

1. (8pt) True or False:

- (a) You have performed a Ljung-Box test on the residuals to determine if an ARMA(1,1) model is suitable for a dataset. The p-value = 0.329. You should conclude the model is suitable.
- (b) You have performed the augmented Dickey-Fuller unit test to determine if a series needs to be differenced or not. The p-value = 0.004. You should conclude the time series needs to be differenced.
- (c) The width of  $l$ -step head prediction intervals from fitting an AR(1) model increases as  $l$  increases.
- (d)  $\{Y_t\}$  follows a non-stationary ARIMA( $p, d, q$ ) process. Then  $\{\nabla Y_t\}$  must be stationary.

2. (8pt) Consider a linear trend process  $Y_t = \beta_0 + \beta_1 t + e_t$ , where  $\{e_t\}$  is a 0 mean white noise process with variance  $\sigma^2$ . Let  $\tilde{Y}_T$  be the simple exponential smoother, i.e.

$$\tilde{Y}_T = (1 - \theta) \sum_{t=0}^{\infty} \theta^t Y_{T-t}.$$

Show that the simple exponential smoother is a biased estimator for the linear trend process by calculating  $E(Y_T) - E(\tilde{Y}_T)$ .

3. (10pt) Consider the model  $Y_t = \beta_1 t + X_t$ .

- (a)  $\{X_t\}$  is a zero mean white noise process with  $\text{Var}(X_t) = \sigma^2$ . Find the least square estimator of  $\beta_1$ .
- (b) Suppose  $\{X_t\}$  is a process of the form  $X_t = X_{t-1} + e_t - \theta e_{t-1}$ . Derive the ACF for  $\nabla Y_t$  and show that  $\{\nabla Y_t\}$  is stationary. What is the name of the process identified by  $\{\nabla Y_t\}$ ?

4. (12pt) Consider the following models where  $\{e_t\}$  is a 0 mean white noise process with variance  $\sigma^2$ .

- i.  $Y_t = 1.9Y_{t-1} - 0.9Y_{t-2} + e_t - 0.5e_{t-1}$
- ii.  $Y_t = 0.5Y_{t-1} + e_t - 0.2e_{t-1} - 0.15e_{t-2}$

- (a) Write each model above using backshift notation.
- (b) Characterize these models as models in the ARMA( $p, d, q$ ) family, that is, identify  $p$ ,  $d$  and  $q$ .
- (c) Determine if each model corresponds to a stationary process or not.

5. (12pt) Suppose that  $\{Y_t\}$  is a seasonal ARIMA process in the form

$$Y_t = (1 - \theta B)(1 - \Theta B^4)e_t$$

where  $\{e_t\}$  is a zero mean white noise process with variance  $\sigma^2$ .

- (a) Derive expressions for  $E(Y_t)$  and  $\text{Var}(Y_t)$ .
- (b) Derive the autocovariance function, that is, calculate  $\text{Cov}(Y_t, Y_{t-k})$ , for  $k = 1, 2, \dots$
- (c) Characterize this models as SARIMA( $p, d, q$ )  $\times$  ( $P, D, Q$ ) $_s$ , that is, identify  $p$ ,  $d$  and  $q$ ,  $P$ ,  $D$  and  $Q$ , and  $s$ .