

Q2. Suppose that a stationary time series $\{Y_t\}$, has an autocorrelation of $\rho_k = 0.45^k$ for k > 0.

a) Compute $Var(\overline{Y})$

(Hint: For $|\lambda| < 1$, $\sum_{k=0}^{n} \lambda^k = \frac{1-\lambda^{k+1}}{1-\lambda}$ and $\sum_{k=0}^{n} k \lambda^{k-1} = \frac{d}{d\lambda} [\sum_{k=0}^{n} \lambda^k]$)

b) For large *n*, compare the **precision** of this series with the series $Y_t = \mu + e_t$, where e_t is zero-mean white noise process.