

1. Consider the model  $(1 - .5B)(1 - B)z_t = 2 + (1 + .5B)a_t$  with  $\sigma_a^2 = .25$ .

- (12 pts.) (a) Given  $z_{85} = 5$ ,  $z_{84} = 2$ ,  $a_{85} = -1$ ,  $a_{84} = .5$ , obtain  $\hat{z}_{85}(l)$ ,  $l = 1, 2, 3$ .
- (8 pts.) (b) Find the  $\psi$  weights  $\psi_j$ ,  $j = 1, 2, 3$ . State the recursive formula one may use to calculate  $\psi_j$  for  $j > 3$ .
- (8 pts.) (c) Calculate the variances of the forecasting errors  $e_{85}(l) = z_{85+l} - \hat{z}_{85}(l)$ ,  $l = 1, 2, 3$ , and construct 95% prediction intervals for  $z_{86}$ ,  $z_{87}$ ,  $z_{88}$ .
- (8 pts.) (d) State the difference equation satisfied by the “eventual” forecasting function, and give an expression of the general form of the forecasting function  $\hat{z}_t(l)$  with all deterministic constants specified.

2. Consider  $z_t = x_t + b_t$ , where  $(1 - B^4)x_t = a_t$ , and  $a_t$ ,  $b_t$  are independent white noise with variances  $\sigma_a^2$ ,  $\sigma_b^2$ .

- (12 pts.) (a) Show that  $z_t$  is a seasonal ARIMA model. Find its orders and derive the relations between  $\sigma_a^2$ ,  $\sigma_b^2$  and the parameters of the seasonal ARIMA model.
- (10 pts.) (b) Based on the form of the seasonal ARIMA model, give an expression for the forecasting function  $\hat{z}_t(l)$ ; specify all deterministic constants.  
[Hint: the roots of  $1 - B^4$  are  $\pm 1, \pm i$ .]

3. Let  $x_t = \alpha \sin(\pi t/3) + \beta \cos(\pi t/3) + n_t$ , where  $n_t$  satisfies  $n_t = \phi n_{t-1} + a_t - \theta a_{t-1}$  with  $|\phi| < 1$  and  $a_t$  a white noise,  $E[a_t] = \sigma_a^2$ .

- (12 pts.) (a) Passing  $x_t$  through a linear filter with transfer function  $v(B) = 1 - B + B^2$ , one has  $z_t = x_t - x_{t-1} + x_{t-2}$ . Show that  $z_t$  is a stationary ARMA process and specify its orders.  
[Hint:  $1 - B + B^2 = (1 - e^{i\pi/3}B)(1 - e^{-i\pi/3}B)$ , and  $\alpha \sin(\pi t/3) + \beta \cos(\pi t/3) = A(e^{i(\pi t/3+\delta)} + e^{-i(\pi t/3+\delta)})$  for some  $A$ ,  $\delta$  depending on  $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$ .]
- (8 pts.) (b) Give the power spectra of  $n_t$  and  $z_t$ .

4. A time series of  $n = 100$  observations gave the following sample ACF,

Lag $k$	1	2	3	4	5
$r_k$	.75	.44	.16	-.05	-.16

with sample mean  $\bar{z} = 12.0$  and sample variance  $c_0 = 9.0$ .

- (10 pts.) (a) Consider a AR(2) model  $(1 - \phi_1 B - \phi_2 B^2)(z_t - \mu) = a_t$ . Obtain the Yule-Walker estimates  $\hat{\phi}_1$  and  $\hat{\phi}_2$ . Also obtain estimates for  $\mu$  and  $\sigma_a^2$ .
- (12 pts.) (b) Consider a ARMA(1,1) model  $(1 - \phi B)(z_t - \mu) = a_t - \theta a_{t-1}$ . Find the moment estimates of  $\phi$ , and specify an equation that the moment estimate of  $\theta$  satisfies.