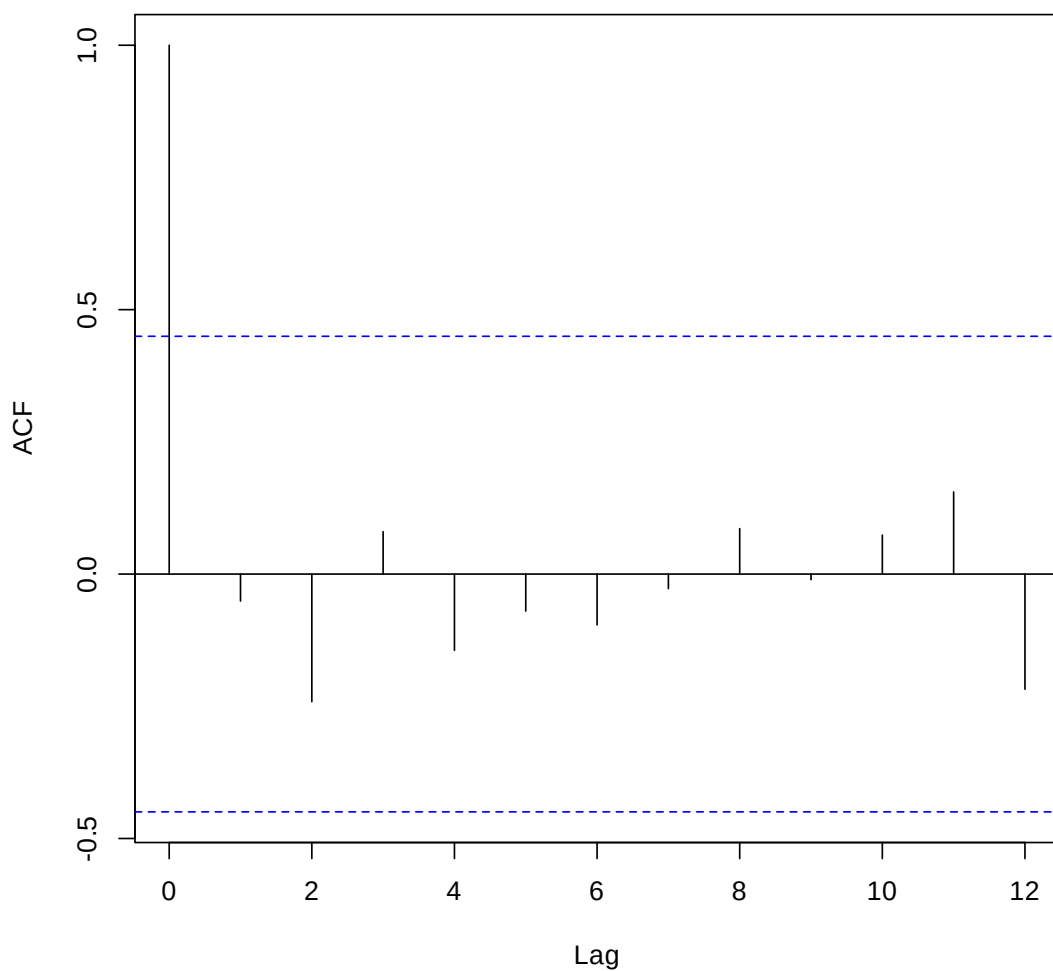
```
[7]: diff_data <- diff(ts_data)
```

Computes first differences: $\nabla y_t = y_t - y_{t-1}$. This removes trends by subtracting each value from the next, creating a new series of length 19.

```
[8]: plot(diff_data, main = "Differenced Series", ylab = "Difference")  
     acf(diff_data, main = "ACF - Differenced Series")
```



ACF - Differenced Series



Creates time series plot and ACF plot for the differenced data, same as Part a) but applied to the differences.

```
[9]: acf_diff <- acf(diff_data, plot = FALSE)
      print("Part b) Serial correlations for lags 1, 2, 3: ")
      print(acf_diff$acf[2:4])
```

```
[1] "Part b) Serial correlations for lags 1, 2, 3: "
[1] -0.05107237 -0.24127530  0.08024074
```

Extracts numerical ACF values for lags 1, 2, 3 from the differenced series, identical process to Part a).

1.2 Problem 2

Your time series data are as follows.

-0.12 1.01 1.523 0.292 0.799 0.53 0.134 0.172 0.19 -1.131 -0.121 -1 -1.648 -1.659 1.52 1.778 2.456
1.045 0.209 -0.443

For these data, plot the times series, plot the acf, and get the acf function numerically. Consider this as the training set.

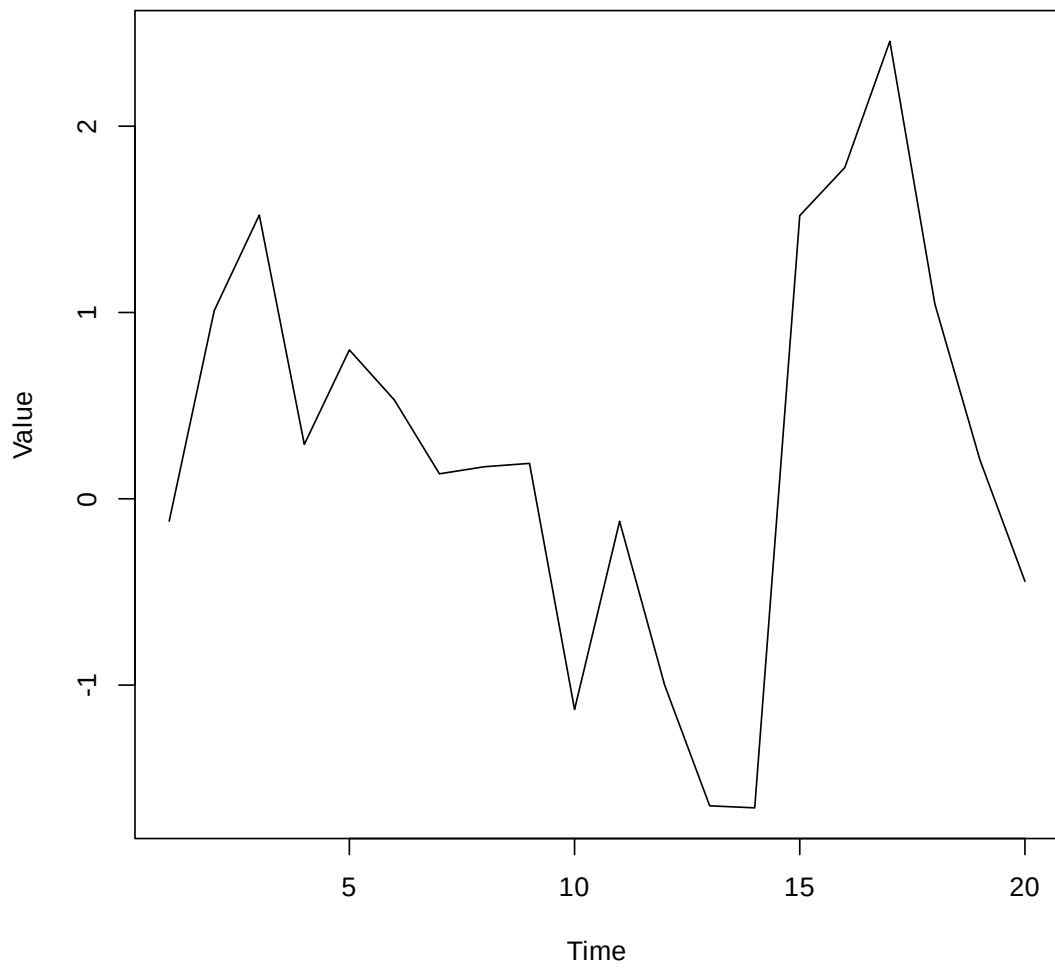
1.2.1 Part a) Original Series Analysis

```
[10]: # Enter the NEW training set data
data <- c(-0.12, 1.01, 1.523, 0.292, 0.799, 0.53, 0.134, 0.172,
          0.19, -1.131, -0.121, -1, -1.648, -1.659, 1.52, 1.778,
          2.456, 1.045, 0.209, -0.443)
# Create time series object
ts_data <- ts(data, frequency=1)

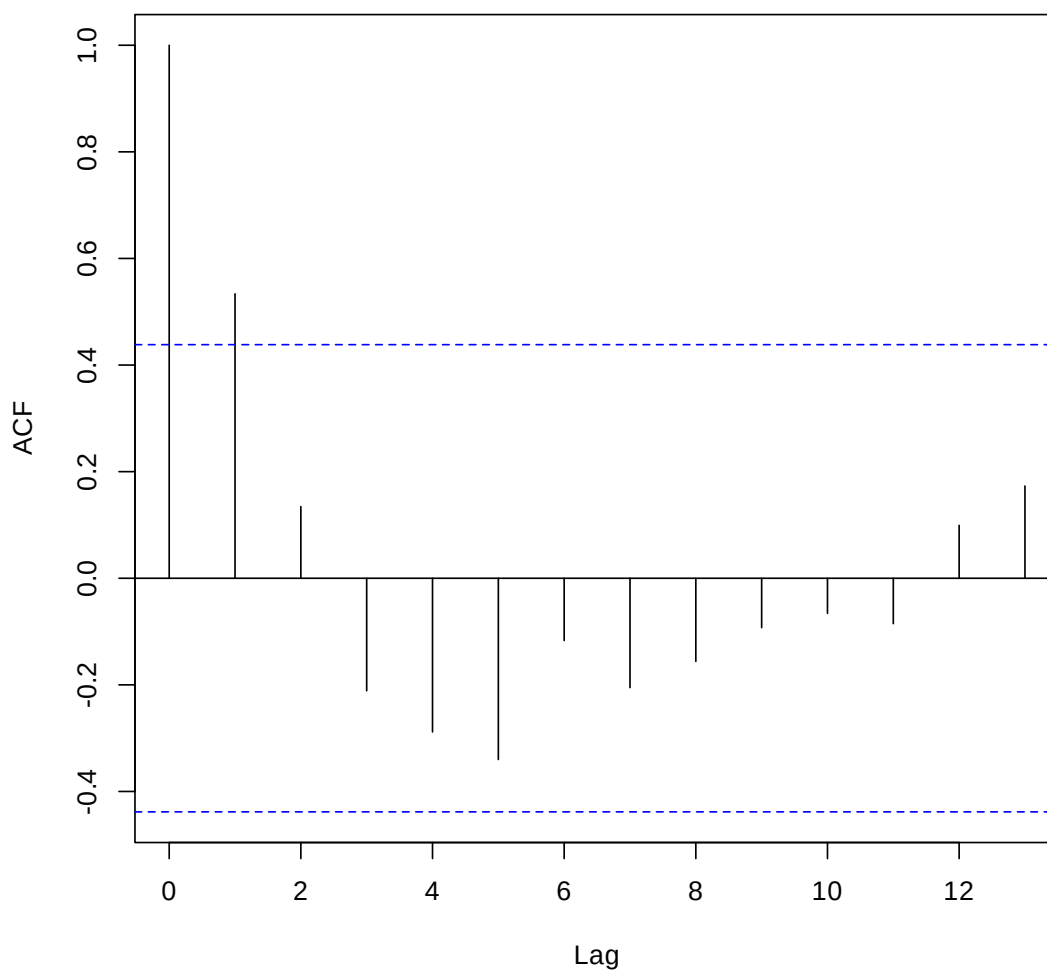
[11]: # Plot the time series
plot(ts_data, main="Training Set Time Series", ylab="Value")

# Plot ACF
acf(ts_data, main="ACF - Training Set")
```

Training Set Time Series



ACF - Training Set



```
[12]: # Get numerical ACF values
acf_values <- acf(ts_data, plot = FALSE)
print("Part a) Serial correlations for lags 1,2,3:")
print(acf_values$acf[2:4]) # Lags 1, 2, 3

[1] "Part a) Serial correlations for lags 1,2,3:"
[1] 0.5336793 0.1345185 -0.2111593
```


1.2.2 Part b) Least Squares Regression & Forecast Rule/Root Mean Square Errors

```
[13]: # Training set
training <- c(-0.12, 1.01, 1.523, 0.292, 0.799, 0.53, 0.134, 0.172,
             0.19, -1.131, -0.121, -1, -1.648, -1.659, 1.52, 1.778,
             2.456, 1.045, 0.209, -0.443)
```

```
[14]: # Create lagged variables
y_current <- training[2:20] # y_t (response)
y_lagged <- training[1:19]  # y_(t-1) (predictor)
```

```
[15]: # Fit linear regression
model <- lm(y_current ~ y_lagged)
summary(model)
```

Call:

```
lm(formula = y_current ~ y_lagged)
```

Residuals:

Min	1Q	Median	3Q	Max
-1.36064	-0.67404	-0.03198	0.66813	2.29936

Coefficients:

	Estimate	Std. Error	t value	Pr(> t)
(Intercept)	0.1260	0.2351	0.536	0.5991
y_lagged	0.5457	0.2056	2.654	0.0167 *

Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1

Residual standard error: 0.9853 on 17 degrees of freedom

Multiple R-squared: 0.2929, Adjusted R-squared: 0.2514

F-statistic: 7.043 on 1 and 17 DF, p-value: 0.0167

```
[16]: # Extract coefficients
intercept <- coef(model)[1]
slope <- coef(model)[2]
```

```
[17]: print(paste("Intercept:", round(intercept, 6)))
print(paste("Slope:", round(slope, 6)))
```

```
[1] "Intercept: 0.125961"
```

```
[1] "Slope: 0.5457"
```

```
[18]: # Training set data
training <- c(-0.12, 1.01, 1.523, 0.292, 0.799, 0.53, 0.134, 0.172,
             0.19, -1.131, -0.121, -1, -1.648, -1.659, 1.52, 1.778,
             2.456, 1.045, 0.209, -0.443)
```

```

# Holdout set (actual observations at times 21-25)
holdout <- c(0.248, -0.502, 1.054, -0.151, -0.937)

# Regression parameters from Part b
intercept <- 0.125961
slope <- 0.545700

# =====
# FORECASTS FOR OBSERVATION 21
# =====

# 1. Persistence forecast
y_20 <- training[20]
forecast_21_persistence <- y_20
cat("Forecast for time 21 (Persistence):", forecast_21_persistence, "\n")

# 2. Average in training set
training_mean <- mean(training)
forecast_21_average <- training_mean
cat("Forecast for time 21 (Average):", forecast_21_average, "\n")

# 3. Regression on most recent previous
forecast_21_regression <- intercept + slope * y_20
cat("Forecast for time 21 (Regression):", forecast_21_regression, "\n")

# =====
# CALCULATE ALL FORECASTS FOR TIMES 21-25
# =====

n_holdout <- length(holdout)
forecasts_persistence <- numeric(n_holdout)
forecasts_average <- numeric(n_holdout)
forecasts_regression <- numeric(n_holdout)

for (i in 1:n_holdout) {
  if (i == 1) {
    # For time 21, use last training observation
    prev_value <- training[20]
  } else {
    # For times 22-25, use previous actual holdout value
    prev_value <- holdout[i-1]
  }

  # Three forecast rules
  forecasts_persistence[i] <- prev_value
  forecasts_average[i] <- training_mean

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    forecasts_regression[i] <- intercept + slope * prev_value
  }

# Display forecasts
results <- data.frame(
  Time = 21:25,
  Actual = holdout,
  Persistence = forecasts_persistence,
  Average = forecasts_average,
  Regression = forecasts_regression
)
print(results)

# =====
# CALCULATE RMSE FOR EACH RULE
# =====

# Forecast errors
errors_persistence <- holdout - forecasts_persistence
errors_average <- holdout - forecasts_average
errors_regression <- holdout - forecasts_regression

# RMSE = sqrt(mean(errors^2))
rmse_persistence <- sqrt(mean(errors_persistence^2))
rmse_average <- sqrt(mean(errors_average^2))
rmse_regression <- sqrt(mean(errors_regression^2))

# Display RMSE results
cat("\n=== RMSE RESULTS ===\n")
cat("Forecast RMSE (Persistence):", rmse_persistence, "\n")
cat("Forecast RMSE (Average in training set):", rmse_average, "\n")
cat("Forecast RMSE (Regression on previous):", rmse_regression, "\n")

# Create RMSE summary
rmse_summary <- data.frame(
  Forecast_Rule = c("Persistence", "Average", "Regression"),
  RMSE = c(rmse_persistence, rmse_average, rmse_regression)
)
print(rmse_summary)

```

```

Forecast for time 21 (Persistence): -0.443
Forecast for time 21 (Average): 0.2768
Forecast for time 21 (Regression): -0.1157841

```

	Time	Actual	Persistence	Average	Regression
1	21	0.248	-0.443	0.2768	-0.1157841
2	22	-0.502	0.248	0.2768	0.2612946
3	23	1.054	-0.502	0.2768	-0.1479804
4	24	-0.151	1.054	0.2768	0.7011288

5 25 -0.937 -0.151 0.2768 0.0435603

=== RMSE RESULTS ===

Forecast RMSE (Persistence): 1.051755

Forecast RMSE (Average in training set): 0.7573271

Forecast RMSE (Regression on previous): 0.8771928

	Forecast_Rule	RMSE
1	Persistence	1.0517545
2	Average	0.7573271
3	Regression	0.8771928