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[B/CS	Bryan and College Station
TAMU	Texas A&M University
HSUS	Humane Society of the United States
P	Pressure
T	Time
FFT	Fast Fourier Transform
TVA	Tennessee Valley Authority
TxDOT	Texas Department of Transportation
O&M	Eller Oceanography and Meteorology Building
L^1	Space of absolutely Lebesgue integrable functions; i.e., $\int f < \infty$
L^2	Space of square-Lebesgue-integrable functions, i.e., $\int f ^2 < \infty$
PC(S)	Space of piecewise-continuous functions on S]

1. INTRODUCTION

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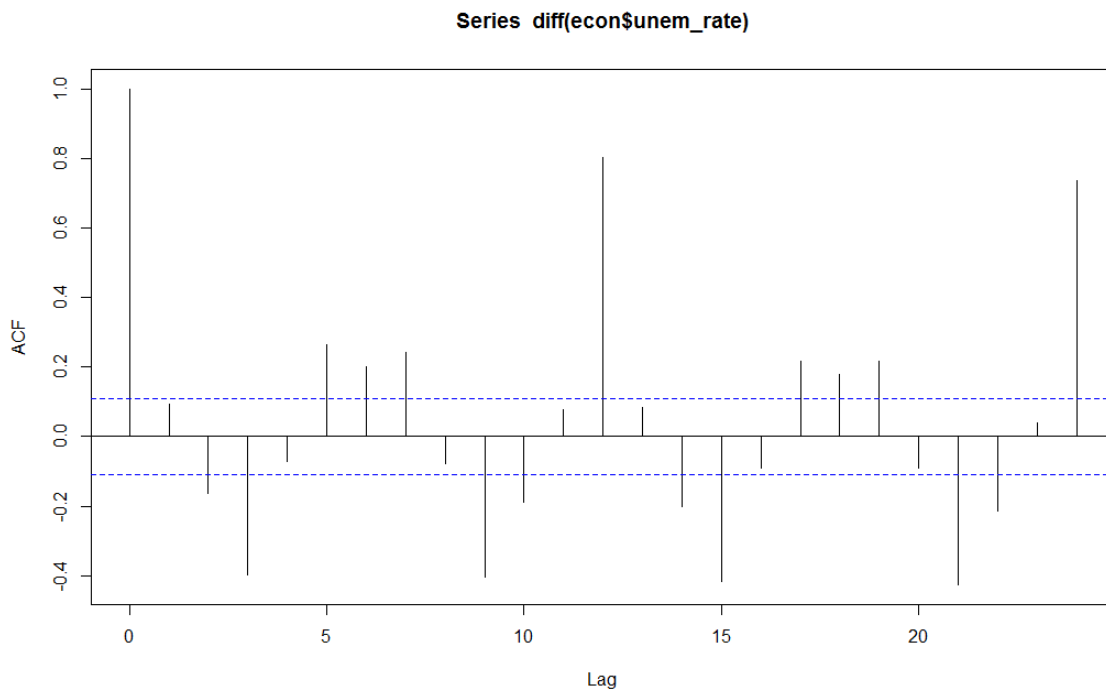


Figure 1: The autocorrelation function (ACF) of the differenced unemployment series. Seasonal adjustments may be needed.

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The following format is used to display equations:

$$y = c_1 \cos(t) + c_2 \sin(t) \tag{1}$$

$$e^{it} = \cos(t) + i \sin(t) \tag{2}$$

Equation 1 is the general solution to the differential equation $y'' + y = 0$. In the source code, the *ref* command allows you to refer to an equation by a label you created. References must be made after the equation has been created; attempting to refer to an equation before it is defined results in a question mark placeholder. Some more sample equations are below. Notice the first set below is not numbered (this is usually done when you are writing a mathematical proof or solution, where a series of equations are used. These equations should not be numbered).

$$\begin{aligned}
\log(x^n) &= \log(x \cdot x \cdot \dots \cdot x) \\
&= \log x + \log x + \dots + \log x \\
&= n \log x
\end{aligned}$$

$$X^T X \mathbf{u} = X^T \mathbf{y} \tag{3}$$

$$u(x, t) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} G(x, \tau) \exp\left(-\frac{(t - \tau)^2}{4kt}\right) d\tau \tag{4}$$

$$\mathcal{L}(f) = \int_0^{\infty} e^{-st} f(t) dt \tag{5}$$

$$\mathcal{F}(f) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{i\omega x} f(x) dx \tag{6}$$

You can use labels to refer to equations you create. Equation 6 is the **Laplace transform** used extensively in differential equations. Equation 3 is the matrix representation of the **normal equations** used in least-squares regression.

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To write pseudocodes, we will use the *algorithm* package. Here is an example of a pseudocode below:

Algorithm 1 An algorithm with caption

Require: $n \geq 0$

Ensure: $y = x^n$

$y \leftarrow 1$

$X \leftarrow x$

$N \leftarrow n$

while $N \neq 0$ **do**

if N is even **then**

$X \leftarrow X \times X$

$N \leftarrow \frac{N}{2}$

else if N is odd **then**

$y \leftarrow y \times X$

$N \leftarrow N - 1$

end if

end while

▷ This is a comment

3. RESULTS

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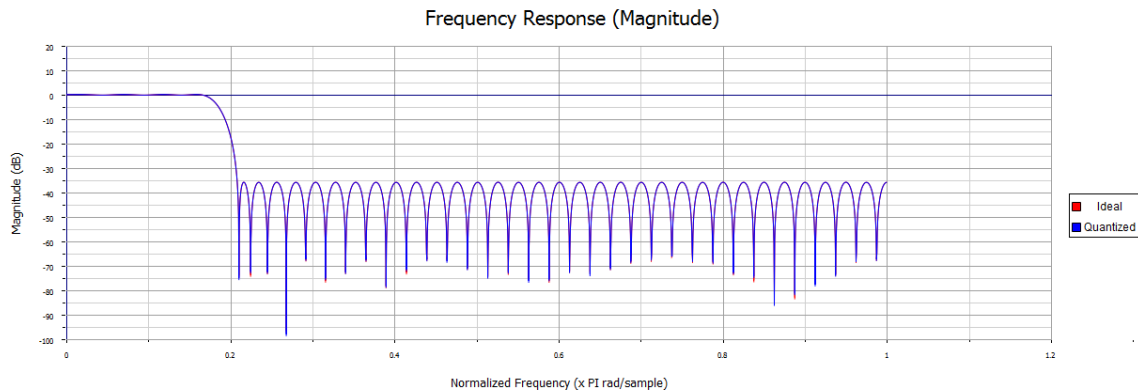


Figure 2: A low pass filter design.

4. CONCLUSION

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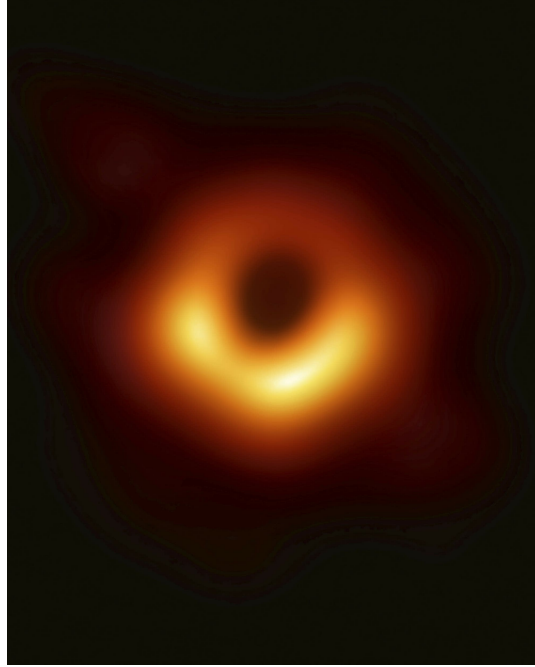


Figure A.1: The first recorded image of a black hole

$$R_{\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{2}g_{\mu\nu} R + g_{\mu\nu}\Lambda = \frac{8\pi G}{c^4}T_{\mu\nu} \quad (\text{A.1})$$