Econ 9474

Topics in Advanced Econometrics I

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Course: MW 3:30-4:45PM  
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Objectives
The objective is to familiarize the student with econometric tools commonly used in time series analysis. These tools are essential for applied and empirical research in econometrics, macroeconomics, finance, and other fields. Moreover, they are often starting points for theoretical inquiry.

Prerequisite: Econ 9473 or instructor’s consent.

Grade Composition

HW Assignments ................................................................. 20% of the course grade

Homework assignments will require programming using a statistical package. I will provide documentation, sample programs, and limited classroom instruction for GAUSS. Free or heavily discounted options for students are available from http://www.aptech.com/. You may use an alternative software package at your own risk.

I expect you to complete HW assignments on your own with only limited collaboration.

Test #1 ................................................................. 25% of the course grade

3:30-4:45, Wednesday, March 20.

Test #2 ................................................................. 25% of the course grade

12:30-1:45, Monday, May 13.

In-Class Presentation ......................................................... 10% of the course grade

Empirical Project ............................................................. 20% of the course grade

Due Wednesday, April 24.

All grades will be assessed using a +/- scale.

Topics Covered:

I. Stationary Series in the Time Domain
   - Preliminaries and Time Domain Analysis
   - Some Limit Theory for Stationary Series
   - Estimation and Forecasting
   - Stationary Vector Autoregression (VAR)

II. Integrated Series
   - Basic Statistical Theory for Integrated Series and Cointegration
   - Testing for Unit Roots
   - Inference from Cointegrating Regressions
   - Systems of Cointegrating Regressions

III. Topics in Time Series
   - State Space Models and the Kalman Filter
   - Autoregressive Conditional Heteroskedasticity (ARCH) and Variations
Recommended Text:

Some Additional Sources:

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