

New York University Tandon School of Engineering
Department of Finance and Risk Engineering
Course syllabus FRE 6351 **Time Series Analysis**
Spring 2020
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Course Description:

The course will introduce students to time series analysis. We will cover ARMA models, frequency models and ARCH / GARCH models.

Course Objectives:

Students will review basic probability, include random variables, means, expectations, Weak Law of Large Numbers and the central limit theorem. We will then cover the standard normal based statistical models including Z/T tests, Chi-Squared, Linear Regression and ANOVA. These tests will be covered from both a mathematical background and ‘boot-strapping’. In addition we will cover basic time series modeling and compare with linear regression, as well as an introduction to ARCH and GARCH models. For time series the bootstrapping will be the main methodology. The final topic we will cover will be a simple example of stochastic control to give the students and understanding of hedging as opposed to value investing.

Course Structure

The course will consist of lectures, homework assignments, and a final project. The assignments will consist of both mathematics and coding exercises, designed for practical applications.

Readings

The required readings will be the course slides and other texts uploaded to NYU Classes.

Course Requirements

Students will be required to study the course slides and other texts uploaded to NYU Classes.

Course Pre-requisites

A basic knowledge of computer programming. Any language is fine

Grading

Grading will be based on homework assignments and the final exam. Each homework and test will be graded and assigned a numerical score, based on its difficulty and on the correctness of the solution. The final course letter grade will be derived from the cumulative numerical scores obtained for all the homeworks and tests.

Lecture topics

Lecture #1: Introduction to time series

- Examples
- Time Series vs Brownian motion
- Autocorrelation function
- Stationary

Lecture #2: Looking at data

- Autocorrelation function from data
- Detrending
- Seasonality
- Analysis of Residuals

Lecture #3: ARMA models

- AR models
- MA models
- ACF of an ARMA function
- Causal and Invertible

Lecture #4: Prediction / Estimation

- PACF
- Best Linear Predictor
- Innovations Algorithm
- Estimation of parameters

Lecture #5: ARCH / ARCH.

- Motivation for GARCH
- Mathematical justification
- Simulation and calculation of VAR with and without ARCH effect

Lecture #6: Frequency Models

- Periodic Functions
- Spectral Density Function

Lecture #7:

- Student Presentations

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