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ARorder.lognorm	<i>Identify the autoregressive orders for a log-normal TAR model given the number of regimes and thresholds.</i>
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**Description**

This function identify the autoregressive orders for a log-normal TAR model given the number of regimes and thresholds.

**Usage**

```
ARorder.lognorm(Z, X, l, r, k_Max = 3, k_Min = 0, n.sim = 500,
  p.burnin = 0.3, n.thin = 1)
```

**Arguments**

Z	The threshold series
X	The series of interest
l	The number of regimes.
r	The vector of thresholds for the series $\{Z_t\}$ .
k_Max	The minimum value for each autoregressive order. The default is 3.
k_Min	The maximum value for each autoregressive order. The default is 0.
n.sim	Number of iteration for the Gibbs Sampler
p.burnin	Percentage of iterations used for burn-in
n.thin	Thinnin factor for the Gibbs Sampler

**Details**

The log-normal TAR model is given by

$$\log X_t = a_0^{(j)} + \sum_{i=1}^{k_j} a_i^{(j)} \log X_{t-i} + h^{(j)} e_t$$

when  $Z_t \in (r_{j-1}, r_j]$  for some  $j$  ( $j = 1, \dots, l$ ). the  $\{Z_t\}$  is the threshold process,  $l$  is the number of regimes,  $k_j$  is the autoregressive order in the regime  $j$ .  $a_i^{(j)}$  with  $i = 0, 1, \dots, k_j$  denote the autoregressive coefficients, while  $h^{(j)}$  denote the variance weights.  $\{e_t\}$  is the Gaussian white noise process  $N(0, 1)$ .

**Value**

The identified autoregressive orders with posterior probabilities

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**References**

Nieto, F. H. (2005), *Modeling Bivariate Threshold Autoregressive Processes in the Presence of Missing Data*. Communications in Statistics. Theory and Methods, 34; 905-930

**See Also**

[simu.tar.lognorm](#), [ARorder.norm](#)

**Examples**

```
set.seed(12345678)
Z<-arima.sim(n=500,list(ar=c(0.5)))
l <- 2
r <- 0
K <- c(2,1)
theta <- matrix(c(1,0.5,-0.3,-0.5,-0.7,NA),nrow=1)
H <- c(1, 1.3)
X <- simu.tar.lognorm(Z,l,r,K,theta,H)
#res <- ARorder.lognorm(Z,X,l,r)
#res$K.est
#res$K.prob
```

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ARorder.norm

*Identify the autoregressive orders for a Gaussian TAR model given the number of regimes and thresholds.*

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**Description**

This function identify the autoregressive orders for a TAR model with Gaussian noise process given the number of regimes and thresholds.

**Usage**

```
ARorder.norm(Z, X, l, r, k_Max = 3, k_Min = 0, n.sim = 500,
  p.burnin = 0.3, n.thin = 1)
```

**Arguments**

Z	The threshold series
X	The series of interest
l	The number of regimes.
r	The vector of thresholds for the series $\{Z_t\}$ .
k_Max	The minimum value for each autoregressive order. The default is 3.
k_Min	The maximum value for each autoregressive order. The default is 0.
n.sim	Number of iteration for the Gibbs Sampler
p.burnin	Percentage of iterations used for
n.thin	Thinnin factor for the Gibbs Sampler

## Details

The TAR model is given by

$$X_t = a_0^{(j)} + \sum_{i=1}^{k_j} a_i^{(j)} X_{t-i} + h^{(j)} e_t$$

when  $Z_t \in (r_{j-1}, r_j]$  for some  $j$  ( $j = 1, \dots, l$ ). The  $\{Z_t\}$  is the threshold process,  $l$  is the number of regimes,  $k_j$  is the autoregressive order in the regime  $j$ .  $a_i^{(j)}$  with  $i = 0, 1, \dots, k_j$  denote the autoregressive coefficients, while  $h^{(j)}$  denote the variance weights.  $\{e_t\}$  is the Gaussian white noise process  $N(0, 1)$ .

## Value

The identified autoregressive orders with posterior probabilities

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## References

Nieto, F. H. (2005), *Modeling Bivariate Threshold Autoregressive Processes in the Presence of Missing Data*. Communications in Statistics. Theory and Methods, 34; 905-930

## See Also

[simu.tar.norm](#)

## Examples

```
set.seed(123456789)
Z<-arima.sim(n=300,list(ar=c(0.5)))
l <- 2
r <- 0
K <- c(2,1)
theta <- matrix(c(1,-0.5,0.5,-0.7,-0.3,NA), nrow=1)
H <- c(1, 1.5)
X <- simu.tar.norm(Z,l,r,K,theta,H)
#res <- ARorder.norm(Z,X,l,r)
#res$K.est
#res$K.prob
```

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LS.lognorm	<i>Estimate a log-normal TAR model using Least Square method given the structural parameters.</i>
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### Description

This function estimate a log-normal TAR model using Least Square method given the structural parameters, i.e. the number of regimes, thresholds and autoregressive orders.

### Usage

```
LS.lognorm(Z, X, l, r, K)
```

### Arguments

Z	The threshold series
X	The series of interest
l	The number of regimes.
r	The vector of thresholds for the series $\{Z_t\}$ .
K	The vector containing the autoregressive orders of the $l$ regimes.

### Details

The TAR model is given by

$$\log X_t = a_0^{(j)} + \sum_{i=1}^{k_j} a_i^{(j)} \log X_{t-i} + h^{(j)} e_t$$

when  $Z_t \in (r_{j-1}, r_j]$  for som  $j$  ( $j = 1, \dots, l$ ). the  $\{Z_t\}$  is the threshold process,  $l$  is the number of regimes,  $k_j$  is the autoregressive order in the regime  $j$ .  $a_i^{(j)}$  with  $i = 0, 1, \dots, k_j$  denote the autoregressive coefficients, while  $h^{(j)}$  denote the variance weights.

### Value

The function returns the autoregressive coefficients matrix theta and variance weights H. Rows of the matrix theta represent regimes

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### References

Nieto, F. H. (2005), *Modeling Bivariate Threshold Autoregressive Processes in the Presence of Missing Data*. Communications in Statistics. Theory and Methods, 34; 905-930

**See Also**[simu.tar.norm](#)**Examples**

```
Z<-arima.sim(n=500,list(ar=c(0.5)))
l <- 2
r <- 0
K <- c(2,1)
theta <- matrix(c(1,0.5,-0.3,-0.5,-0.7,NA),nrow=1)
H <- c(1, 1.3)
X <- simu.tar.lognorm(Z,l,r,K,theta,H)
ts.plot(X)
LS.lognorm(Z,X,l,r,K)
```

LS.norm

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*Estimate a Gaussian TAR model using Least Square method given the structural parameters.*

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**Description**

This function estimate a Gaussian TAR model using Least Square method given the structural parameters, i.e. the number of regimes, thresholds and autoregressive orders.

**Usage**

```
LS.norm(Z, X, l, r, K)
```

**Arguments**

Z	The threshold series
X	The series of interest
l	The number of regimes.
r	The vector of thresholds for the series $\{Z_t\}$ .
K	The vector containing the autoregressive orders of the $l$ regimes.

**Details**

The TAR model is given by

$$X_t = a_0^{(j)} + \sum_{i=1}^{k_j} a_i^{(j)} X_{t-i} + h^{(j)} e_t$$

when  $Z_t \in (r_{j-1}, r_j]$  for som  $j$  ( $j = 1, \dots, l$ ). the  $\{Z_t\}$  is the threshold process,  $l$  is the number of regimes,  $k_j$  is the autoregressive order in the regime  $j$ .  $a_i^{(j)}$  with  $i = 0, 1, \dots, k_j$  denote the autoregressive coefficients, while  $h^{(j)}$  denote the variance weights.

**Value**

The function returns the autoregressive coefficients matrix  $\theta$  and variance weights  $H$ . Rows of the matrix  $\theta$  represent regimes

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**References**

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**See Also**

[simu.tar.norm](#)

**Examples**

```
Z<-arima.sim(n=500,list(ar=c(0.5)))
l <- 2
r <- 0
K <- c(2,1)
theta <- matrix(c(1,-0.5,0.5,-0.7,-0.3,NA), nrow=1)
H <- c(1, 1.5)
X <- simu.tar.norm(Z,l,r,K,theta,H)
LS.norm(Z,X,l,r,c(0,0))
```

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Param.lognorm

*Estimate a TAR model using Gibbs Sampler given the structural parameters.*

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**Description**

This function estimate a TAR model using Gibbs Sampler given the structural parameters, i.e. the number of regimes, thresholds and autoregressive orders.

**Usage**

```
Param.lognorm(Z, X, l, r, K, n.sim = 500, p.burnin = 0.2, n.thin = 3)
```

**Arguments**

Z	The threshold series
X	The series of interest
l	The number of regimes.
r	The vector of thresholds for the series $\{Z_t\}$ .

K	The vector containing the autoregressive orders of the $l$ regimes.
n.sim	Number of iteration for the Gibbs Sampler
p.burnin	Percentage of iterations used for burn-in
n.thin	Thinnin factor for the Gibbs Sampler

### Details

The TAR model is given by

$$X_t = a_0^{(j)} + \sum_{i=1}^{k_j} a_i^{(j)} X_{t-i} + h^{(j)} e_t$$

when  $Z_t \in (r_{j-1}, r_j]$  for som  $j$  ( $j = 1, \dots, l$ ). the  $\{Z_t\}$  is the threshold process,  $l$  is the number of regimes,  $k_j$  is the autoregressive order in the regime  $j$ .  $a_i^{(j)}$  with  $i = 0, 1, \dots, k_j$  denote the autoregressive coefficients, while  $h^{(j)}$  denote the variance weights.  $\{e_t\}$  is the Gaussian white noise process  $N(0, 1)$ .

### Value

The function returns the autoregressive coefficients matrix theta and variance weights  $H$ . Rows of the matrix theta represent regimes

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### References

Nieto, F. H. (2005), *Modeling Bivariate Threshold Autoregressive Processes in the Presence of Missing Data*. Communications in Statistics. Theory and Methods, 34; 905-930

### See Also

[LS.norm](#)

### Examples

```
# Example 1, TAR model with 2 regimes
#' set.seed(12345678)
Z<-arima.sim(n=500,list(ar=c(0.5)))
l <- 2
r <- 0
K <- c(2,1)
theta <- matrix(c(1,0.5,-0.3,-0.5,-0.7,NA),nrow=1)
H <- c(1, 1.3)
X <- simu.tar.lognorm(Z,l,r,K,theta,H)
# res <- Param.lognorm(Z,X,l,r,K)

# Example 2, TAR model with 3 regimes
Z<-arima.sim(n=300, list(ar=c(0.5)))
```



```

l <- 3
r <- c(-0.6, 0.6)
K <- c(1, 2, 1)
theta <- matrix(c(1,0.5,-0.5,-0.5,0.2,-0.7,NA, 0.5,NA), nrow=1)
H <- c(1, 1.5, 2)
X <- simu.tar.lognorm(Z, l, r, K, theta, H)
# res <- Param.lognorm(Z,X,l,r,K)

```

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Param.norm	<i>Estimate a Gaussian TAR model using Gibbs Sampler given the structural parameters.</i>
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### Description

This function estimate a Gaussian TAR model using Gibbs Sampler given the structural parameters, i.e. the number of regimes, thresholds and autoregressive orders.

### Usage

```
Param.norm(Z, X, l, r, K, n.sim = 500, p.burnin = 0.2, n.thin = 3)
```

### Arguments

Z	The threshold series
X	The series of interest
l	The number of regimes.
r	The vector of thresholds for the series $\{Z_t\}$ .
K	The vector containing the autoregressive orders of the $l$ regimes.
n.sim	Number of iteration for the Gibbs Sampler
p.burnin	Percentage of iterations used for burn-in
n.thin	Thinnin factor for the Gibbs Sampler

### Details

The TAR model is given by

$$X_t = a_0^{(j)} + \sum_{i=1}^{k_j} a_i^{(j)} X_{t-i} + h^{(j)} e_t$$

when  $Z_t \in (r_{j-1}, r_j]$  for som  $j$  ( $j = 1, \dots, l$ ). the  $\{Z_t\}$  is the threshold process,  $l$  is the number of regimes,  $k_j$  is the autoregressive order in the regime  $j$ .  $a_i^{(j)}$  with  $i = 0, 1, \dots, k_j$  denote the autoregressive coefficients, while  $h^{(j)}$  denote the variance weights.  $\{e_t\}$  is the Gaussian white noise process  $N(0, 1)$ .

**Value**

The function returns the autoregressive coefficients matrix  $\theta$  and variance weights  $H$ . Rows of the matrix  $\theta$  represent regimes

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**References**

Nieto, F. H. (2005), *Modeling Bivariate Threshold Autoregressive Processes in the Presence of Missing Data*. Communications in Statistics. Theory and Methods, 34; 905-930

**See Also**

[LS.norm](#)

**Examples**

```
# Example 1, TAR model with 2 regimes
Z<-arima.sim(n=500,list(ar=c(0.5)))
l <- 2
r <- 0
K <- c(2,1)
theta <- matrix(c(1,-0.5,0.5,-0.7,-0.3,NA), nrow=1)
H <- c(1, 1.5)
X <- simu.tar.norm(Z,l,r,K,theta,H)
# res <- Param.norm(Z,X,l,r,K)

# Example 2, TAR model with 3 regimes
Z<-arima.sim(n=300, list(ar=c(0.5)))
l <- 3
r <- c(-0.6, 0.6)
K <- c(1, 2, 1)
theta <- matrix(c(1,0.5,-0.5,-0.5,0.2,-0.7,NA, 0.5,NA), nrow=1)
H <- c(1, 1.5, 2)
X <- simu.tar.norm(Z, l, r, K, theta, H)
# res <- Param.norm(Z,X,l,r,K)
```

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reg.thr.lognorm

*Identify the number of regimes and the corresponding thresholds for a log-normal TAR model.*

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**Description**

This function identify the number of regimes and the corresponding thresholds for a log-normal TAR model.

**Usage**

```
reg.thr.lognorm(Z, X, n.sim = 500, p.burnin = 0.2, n.thin = 1)
```

**Arguments**

Z	The threshold series
X	The series of interest
n.sim	Number of iteration for the Gibbs Sampler
p.burnin	Percentage of iterations used for Burn-in
n.thin	Thinnin factor for the Gibbs Sampler

**Details**

The TAR model is given by

$$\log X_t = a_0^{(j)} + \sum_{i=1}^{k_j} a_i^{(j)} \log X_{t-i} + h^{(j)} e_t$$

when  $Z_t \in (r_{j-1}, r_j]$  for som  $j$  ( $j = 1, \dots, l$ ). the  $\{Z_t\}$  is the threshold process,  $l$  is the number of regimes,  $k_j$  is the autoregressive order in the regime  $j$ .  $a_i^{(j)}$  with  $i = 0, 1, \dots, k_j$  denote the autoregressive coefficients, while  $h^{(j)}$  denote the variance weights.  $\{e_t\}$  is the Gaussian white noise process  $N(0, 1)$ .

**Value**

The function returns the identified number of regimes with posterior probabilities and the thresholds with credible intervals.

**Author(s)**

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**References**

Nieto, F. H. (2005), *Modeling Bivariate Threshold Autoregressive Processes in the Presence of Missing Data*. Communications in Statistics. Theory and Methods, 34; 905-930

**See Also**

[LS.norms](#)

**Examples**

```
set.seed(12345678)
# Example 1, log-normal TAR model with 2 regimes
Z<-arma.sim(n=400,list(ar=c(0.5)))
l <- 2
r <- 0
```

```

K <- c(2,1)
theta <- matrix(c(-1,0.5,0.3,-0.5,-0.7,NA),nrow=1)
H <- c(1, 1.5)
#X <- simu.tar.lognorm(Z,l,r,K,theta,H)
#res <- reg.thr.lognorm(Z,X)
#res$L.est
#res$L.prob
#res$R.est
#res$R.CI

```

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reg.thr.norm	<i>Identify the number of regimes and the corresponding thresholds for a Gaussian TAR model.</i>
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### Description

This function identify the number of regimes and the corresponding thresholds for a TAR model with Gaussian noise process.

### Usage

```
reg.thr.norm(Z, X, n.sim = 500, p.burnin = 0.2, n.thin = 1)
```

### Arguments

Z	The threshold series
X	The series of interest
n.sim	Number of iteration for the Gibbs Sampler
p.burnin	Percentage of iterations used for Burn-in
n.thin	Thinnin factor for the Gibbs Sampler

### Details

The TAR model is given by

$$X_t = a_0^{(j)} + \sum_{i=1}^{k_j} a_i^{(j)} X_{t-i} + h^{(j)} e_t$$

when  $Z_t \in (r_{j-1}, r_j]$  for som  $j$  ( $j = 1, \dots, l$ ). the  $\{Z_t\}$  is the threshold process,  $l$  is the number of regimes,  $k_j$  is the autoregressive order in the regime  $j$ .  $a_i^{(j)}$  with  $i = 0, 1, \dots, k_j$  denote the autoregressive coefficients, while  $h^{(j)}$  denote the variance weights.  $\{e_t\}$  is the Gaussian white noise process  $N(0, 1)$ .

### Value

The function returns the identified number of regimes with posterior probabilities and the thresholds with credible intervals.

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**References**

Nieto, F. H. (2005), *Modeling Bivariate Threshold Autoregressive Processes in the Presence of Missing Data*. Communications in Statistics. Theory and Methods, 34; 905-930

**See Also**

[LS.norm](#)

**Examples**

```
set.seed(12345678)
# Example 1, TAR model with 2 regimes
Z<-arima.sim(n=300,list(ar=c(0.5)))
l <- 2
r <- 0
K <- c(2,1)
theta <- matrix(c(1,-0.5,0.5,-0.7,-0.3,NA), nrow=1)
H <- c(1, 1.5)
X <- simu.tar.norm(Z,l,r,K,theta,H)
#res <- reg.thr.norm(Z,X)
#res$L.est
#res$L.prob
#res$R.est
#res$R.CI
```

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simu.tar.lognorm

*Simulate a series from a log-normal TAR model with Gaussian distributed error for positive valued time series.*

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**Description**

This function simulates a serie from a log-normal TAR model with Gaussian distributed error given the parameters of the model from a given threshold process  $\{Z_t\}$

**Usage**

```
simu.tar.lognorm(Z, l, r, K, theta, H)
```

**Arguments**

Z	The threshold series
l	The number of regimes.
r	The vector of thresholds for the series $\{Z_t\}$ .
K	The vector containing the autoregressive orders of the $l$ regimes.
theta	The matrix of autoregressive coefficients of dimension $l \times \max K$ . $j$ -th row contains the autoregressive coefficients of regime $j$ .
H	The vector containing the variance weights of the $l$ regimes.

**Details**

The TAR model is given by

$$X_t = a_0^{(j)} + \sum_{i=1}^{k_j} a_i^{(j)} X_{t-i} + h^{(j)} e_t$$

when  $Z_t \in (r_{j-1}, r_j]$  for some  $j$  ( $j = 1, \dots, l$ ). The  $\{Z_t\}$  is the threshold process,  $l$  is the number of regimes,  $k_j$  is the autoregressive order in the regime  $j$ .  $a_i^{(j)}$  with  $i = 0, 1, \dots, k_j$  denote the autoregressive coefficients, while  $h^{(j)}$  denote the variance weights.  $\{e_t\}$  is the Gaussian white noise process  $N(0, 1)$ .

**Value**

The time series  $\{X_t\}$ .

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**References**

Nieto, F. H. (2005), *Modeling Bivariate Threshold Autoregressive Processes in the Presence of Missing Data*. Communications in Statistics. Theory and Methods, 34; 905-930

**See Also**

[simu.tar.norm](#)

**Examples**

```
set.seed(12345678)
Z<-arima.sim(n=500,list(ar=c(0.5)))
l <- 2
r <- 0
K <- c(2,1)
theta <- matrix(c(1,0.5,-0.3,-0.5,-0.7,NA),nrow=1)
H <- c(1, 1.3)
X <- simu.tar.lognorm(Z,l,r,K,theta,H)
```

```
ts.plot(X)
```

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```
simu.tar.norm
```

*Simulate a series from a TAR model with Gaussian distributed error.*

---

### Description

This function simulates a serie from a TAR model with Gaussian distributed error given the parameters of the model from a given threshold process  $\{Z_t\}$

### Usage

```
simu.tar.norm(Z, l, r, K, theta, H)
```

### Arguments

Z	The threshold series
l	The number of regimes.
r	The vector of thresholds for the series $\{Z_t\}$ .
K	The vector containing the autoregressive orders of the l regimes.
theta	The matrix of autoregressive coefficients of dimension $l \times \max K$ . $j$ -th row contains the autoregressive coefficients of regime $j$ .
H	The vector containing the variance weights of the $l$ regimes.

### Details

The TAR model is given by

$$X_t = a_0^{(j)} + \sum_{i=1}^{k_j} a_i^{(j)} X_{t-i} + h^{(j)} e_t$$

when  $Z_t \in (r_{j-1}, r_j]$  for som  $j$  ( $j = 1, \dots, l$ ). the  $\{Z_t\}$  is the threshold process,  $l$  is the number of regimes,  $k_j$  is the autoregressive order in the regime  $j$ .  $a_i^{(j)}$  with  $i = 0, 1, \dots, k_j$  denote the autoregressive coefficients, while  $h^{(j)}$  denote the variance weights.  $\{e_t\}$  is the Gaussian white noise process  $N(0, 1)$ .

### Value

The time series  $\{X_t\}$ .

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**References**

Nieto, F. H. (2005), *Modeling Bivariate Threshold Autoregressive Processes in the Presence of Missing Data*. Communications in Statistics. Theory and Methods, 34; 905-930

**See Also**

[simu.tar.norm](#)

**Examples**

```
Z<-arma.sim(n=500,list(ar=c(0.5)))
l <- 2
r <- 0
K <- c(2,1)
theta <- matrix(c(1,-0.5,0.5,-0.7,-0.3,NA),nrow=1)
H <- c(1, 1.5)
X <- simu.tar.norm(Z,l,r,K,theta,H)
ts.plot(X)
```



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