

Economics 706 Prelim
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Do all questions, providing detail and discussion as appropriate.
WRITE CAREFULLY AND CLEARLY. Good luck!

Suppose that the series y_t follows a univariate I(0) third-order autoregression with Gaussian innovations. One autoregressive root is real and the other two are a complex conjugate pair with modulus greater than one.

1. Describe in detail how you would perform and interpret exact time-domain MLE using a state-space representation and the Kalman filter specialized to the stated data-generating process. How would your answer change if the process were I(1)?
2. Describe in detail how you would perform exact Bayesian posterior analysis using conjugate priors and a Gibbs sampler specialized to the stated data-generating process. How would your answer change if the process were I(1)?
3. Compare and contrast the mechanics and merits of the two approaches. How would your answer change if the process were I(1)?