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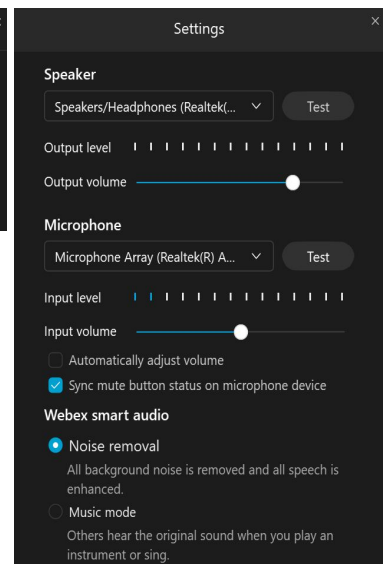
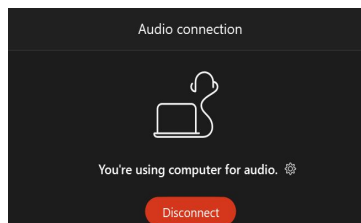
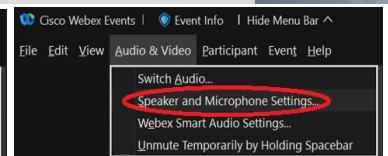
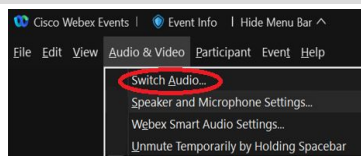
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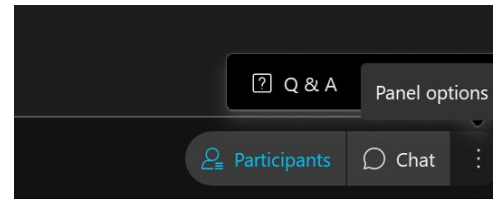
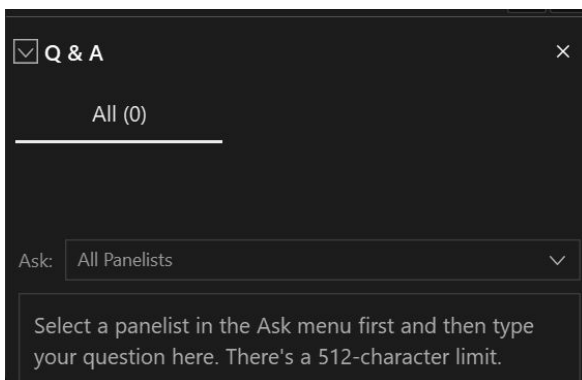
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# Introduction to statistical modelling of dynamical systems

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## Overview

- 1 Statistical modelling
- 2 Time series analysis
- 3 Model validation
- 4 White noise and autocorrelation function
- 5 Discrete time models
- 6 Continuous time models (grey-box)
- 7 Maximum likelihood parameter estimation
- 8 Model selection (the hardest part!)

# Data analysis and statistics

## Statistical inference

- "Everything should be made as simple as possible, but not simpler" (Einstein)
- **Which model?** and **how complex** should it be? **Depends on data!**
- Statistics provide the techniques to:
  - **Estimate model parameters** and their uncertainties
  - Verify and argue that you have found the best model (or rather there is not one best model, so we call it a **suitable model**)

*We can: Extract information and draw conclusions from data*

*We can: Train models for prediction and use them as basis for optimization*

# Time series analysis

## Statistical modeling of dynamical systems

- Called time series analysis
- Tons of literature (and software):
  - Wiener, N. (1949). *Extrapolation, Interpolation, and Smoothing of Stationary Time Series*. The MIT Press
  - Box, G., Jenkins, G. (1976). *Time series analysis: forecasting and control*
  - ...
- Used in any thinkable application!

# Time series models

General types of models (*can all be tweaked!*):

- Static model *no dynamics*
- ARMAX, *discrete models* based on transfer functions
- Grey-box, *continuous time models*, combination of physics and statistics (stochastic differential equations (SDEs))

*Static model (linear function)*

$$\text{Measurements} = \text{Function}(\text{Inputs}) + \text{Error}$$

*Discrete ARX model (Auto-Regressive with eXogenous input)*

$$\text{Measurements} = \text{TransferFun}(\text{Inputs}) + \text{Error}$$

*Discrete ARMAX model (Auto-Regressive Moving Average with eXogenous input)*

## Statistical model validation: examine the residuals

Residuals from a *simple linear regression model*

$$Y_t = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_t + \varepsilon_t$$

$$y_t = \hat{\beta}_0 + \hat{\beta}_1 x_t + \hat{\varepsilon}_t$$

$$y_t = \hat{y}_t + \hat{\varepsilon}_t$$

$$\hat{\varepsilon}_t = y_t - \hat{y}_t$$

$$\text{Residual}_t = \text{Observation}_t - \text{Prediction}_t$$

Two assumptions:

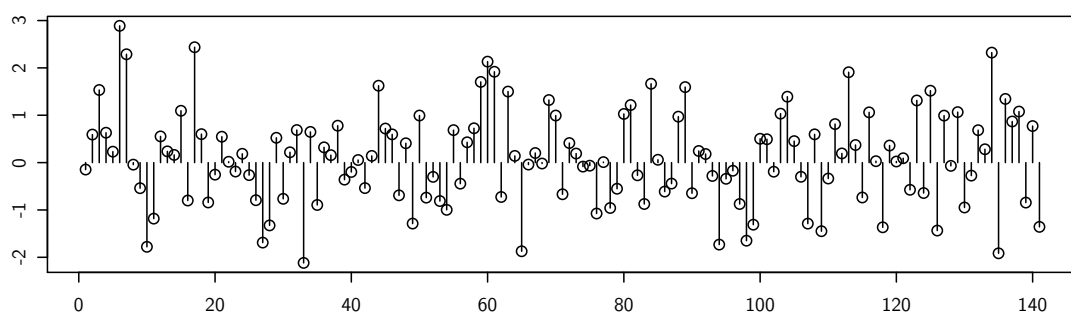
- 1 The error is normal distributed:  $\varepsilon_t \sim N(0, \sigma^2)$  (less important with many obs.)
- 2 The error is *independent and identically distributed* (i.i.d.):
  - Check  $\hat{\varepsilon}_t$  is not dependent on other variables
  - Check  $\hat{\varepsilon}_t$  is not dependent on  $\hat{\varepsilon}_{t-k}$  for any  $k$

Do you know about:

- White noise?
- AutoCorrelation Function (ACF)?

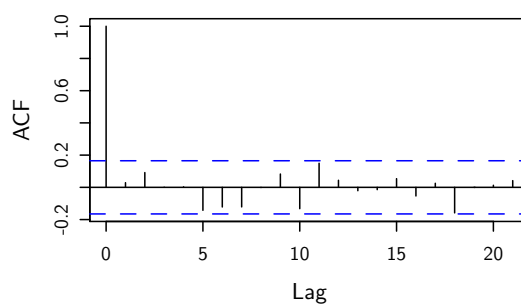
## ACF of white noise

```
## Plot  
x <- rnorm(141)  
plot(x, type="n", xlab="Time", ylab="")  
points(x)  
lines(x, type='h')
```



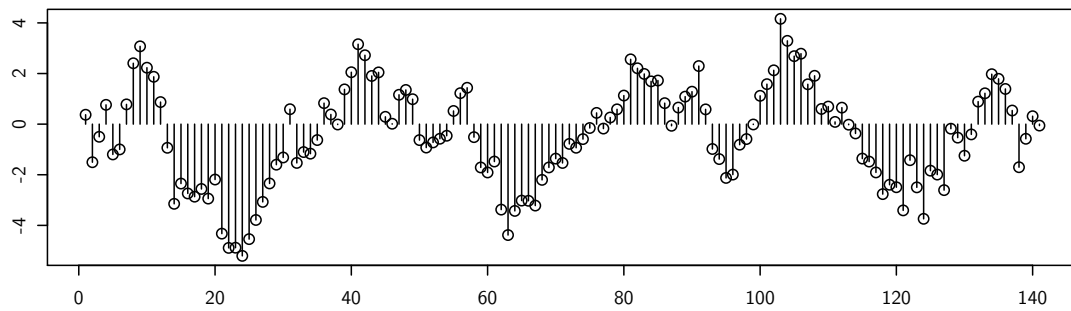
The ACF:

```
## Autocorrelation function  
acf(x)
```



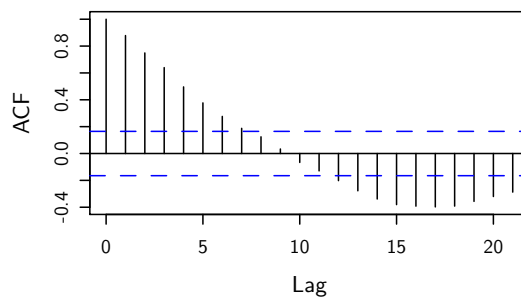
## ACF of non-white noise

```
## Plot
x <- filter(rnorm(141), 0.9, "recursive")
plot(x, type="n", xlab="Time", ylab="")
points(x)
lines(x, type='h')
```



The ACF:

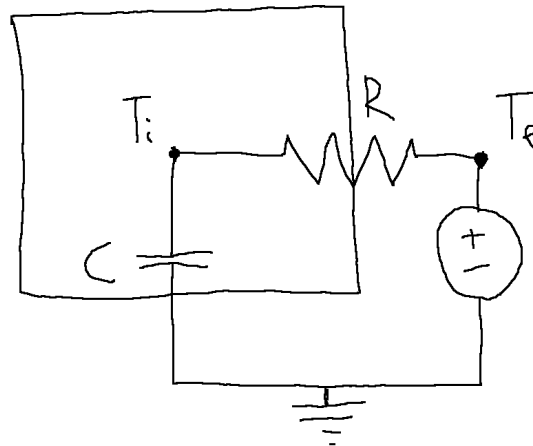
```
## Autocorrelation function
acf(x)
```



## We want white noise!

- We fit the model and then analyze the residuals
- If they are *not* white noise, then we can still improve the model!

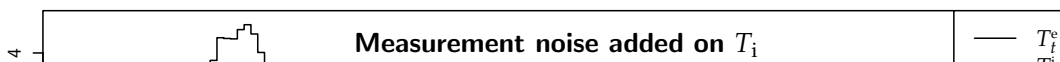
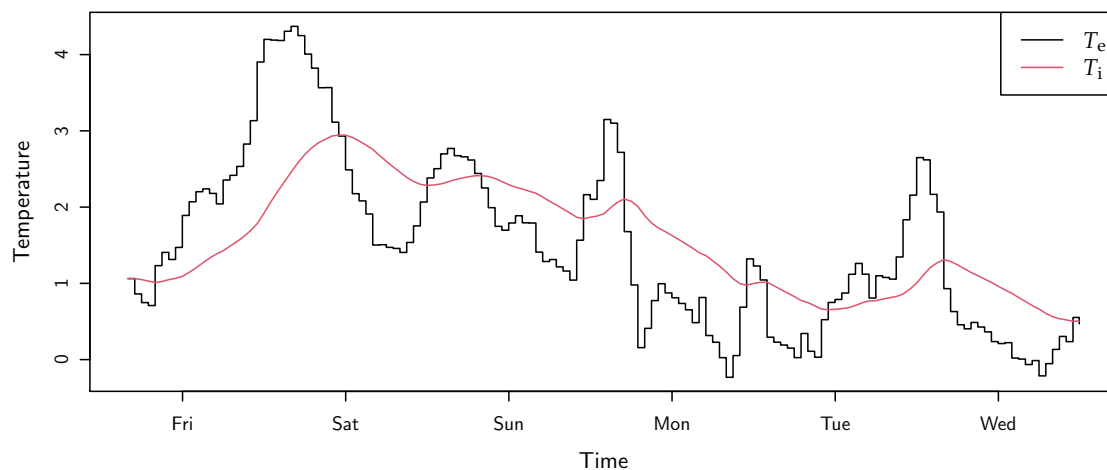
# Simplest first order RC-system



# Simplest RC-system

- $T_i^e$  external and  $T_i^i$  internal temperature at time  $t = [1, 2, \dots, n]$
- ODE model

$$\frac{dT_i}{dt} = \frac{1}{RC}(T_e - T_i)$$

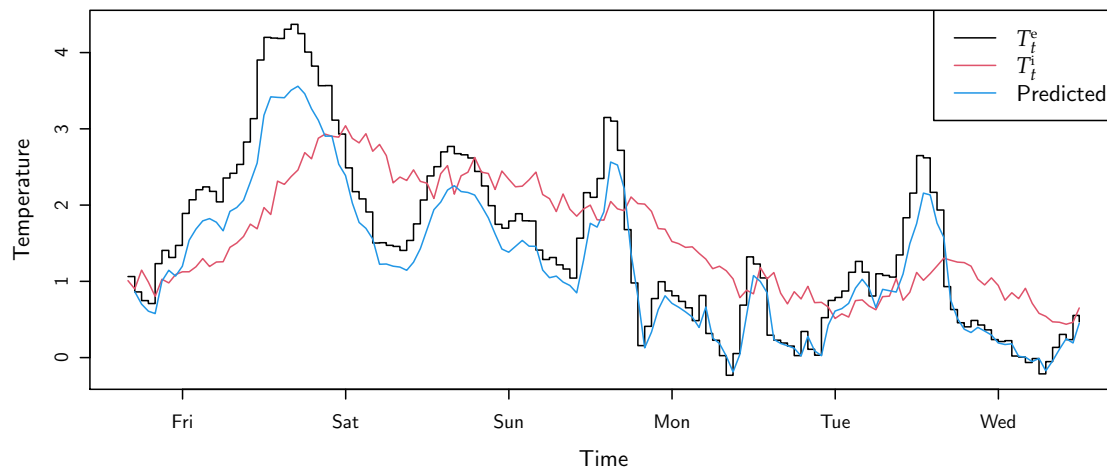




## Try a static model

- A simple linear regression model ( $\varepsilon_t$  is the error)
- Not describing dynamics

$$T_t^i = \omega_e T_t^e + \varepsilon_t$$

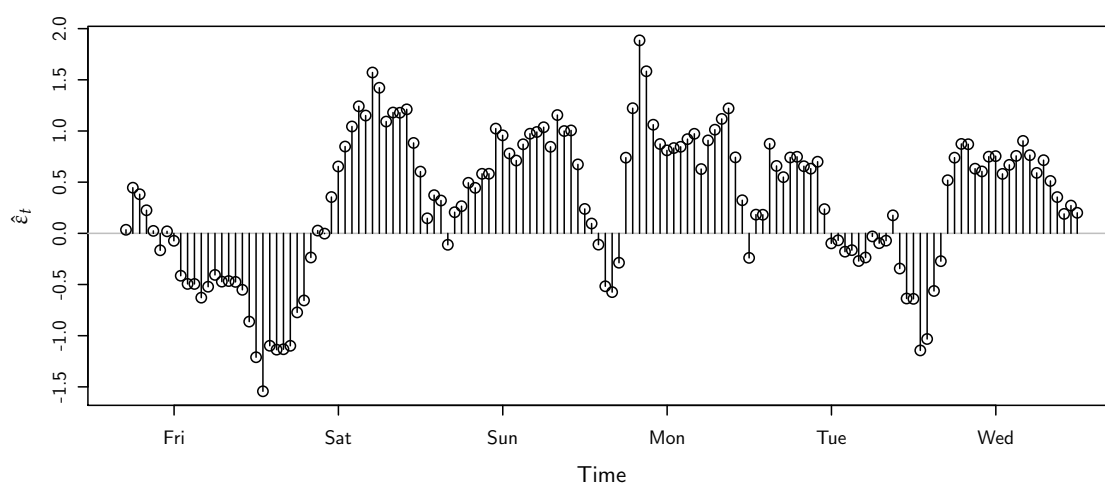


## Model validation: check i.i.d. of residuals

Are residuals like white noise?

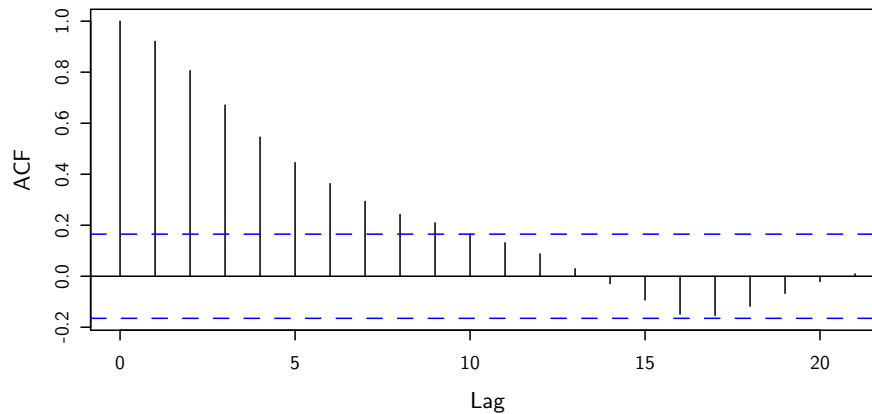
- Check if they are *independent and identically distributed*
- Is  $\hat{\varepsilon}_t$  independent of  $\hat{\varepsilon}_{t-k}$  for all  $t$  and  $k$ ?

Nope! There is a pattern left...



# Model validation: Test for i.i.d. with ACF

TEST if residuals independent of each other using the *Auto Correlation Function*?



It's not white noise! How do we find a better model?

Discretize the ODE

$$\frac{dT_i}{dt} = \frac{1}{RC}(T_e - T_i)$$

It has the solution

$$T_i(t + \Delta t) = T_e(t) + e^{-\frac{\Delta t}{RC}}(T_i(t) - T_e(t))$$

if  $\Delta t = 1$  and  $T_e$  is constant between the sample points then

$$T_{t+1}^i = e^{-\frac{1}{RC}} T_t^i + (1 - e^{-\frac{1}{RC}}) T_t^e$$

since  $e^{-\frac{1}{RC}}$  is between 0 and 1, then write it as

$$T_{t+1}^i = \phi_1 T_t^i + \omega_1 T_t^e$$

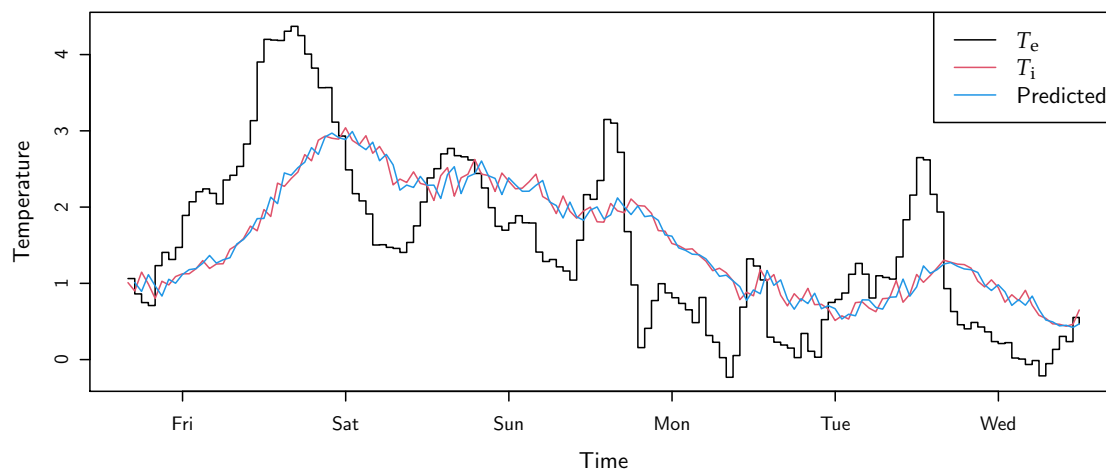
where  $\phi_1$  and  $\omega_1$  are between 0 and 1.

Add a noise term and we have the ARX model

$$T_{t+1}^i = \phi_1 T_t^i + \omega_1 T_t^e + \varepsilon_{t+1} T_t^i = \phi_1 T_{t-1}^i + \omega_1 T_{t-1}^e + \varepsilon_t$$

## An ARX model

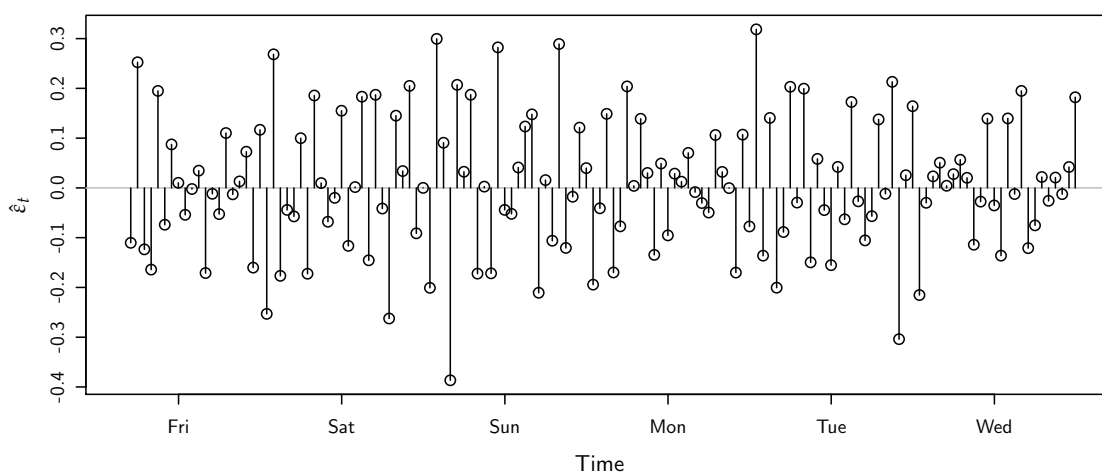
$$T_t^i = \phi_1 T_{t-1}^i + \omega_1 T_{t-1}^e + \varepsilon_t$$



## ARX model

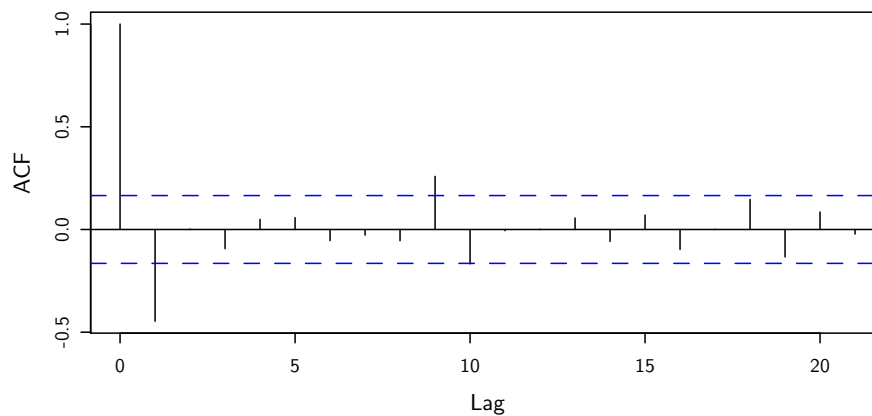
## The residuals

$$\hat{\varepsilon}_t = T_t^i - \frac{\hat{\omega}_1 \mathbf{B}}{1 - \hat{\phi}_1 \mathbf{B}} T_t^e$$



# Check for i.i.d. of residuals

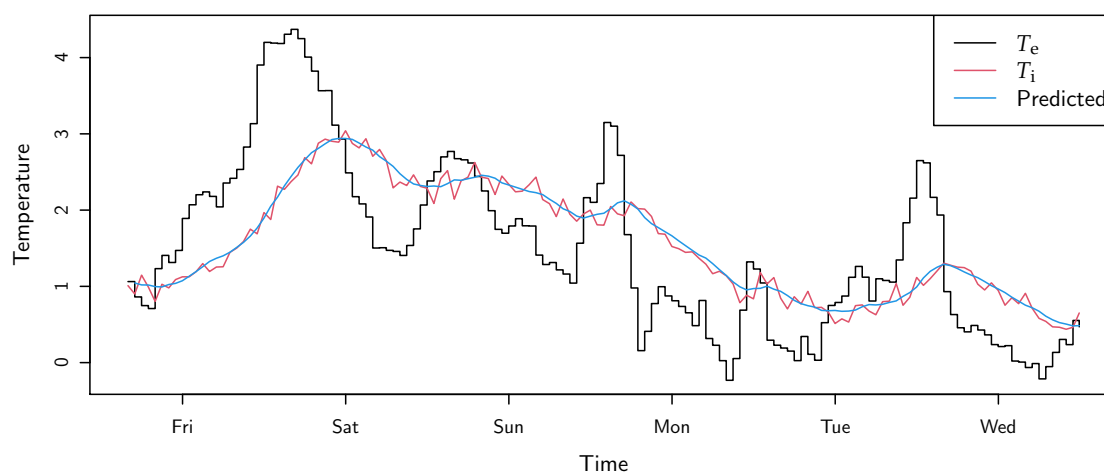
Is it likely that this is white noise? Almost!



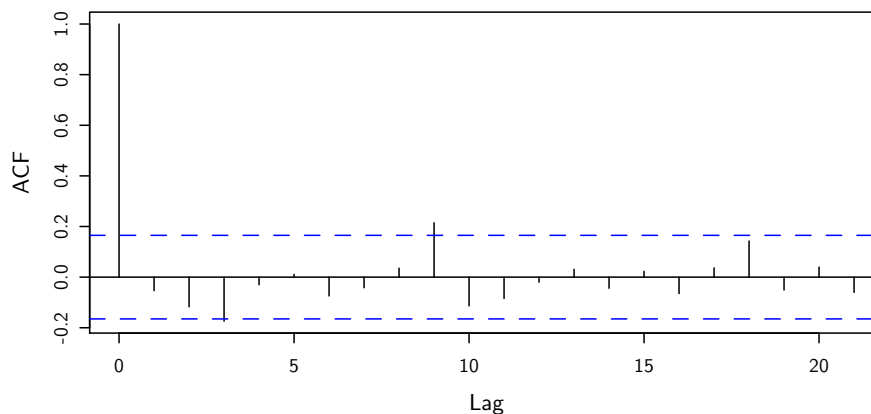
Actually we miss an MA part!

An ARMAX model

$$T_t^i = \phi_1 T_{t-1}^i + \omega_1 T_t^e + \varepsilon_t + \theta_1 \varepsilon_{t-1}$$



## Validate the model with the residuals ACF



Now we have *white noise residuals*, that is what we want to have after applying the model!

Note that we are validating the *one-step prediction* residuals:  $\hat{\varepsilon}_{t+1} = y_{t+1} - \hat{y}_{t+1|t}$   
 $\hat{\varepsilon}_t = y_t - \hat{y}_{t|t-1}$

## Auto-regressive (AR) model

AR model of order 1

$$Y_t = \phi_1 Y_{t-1} + \varepsilon_t$$

ARX model of order 1

$$Y_t = \phi_1 Y_{t-1} + \omega_1 X_{t-1} + \varepsilon_t$$

ARMAX model of order 1

$$Y_t = \phi_1 Y_{t-1} + \omega_1 X_{t-1} + \varepsilon_t + \theta_1 \varepsilon_{t-1}$$

where  $\varepsilon_t \sim N(0, \sigma^2)$  and i.i.d.

Use either  $X$  or  $U$  as the input (just a variable name in the generalized form).

## Discrete linear time series models

AR model of order  $p$

$$Y_t = \phi_1 Y_{t-1} + \phi_2 Y_{t-2} + \dots + \phi_p Y_{t-p} + \varepsilon_t$$

ARX model of order  $p$

$$Y_t = \phi_1 Y_{t-1} + \dots + \phi_p Y_{t-p} + \omega_1 X_{t-1} + \dots + \omega_p X_{t-p} + \varepsilon_t$$

ARMAX model of order  $p$

$$Y_t = \phi_1 Y_{t-1} + \dots + \phi_p Y_{t-p} + \omega_1 X_{t-1} + \dots + \omega_p X_{t-p} + \varepsilon_t + \theta_1 \varepsilon_{t-1} + \dots + \theta_p \varepsilon_{t-p}$$

where  $\varepsilon_t \sim N(0, \sigma^2)$  and i.i.d.

Doesn't need to have same order  $p$  for the AR, X and MA parts.

## Discrete linear time series models

AR model

$$\phi(B)Y_t = \varepsilon_t$$

ARX model

$$\phi(B)Y_t = \omega(B)X_t + \varepsilon_t$$

ARMAX model

$$\phi(B)Y_t = \omega(B)X_t + \theta(B)\varepsilon_t$$

- $\varepsilon_t \sim N(0, \sigma^2)$  and i.i.d.
- $B$  is the back-shift operator  $B^k Y_t = Y_{t-k}$
- $\phi(B) = 1 + \phi_1 B + \phi_2 B^2 + \dots + \phi_p B^p$
- $\omega(B) = \omega_1 B + \omega_2 B^2 + \dots + \omega_p B^p$
- $\theta(B) = 1 + \theta_1 B + \theta_2 B^2 + \dots + \theta_q B^q$

## Discrete linear time series models

On transfer function form

ARMAX model

$$Y_t = \frac{\omega(B)}{\phi(B)} X_t + \frac{\theta(B)}{\phi(B)} \varepsilon_t$$
$$\Leftrightarrow$$
$$Y_t = H_\omega(B) X_t + H_\theta(B) \varepsilon_t$$

where  $H_\omega(B)$  and  $H_\theta(B)$  are a transfer functions

## How to estimate parameters in discrete TS models

Fit (in R)

- ARX models with linear regression (closed form optimization, always give the optimum, in R `lm()`)
- ARMA in R is in `arima()`
- ARMAX in R can be fitted with the `marima` and several other packages

And we can tweak and also make non-linear discrete models in many ways!

## Continuous time series models

# Introduction to grey-box modelling and **ctsmr**

## ctsmr

Continuous Time Stochastic Modelling in R

**more correctly**

Continuous-Discrete Time Stochastic Modelling in R



# Grey-box modelling

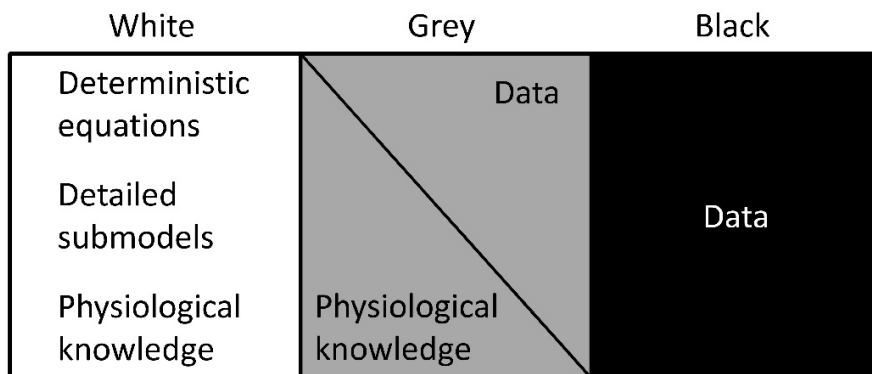


Figure: Ak et al. 2012

Bridges the gap between physical and statistical modelling.  
THERE is a manual on [ctsm.info](http://ctsm.info)

# The model class

ctsmr implements a state space model with:

Continuous time stochastic differential system equations (SDE)

$$dX_t = f(X_t, U_t, t, \theta)dt + g(X_t, U_t, t, \theta)dB_t$$

Discrete time measurement equations

$$Y_k = h(X_{t_k}, u_{t_k}, t, \theta) + e_k, \quad e_k \in N(0, S(u_{t_k}, t_k, \theta))$$

- Underlying physics (system, states) modelled using continuous SDEs.
- Some (or all) states are observed in discrete time.

## Write up the physical model!

This is easier to work with (if you know the physics behind the system)!

The ODE

$$\frac{dT_i}{dt} = \frac{1}{RC}(T_e - T_i)$$

Just needs a diffusion term to make into the *system equation*

$$dT_i = \overset{\text{state}}{\frac{1}{RC}}(T_e - T_i)dt + \overset{\text{drift term}}{\sigma_1}d\omega \quad \overset{\text{diffusion term}}{\sigma_1}d\omega$$

and together with the *measurement equation*

$$Y_{T_i,k} = \overset{\text{observation}}{T_i,t_k} + \overset{\text{state}}{e_k} \quad \overset{\text{error}}{e_k} \in N(0, \sigma) \text{ and i.i.d.}$$

it forms a *grey-box model*.

## Wuuups

This particular models are actually unidentifiable!!

$R$  and  $C$  cannot be separated (change one, then the other accordingly and the model prediction is equal (same goes for  $\phi_1$  and  $\omega_1$ ))

The time constant  $RC = \tau$  is used instead

$$dT_i = \frac{1}{RC\tau}(T_e - T_i)dt + \sigma_1d\omega$$

## Define a GB model

Install the `ctsm-r` package from `ctsm.info`.

Define the model:

```
## Generate a new object of class ctsm
model <- ctsm$new()
## Add a system equation and thereby also a state
model$addSystem(dTi ~ ( 1/tau*(Te-Ti) )*dt + exp(p11)*dw1)
## Set the names of the inputs
model$addInput(Te)
## Set the observation equation: Ti is the state, yTi is the measured output
model$addObs(yTi ~ Ti)
## Set the variance of the measurement error
model$setVariance(yTi ~ exp(e11))
```

## Fit the model

Set initial values and bounds for the estimation:

```
## Set the initial value (for the optimization) of the value of the state at the starting time point
model$setParameter( Ti = c(init=5 ,lb=-5 ,ub=20 ) )
## Set the initial value for the optimization
model$setParameter( tau = c(init=10 ,lb=1E-2 ,ub=200 ) )
model$setParameter( p11 = c(init=0.01 ,lb=-30 ,ub=10 ) )
model$setParameter( e11 = c(init=0.01 ,lb=-50 ,ub=10 ) )
```

Run the parameter estimation:

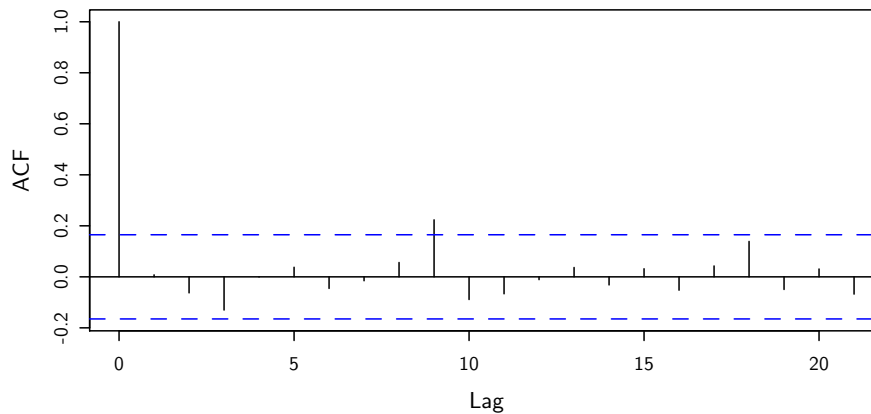
```
fit <- model$estimate(X)
```

## Validate the model

Check the *one-step prediction* residuals:

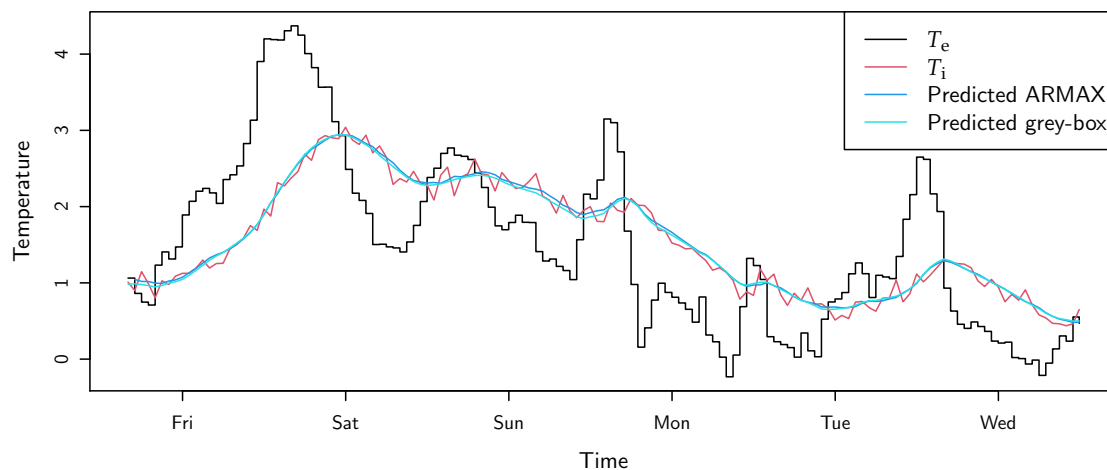
```
# Take the one-step predictions from the fit
val <- predict(fit)[[1]]
# Calculate the residuals
residualsgb <- unlist(X$yTi - val$output$pred)

# The autocorrelation function
acf(residualsgb)
```



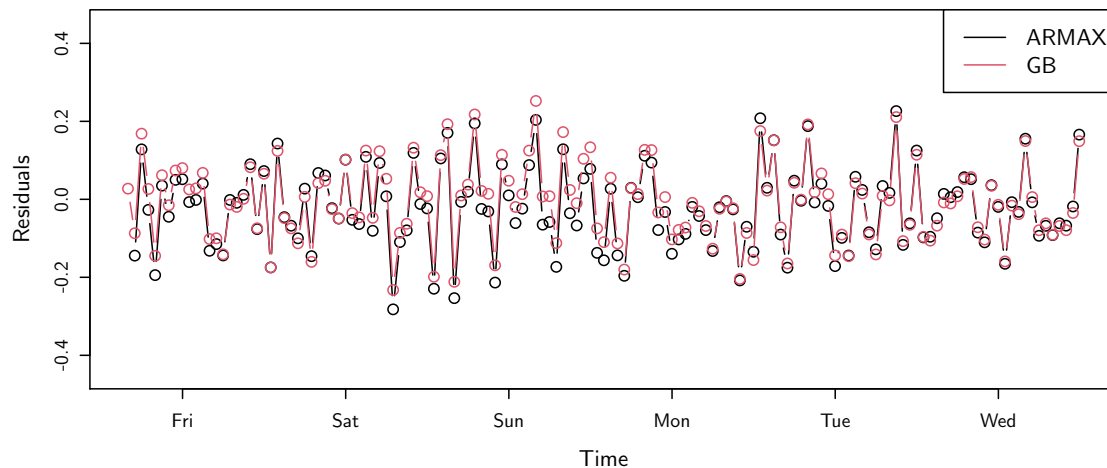
## Discrete ARMAX is equivalent to continuous SDE model

One-step predictions of ARMAX and grey-box are almost equal:



# Discrete ARMAX is equivalent to continuous SDE model!

Plot the ARMAX and GB residuals:



## Parameter estimation with the likelihood

An example, we have:

- A model with two parameters  $Y_i \sim N(\mu, \sigma^2)$
- $n$  observations  $(y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n)$

The likelihood is defined by the joint probability density function (pdf) of the observations

$$L(\mu, \sigma) = p(y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n | \mu, \sigma)$$

Hence, the model defines the pdf as a function of the parameters (the observations are not varying).

Independence of the observations simplifies it to

$$L(\mu, \sigma) = \prod_{i=1}^n p(y_i | \mu, \sigma)$$

# Maximum likelihood estimation

## Maximum likelihood estimation (MLE)

Parameter estimation by maximizing the likelihood function

$$\hat{\theta} = \arg \max_{\theta \in \Theta} (L(\theta))$$

Due to numerical properties we always minimize the negative log-likelihood

$$\hat{\theta} = \arg \min_{\theta \in \Theta} (-\ln(L(\theta)))$$

So in the example  $\theta = (\mu, \sigma)$

# Likelihood for time correlated data

Given a time series of measurements  $\mathcal{Y}_N$

$$\begin{aligned} L(\theta) &= p(\mathcal{Y}_N | \theta) \\ &= p(y_N, y_{N-1}, \dots, y_0 | \theta) \\ &= \left( \prod_{k=1}^N p(y_k | \mathcal{Y}_{k-1}, \theta) \right) p(y_0 | \theta) \end{aligned}$$

Essentially,  $p(y_k | \mathcal{Y}_{k-1}, \theta)$  is the pdf of the one-step ahead prediction

Thus assuming independence of the one-step predictions (so i.i.d. error)

# Likelihood for time correlated data

If Gaussian

$$\hat{y}_{k|k-1} = E[y_k | \mathcal{Y}_{k-1}, \theta]$$

$$P_{k|k-1} = V[y_k | \mathcal{Y}_{k-1}, \theta]$$

$$\varepsilon_k = y_k - \hat{y}_{k|k-1}$$

then the likelihood is

$$L(\theta) = \left( \prod_{k=1}^N \frac{\exp(-\frac{1}{2} \varepsilon_k^T P_{k|k-1}^{-1} \varepsilon_k)}{\sqrt{|P_{k|k-1}|} \sqrt{2\pi}^l} \right)$$

# Kalman filter

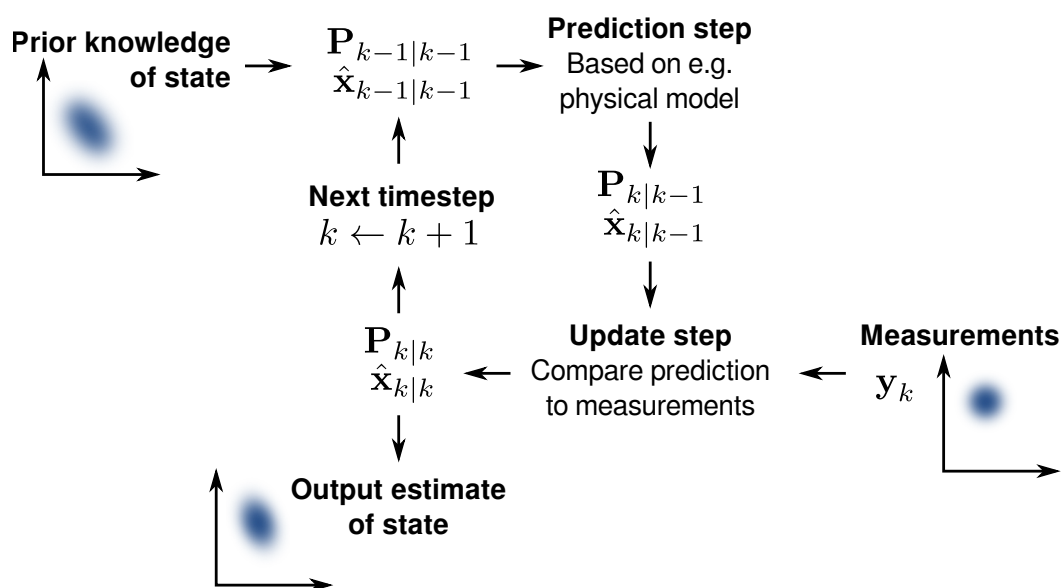


Figure: "Basic concept of Kalman filtering" by Petteri Aimonen. Wikipedia

## Grey-box model MLE

### Steps for maximum likelihood estimation of a grey-box model

- 1 Load data
- 2 Define a model
- 3 Define initial values and parameter bounds
- 4 Run an optimizer to find the parameter values maximizing the likelihood (run the Kalman filter many times)
- 5 Interpret and validate the result:
  - Check the optimizer convergence (e.g. no parameters at bounds)
  - Check estimated values and statistics
  - Validate the model by analyzing residuals

Show an example in R

## Model complexity

### The big question!!

How to select a *suitable* model complexity, neither underfitted nor overfitted! Both which inputs, the structure. Number of parameters increase complexity.

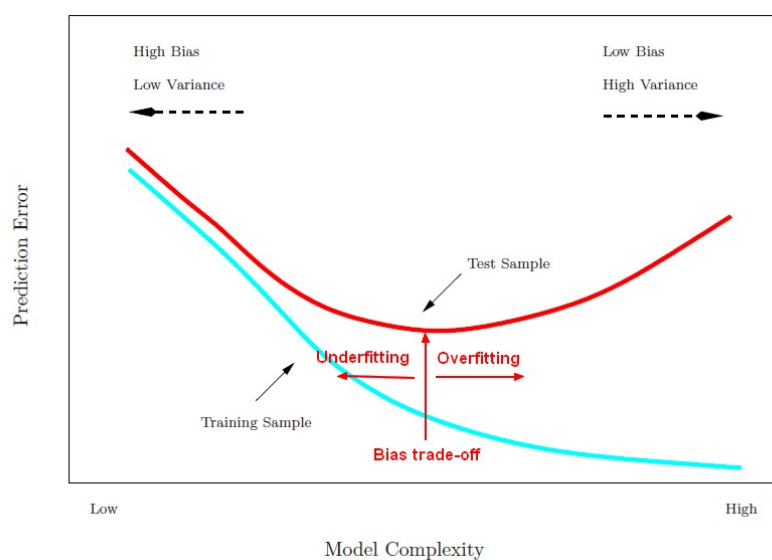


Figure from [https://gerardnico.com/data\\_mining/bias\\_trade-off](https://gerardnico.com/data_mining/bias_trade-off).



## Model selection

The suitable model is a *compromise*:

- Not too complex (overfitted) and not too simple (underfitted).
- Use statistical tests to find out which model is better:
  - Nested models, use e.g. *F*-test or *likelihood ratio-test*
  - Un-nested models, use e.g. AIC or BIC

Different strategies:

- Forward selection: Start with the simplest model and extend step-wise
- Backward selection: Start with the full model and remove terms step-wise

## ctsmr R package

See the website [ctsm.info](https://ctsm.info)

- Installation needs compilers
- Documentation and examples
- Nice tricks
- Literature list with overview of studies where ctsm has been used