New York University Tandon School of Engineering
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Financial Econometrics FRE-GY 6091
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Course Description:
The course will introduce common statistical techniques used in econometrics. They will be introduced with both a mathematical justification and through Monte-Carlo simulation. This will allow students of a variety of math backgrounds to develop a heuristic understanding of the motivation behind each technique.

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 exam. 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
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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:

- Review of probability
- Sample space / probability measure.
- And / Or / Not rule.
- Independence and Conditional Probability.
- Weak Law of Large numbers / Central Limit theorem.
- Z / T tests

Lecture #2:

- Chi-Squared and ANOVA
- Non-parametric tests of distribution

Lecture #3:

- Linear Regression
- Inference for regression
- Analysis of residuals

Lecture #4:

- Time Series (ARMA Models)
- Comparison with linear regression
- Autocorrelation function from data
- Autocorrelation function from model (both with math and monte carlo)

Lecture #5:

- GARCH / ARCH.
- Motiativation for GARCH
- Mathematical justification
- Simulation and calculation of VAR with and without ARCH effect

Lecture #6:

- Stochastic Control
- Balance a sports book.
- Using linear regression to build a hedge ratio for stock A with respect to stock B.
- Measuring convexity of a paired trade..
- Measuring the effects of non-continuous hedging

Lecture #7:

- Final Exam

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