

# Robust time series analysis with R

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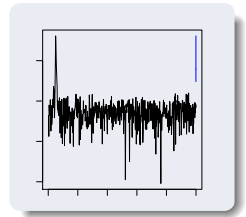
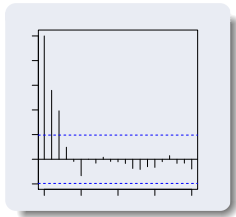
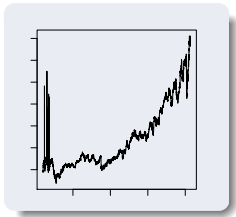


# R packages for robust time series analysis

Package	Content
npcp	change-point analysis
robcp	change-point analysis
robets	forecasting
robfilter	time series filter
robustarima	parametric modelling
RobKF	model based filtering
RobPer	periodogram estimation
robts	basic time series analysis

Robust time series packages in R

# Basic descriptive statistics



Let  $(X_t)_{t \in \mathbb{N}_0}$  be a stationary time series

## Theoretical ACF

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where  $\mu = \mathbb{E}(X_0)$

## Empirical ACF

$$\hat{\rho}(h) = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{n-h} [X_i - \bar{X}][X_{i+h} - \bar{X}]}{\sum_{i=1}^n [X_i - \bar{X}]^2}$$

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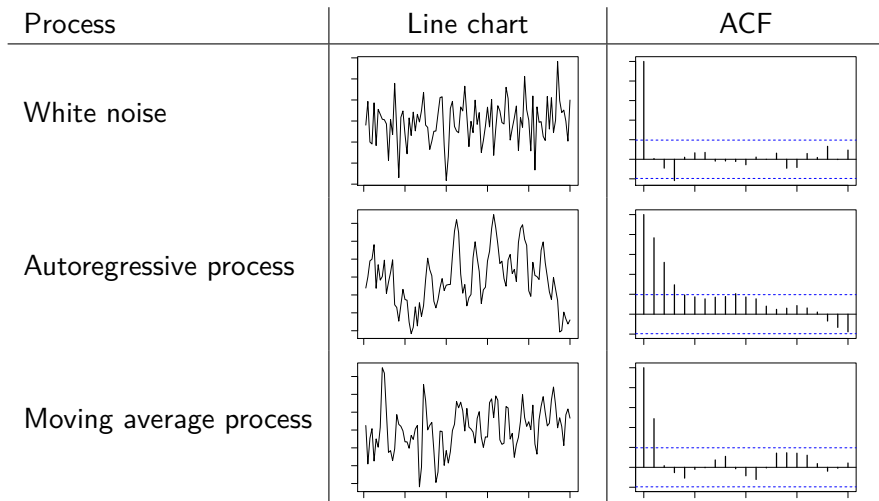
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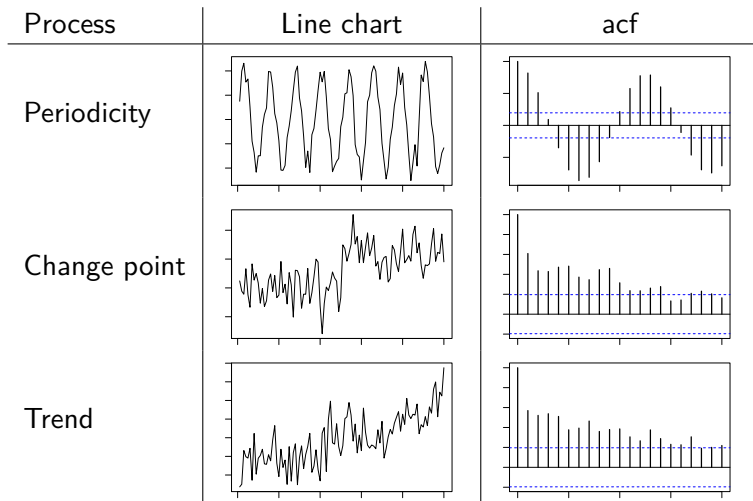
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> acf(x)
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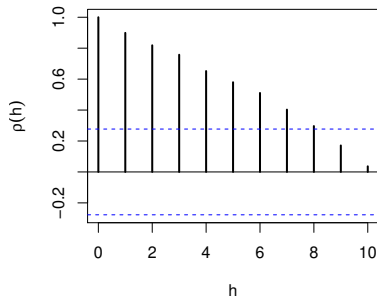
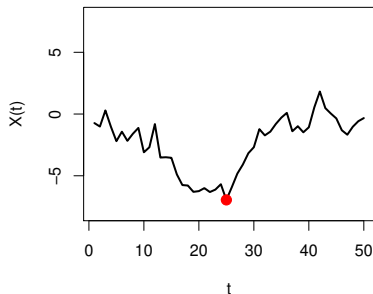
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# Typical ACF shapes II



# Sensitivity of ACF



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# Robust alternatives to ACF

- based on variances (Ma and Genton, 2000)

robts

```
> acfrob(x, approach="GK")
```

- based on robustly filtered timeseries (Maronna et al., 2006)

robts

```
> acfrob(x, approach="filter")
```

- based on multivariate correlation matrices (Dürre et al., 2015)

robts

```
> acfrob(x, approach="multi")
```

- based on sign and ranks (Mottonen et al., 1999)

robts

```
> acfrob(x, approach="rank")
```

Based on the identity

$$\rho(h) = \frac{\text{Var}(X_1 + X_{1+h}) - \text{Var}(X_1 - X_{1+h})}{\text{Var}(X_1 + X_{1+h}) + \text{Var}(X_1 - X_{1+h})}$$

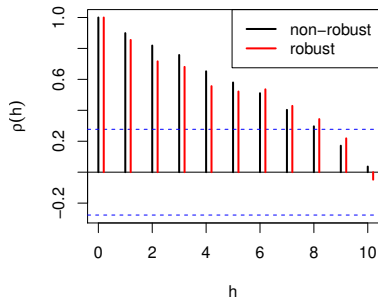
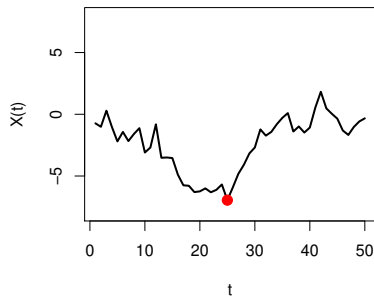
Now you can use any (robust) variance estimator!

```
robts
```

```
> acfrob(x)
```

uses variance approach with  $Qn$  since its is fast and robust in most circumstances

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Let  $\mathbb{E}(X_0^2) < \infty$  and  $\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} |\rho(h)| < \infty$ , define  $S : [0, \frac{1}{2}] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+$

## Spectrum

$$S(f) = \text{Var}(X_0) \sum_{-\infty}^{\infty} \rho(k) e^{-2\pi i k f} = \text{Var}(X_0) \left[ 1 + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \cos(2\pi f k) \rho(k) \right]$$

## Estimation

$$\hat{S}(f) = \frac{1}{T} |Z(f)|^2 \text{ with } Z(f) = \sum_{i=1}^T \tilde{X}_t e^{-2\pi i f t}$$

where  $\tilde{X}_t = (X_t - \bar{X})d(t/n)$  and  $d : [0, 1] \rightarrow [0, 1]$  is a taper

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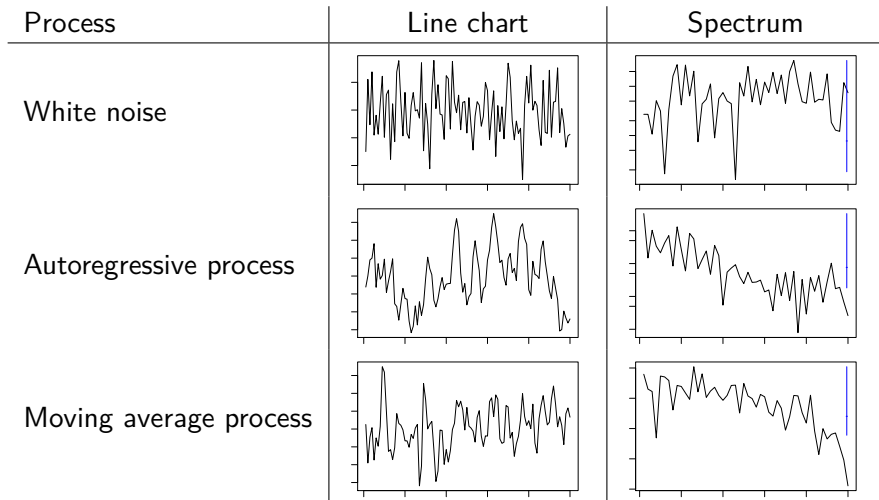
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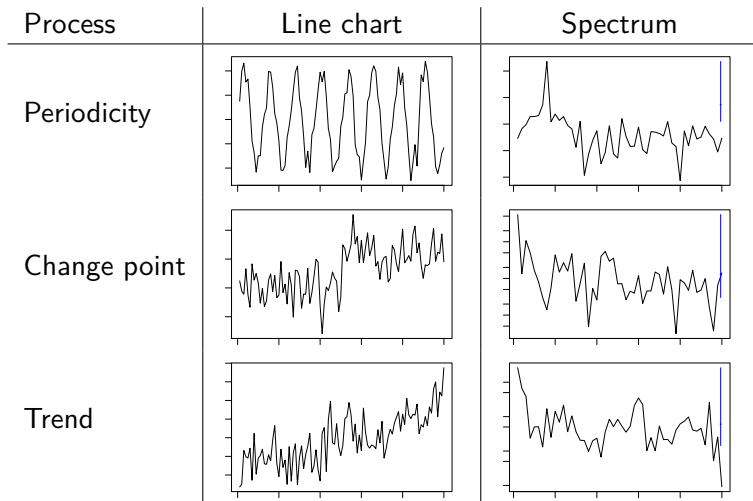
```
> spectrum(x)
```

# Typical Spectrum shapes





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# Robust alternatives to empirical spectrum

- AR fit + Periodogram of residuals (Maronna et al., 2006)

robts

```
> spectrumrob(x,method="pgram")
```

- Fouriertransform of robust acf (Spangl, 2008)

robts

```
> spectrumrob(x,method="acf")
```

- Fitting periodic functions by robust regression (Thieler et al., 2013)

RobPer

```
> n <- length(x)
> freq <- seq(from=1/n,to=0.5,by=1/n)
> RobPer(cbind(1:n,x),weighting=FALSE,periods
  =1/freq,regression="S", model="sine")
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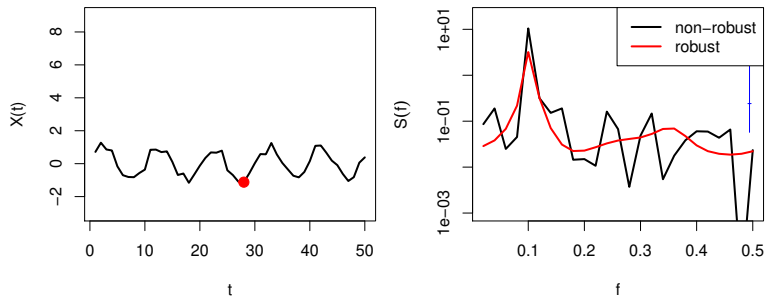
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> spectrumrob(x)
```

gives smoothed periodogram! (alternatively: set bandwidth=0)

- 1 Fit an AR model
- 2 Compute periodogram of parametric model  $\hat{S}_{AR}(f)$
- 3 Calculate residuals  $(\hat{\epsilon}_j)_{j=1,\dots,n}$
- 4 Robustify residuals  $(\tilde{\epsilon}_j)_{j=1,\dots,n}$
- 5 Compute periodogram of  $(\tilde{\epsilon}_j)_{j=1,\dots,n}$ :  $\hat{S}_\epsilon(f)$
- 6 Combine both estimations:  $\hat{S} = \hat{S}_{AR}(f) \cdot \hat{S}_\epsilon(f)$

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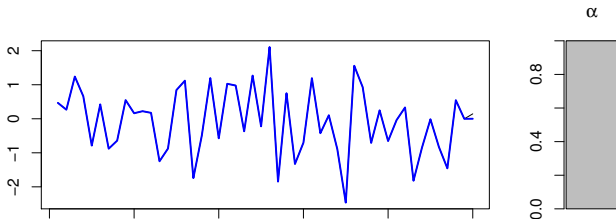
# Smoothing

- Aim: separate **signal** (low freq, comp.) from **noise** (high freq. comp.)
- Easiest scenario:  $X_t = \mu + \epsilon_t$  where  $(\epsilon_t)_{t \in \mathbb{N}}$  is iid  
 $\Rightarrow s_t = \mu$  is signal  $n_t = \epsilon_t$  is noise

## Simple exponential smoothing

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$$\hat{s}_t = \hat{s}_{t-1} + \alpha \underbrace{(X_t - \hat{s}_{t-1})}_{\hat{\epsilon}_t}$$

corresponds to the state-space model:

$$X_t = s_{t-1} + \epsilon_t \text{ with } s_t = s_{t-1} + \alpha \epsilon_t$$

Estimate  $\alpha$  with (conditional) likelihood assuming  $\epsilon_t \sim N(0, \sigma^2)$ .

## Generalized state space models

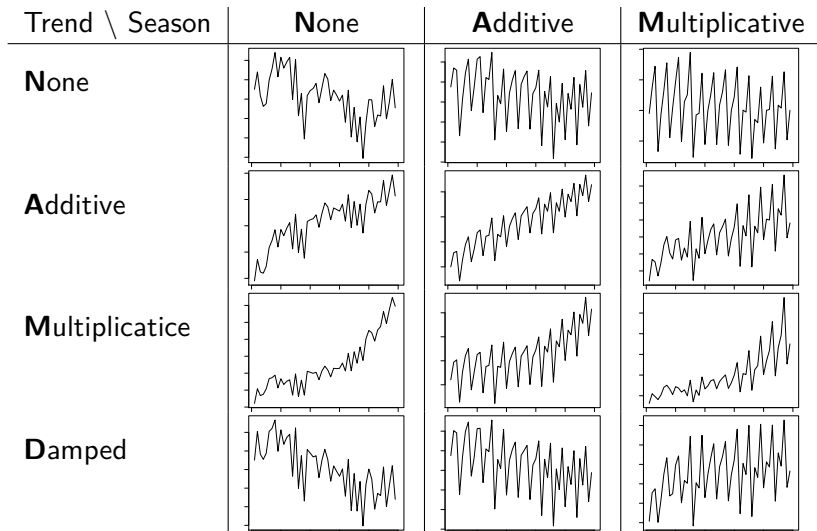
$$X_t = h(s_t) + k(s_t)\epsilon_t$$

$$s_t = f(s_{t-1}) + d(s_{t-1})\epsilon_t$$

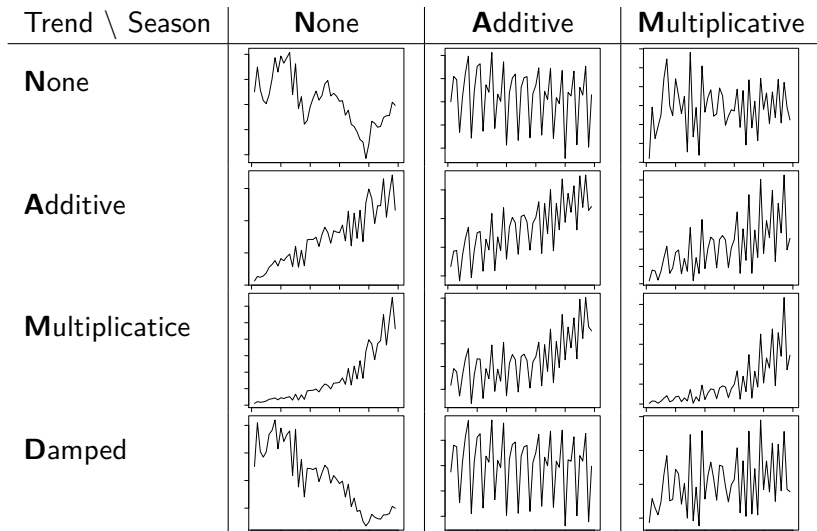
where  $(\epsilon_t)_{t \in \mathbb{Z}}$  is iid with  $\epsilon_0 \sim N(0, 1)$



# More complex Additive error models



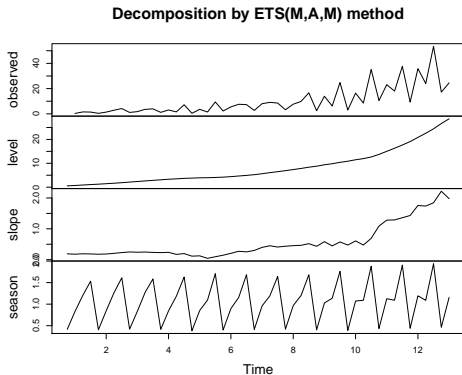
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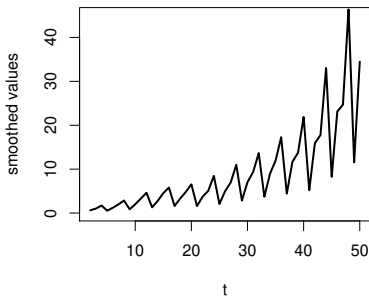
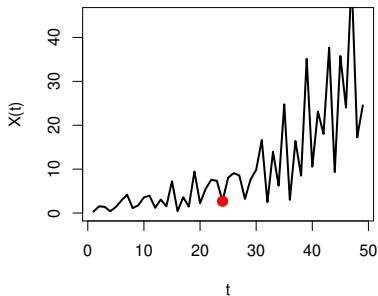
## forecast

```
> ets(x)
```

- chooses best model by (corrected) AIC criterion
- periodicity is chosen by freq specified in ts object!



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Time series from an MMM-model with one outlier (left) and estimated signal using ets (right)

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- Filter based on repeated median for models with trend and jumps (Fried, 2004)

## robfilter

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> robust.filter(x,width=bandwidth)
```

- Robust version of ets (Crevits and Croux, 2017)

## robets

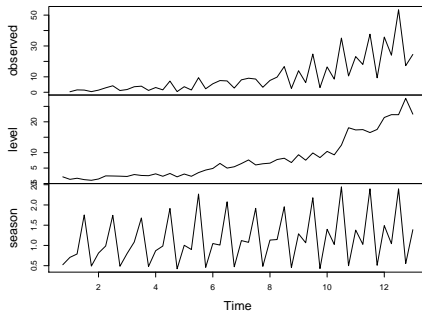
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> robets(x)
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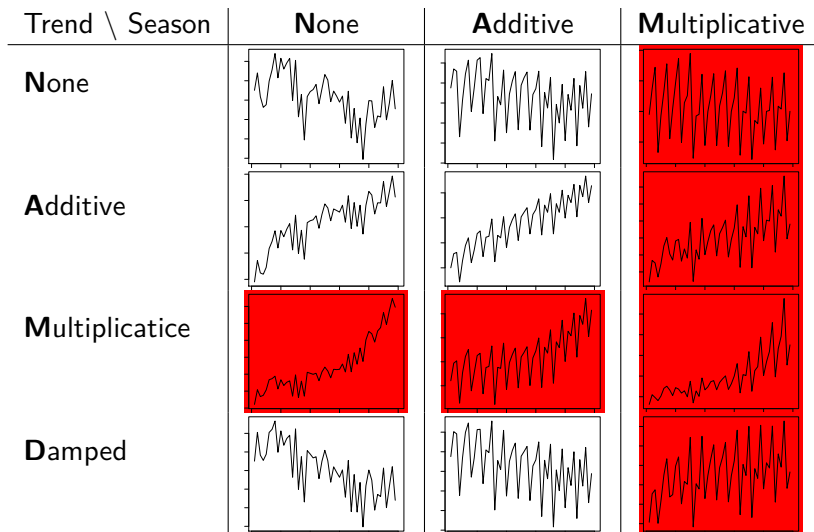
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- 1 Outlier cleaning based on state space model
- 2 Parameter estimation by optimization of robustified likelihood:  
Robust scale instead of sum of squared residuals
- 3 Model selection by robustified AIC criterion

Decomposition by ROBETS(M,N,M) method

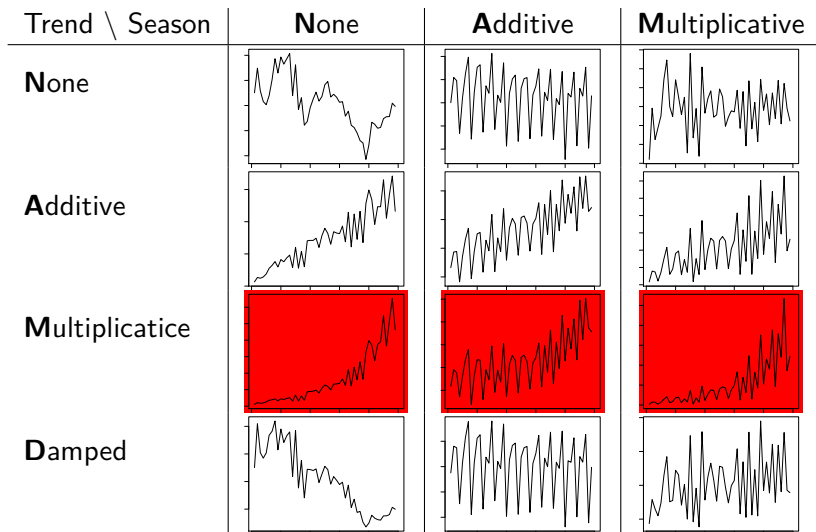


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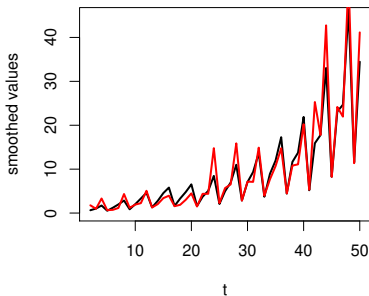
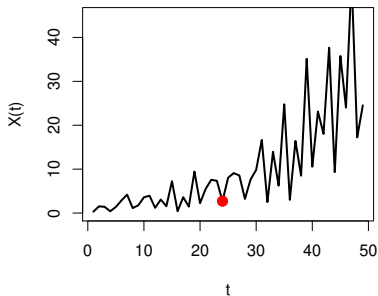




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# Sensitivity of smoothing



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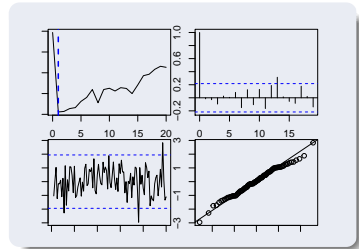
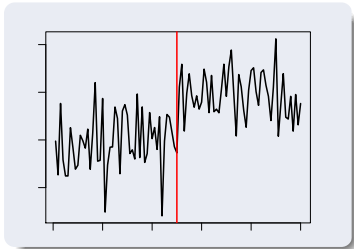
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- 1 Calculate the ACF of the stock prices of SAP (SAP2.Rdata) robustly and by the empirical ACF. consider the raw prices and the log returns defined by  $(\tilde{X}_t)_{t=2,\dots,n}$  defined by  $\tilde{X}_t = \log(X_t) - \log(X_{t-1})$ .
- 2 Determine the frequency of the guitar string (guitar2.Rdata)! (Which string is played and is it tuned correctly?)
- 3 Smooth the NO2 values (NO2Krefeld.Rdata) robustly and non robustly. Decide for a reasonable period length (and specify it by the freq argument in the ts-object)
- 4 *additional*: Investigate the influence of block outliers in the estimation of the ACF. Start with a time series of iid random variables and add an increasing value to 5 consecutive observations.

Note: install `robts` (after installing dependencies: `robustbase`, `rrcov`, `SpatialNP`, `ICSNP`, `sscor`, `quantreg`, `ltsa`) by:

```
install.packages("robts", repos="http://R-Forge.R-project.org")
```

# Modelling



Assume:  $(X_i)_{i \in \mathbb{N}}$

Test for change in mean

$$H_0 : \mathbb{E}(X_1) = \dots = \mathbb{E}(X_n)$$

against

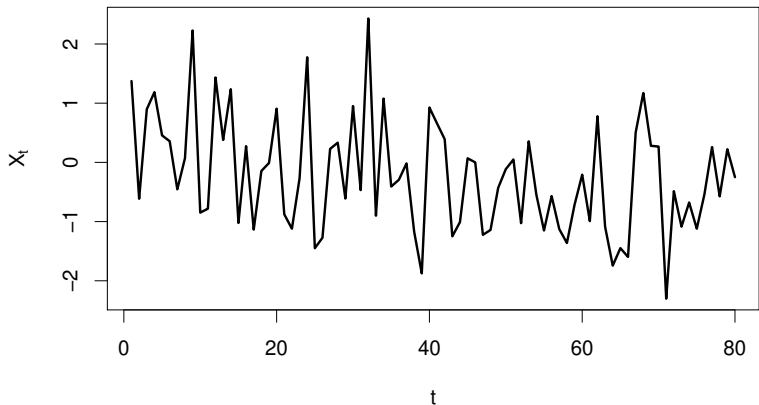
$$H_1 : \exists k : \mathbb{E}(X_{k-1}) \neq \mathbb{E}(X_k)$$

Estimate also time of change

# Example: change in location

Simulated example:

$$X_t \sim \begin{cases} N(0, 1) & 1 \leq t \leq 40 \\ N(-1, 1) & 41 \leq t \leq 80 \end{cases}$$

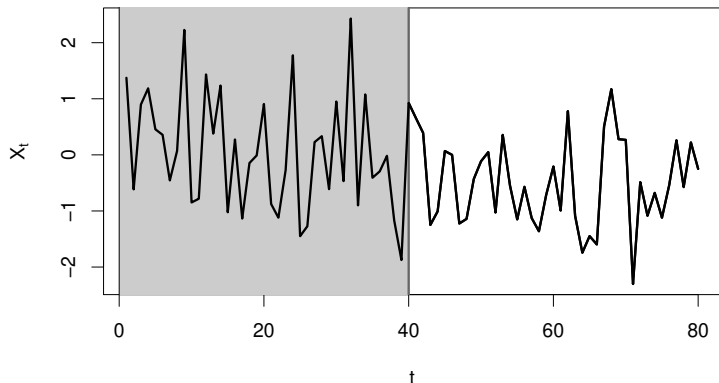


Time series with jump in  $k = 41$

# Time of change known

2 sample t-test:

$$\sqrt{\frac{k(T-k)}{T}} \left( \frac{\bar{X}_{[1:40]} - \bar{X}_{[41:80]}}{\hat{\sigma}} \right) \sim N(0, 1)$$

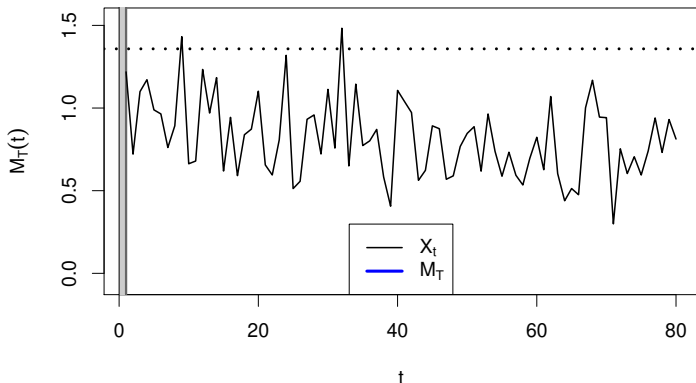




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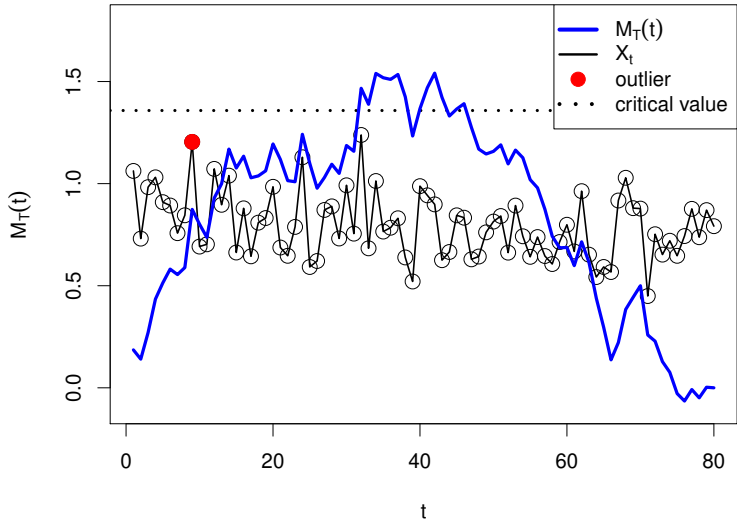
$$M_T(t) = \frac{t(T-t)}{T^{3/2}\hat{\sigma}} (\bar{X}_{[1:t]} - \bar{X}_{[(t+1:T)]}) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{T}\hat{\sigma}} \left( \sum_{k=1}^t X_k - \frac{t}{T} \sum_{k=1}^T X_k \right)$$



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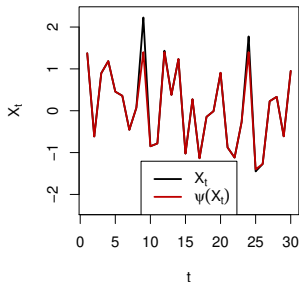
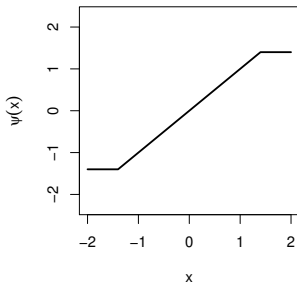


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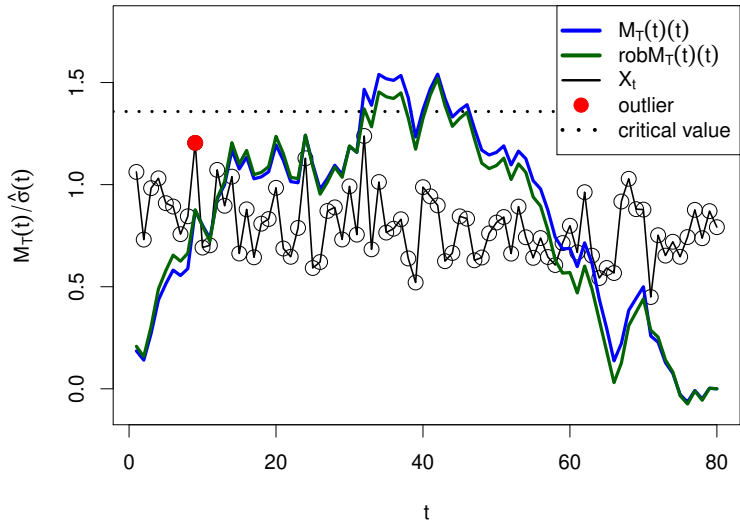
Intuitive solution to bound the influence of one observation:  
Transform values by a bounded function e.g:

$$\psi_H(x) = \begin{cases} x & |x| \leq k \\ -k & x < -k \\ k & x > k \end{cases}$$



Possible  $\psi$ -function (left) and transformed time series (right)

# Robust cusum statistic with one outlier



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$$S_T = \sup_{x \in [0,1]} \frac{1}{\sqrt{T} \hat{\sigma}} \left| \sum_{i=1}^{\lfloor Tx \rfloor} \psi \left( \frac{X_i - \hat{\mu}}{\hat{\nu}} \right) - \frac{\lfloor Tx \rfloor}{T} \sum_{i=1}^T \psi \left( \frac{X_i - \hat{\mu}}{\hat{\nu}} \right) \right|$$

where

- $\psi : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is bounded
- $\hat{\mu}$  is a location estimator, e.g. median
- $\hat{\nu}$  is a scale estimator, e.g. MAD
- $\hat{\sigma}^2$  estimator for long run variance



- Non-robust Cusum-test

```
robcp
```

```
> cusumstat <- CUSUM(x)
> pKSdist(cusumstat)
```

- Location based on Hodges Lehmann (Dehling et al., 2020) [not to large  $n!$ ]

```
robcp
```

```
> hl_test(x)
```

- Huberized test for change in location respectively variance (Dürre and Fried, 2019)

```
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```
> huber_cusum(x, fun="HLm")
> huber_cusum(x, fun="HCm")
```

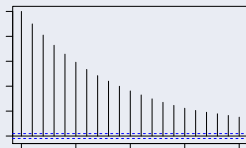
## ARMA Model

for  $p, q \geq 0$  :

$$X_t = \pi_1 X_{t-1} + \dots + \pi_p X_{t-p} + \epsilon_t + \theta_1 \epsilon_{t-1} + \dots + \theta_q \epsilon_{t-q}$$

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3 step procedure of Hannan and Rissanen (1982):

- 1 Fit AR model of large order  $p_0$  by Yule-Walker equations ( $\hat{\rho} \rightarrow \hat{\pi}$ )
- 2 Estimate parameter by

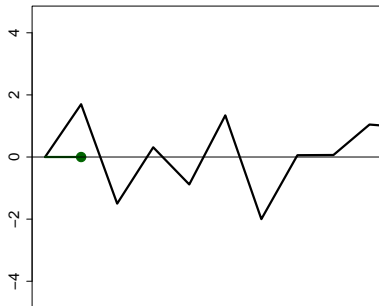
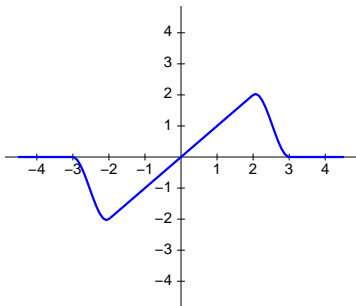
$$\tilde{\sigma}_{p,q}^2 = \inf \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=p_0+\max(p,q)}^n \left( X_i - \sum_{j=1}^p \pi_j X_{i-j} - \sum_{j=1}^q \theta_j \hat{\epsilon}_{i-j} \right)^2$$

where  $(\hat{\epsilon}_i)_{i=p_0}^n$  are estimated from the initial AR fit

- 3 Choose  $p, q$  by minimizing an aic criterion based on  $\tilde{\sigma}_{p,q}$
- 4 Update parameter estimations with new estimated residuals

For given AR model with  $\pi_1, \dots, \pi_p$  calculate iteratively:

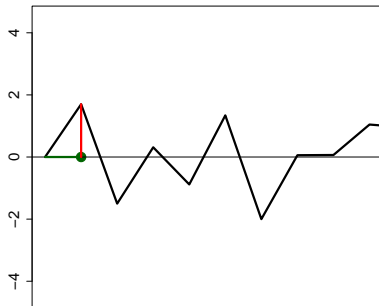
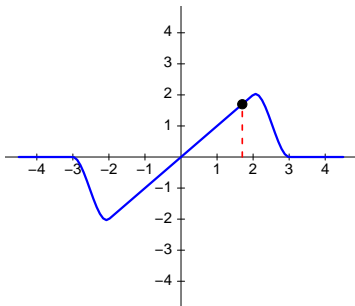
- prediction  $\hat{X}_t$  based on filtered values  $Y_{t-1}, \dots, Y_{t-p}$
- residual  $\epsilon_t = X_t - \hat{X}_t$
- filtered value  $Y_t = \hat{X}_t + \psi(\epsilon_t)$



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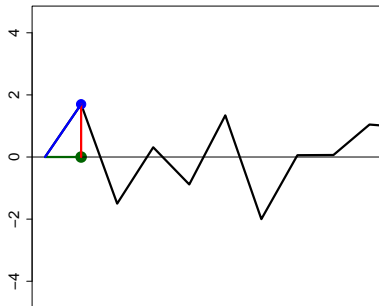
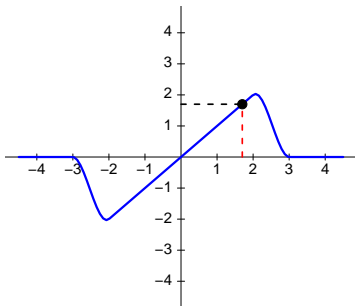
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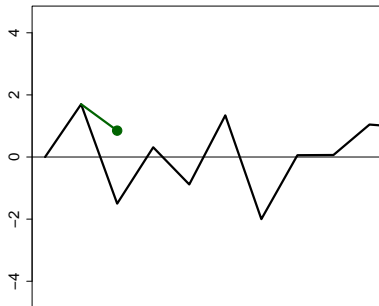
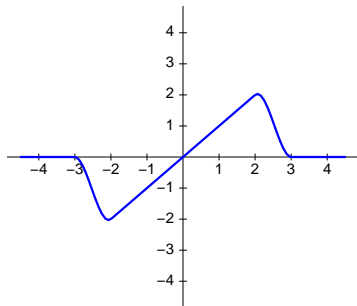
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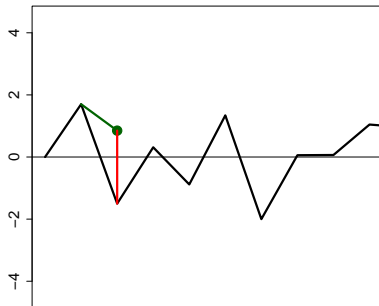
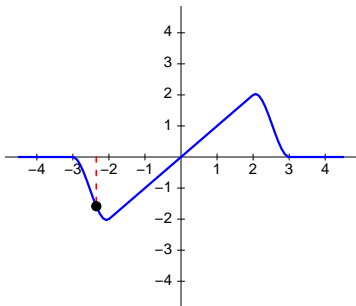


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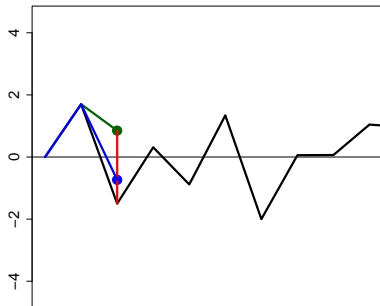
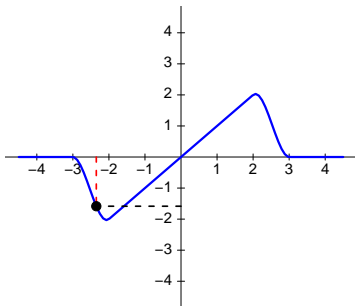
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Since AR model is unknown:

- 1 Minimize robust BIC with respect to AR parameter  $\pi_1, \dots, \pi_{p_0}$  to find initial AR process

$$\log(\hat{\sigma}_{\pi_1, \dots, \pi_{p_0}}^2(\epsilon_{p_0}, \dots, \epsilon_n)) + \frac{\log(n)p}{n}$$

- 2 Estimate  $\pi$  and  $\theta$  by robustified likelihood

$$\tilde{\sigma}_{p,q}^2 = \inf \hat{\sigma}^2(\hat{\epsilon}_{p_0 + \max(p,q)}, \dots, \hat{\epsilon}_n)$$

where  $\hat{\epsilon}_i = X_i - \sum_{j=1}^p \pi_j X_{i-j} - \dots - \sum_{j=1}^q \theta_j \epsilon_{i-j}$

- 3 Choose  $p, q$  by robustified aic criterion based on  $\tilde{\sigma}_{p,q}^2$ .

- Classical ARMA estimation

tseries

```
> arma(x)
```

- Robustified estimation of AR models

robts

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> arrob(x)
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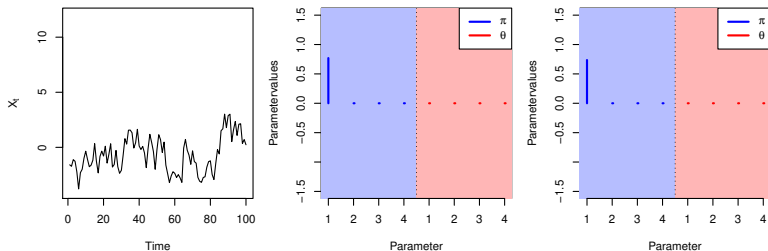
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> armarob(x, arorder=maxp, maorder=maxq, aic=TRUE,  
  aicpenalty=function(p) return(p*log(length(x))))
```

- robustified estimation of ARIMA models

robstarima

```
> dat <- data.frame(1:n, x)  
> rob.arima(dat, x~1, p=p, q=q)
```

# Sensitivity of ARMA estimation



AR(1) with  $\pi = 0.8$  and one outlier (left), parameters of non robustly estimated ARMA (center) and parameters of robustly estimated ARMA (right). Parameters of AR part in blue and parameters of MA part in red.

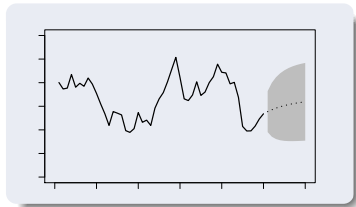
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- 2 Fit an ARMA model to the yearly sunhours of Chemnitz robustly, try also conventional fits of order (1,0),(0,1) an (1,1).



# Forecasting



- Using the state space model of smoothing approach (?)

## forecast

```
> modelfit <- ets(x)
> predict(modelfit,n.ahead=preptime)
```

- Using the ARMA fit

## stats

```
> armafit <- arima(x,c(p,0,q))
> predict(armafit,n.ahead=preptime)
```

- Using the state space model of smoothing approach (Crevits and Croux, 2017)

## robets

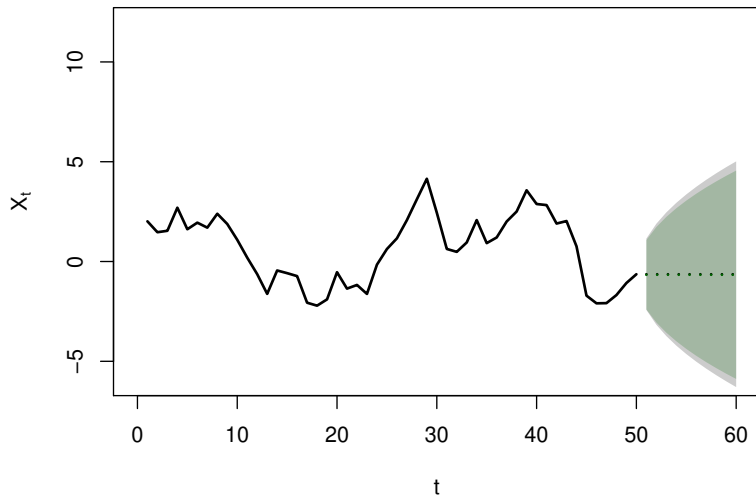
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# Sensitivity of forecasting by smoothing



Forecast of an AR(1) times series with parameter  $\pi = 0.9$  with one outlier. Non robust forecast with ets (black) and robust forecast with robets (darkgreen).

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