

TS Module 13: Parameter estimation least squares HW

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*Homework assignment: Estimating parameters by regression*

An AR(1) process has the following values:

0.44 1.05 0.62 0.72 1.08 1.24 1.42 1.35 1.50

- A. Estimate the parameter  $\phi$  by regression analysis.
- B. What are 95% confidence intervals for the value of  $\phi$ ?
- C. You initially believed that  $\phi$  is 50%. Should you reject this assumption?

The time series course does not teach regression analysis. You are assumed to know how to run a regression analysis, and you must run regressions for the student project.

Use the Excel *REGRESSION* add-in. The 95% confidence interval is the estimated  $\beta \pm$  the  $t$ -value  $\times$  the standard error of  $\beta$ . The  $t$ -value depends on the number of observations. Excel has a built-in function giving the  $t$ -value for a sample of  $N$  observations.