Stat 6550 (Spring 2016): The Statistical Analysis of Time Series

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Lectures
Tue and Thu, 10.20–11.15am in Cockins Hall (CH) Room 240.
Holidays: Spring break is Mon 14–Fri 18 Mar.
Please download notes from the class website at http://www.stat.osu.edu/~pfc/teaching/6550/
Lectures may not be recorded.

Class Attendance Policy
You are expected to attend all lectures.

Course Description
Stat 6550 aims to develop a working knowledge of time series analysis and forecasting methods. The emphasis is on modeling methodology (identification, estimation, diagnostics, and updating) and forecasting. Experience is gained in the statistical theory so as to be able to analyze time series data in practice.

Prerequisites: Stat 6201 or Stat 6302 or Stat 6802; Stat 6450 or Stat 6950; or permission of instructor.

Textbook
Brockwell and Davis, Introduction to Time Series and Forecasting (Second Edition),
I will highlight other useful references as the course progresses.

Computing
This class requires you to use the statistical software package called R.
More details will be given in class and on the class web site.
Evaluation

Homework  Midterm  Final exam
      25%      35%      40%

Grades will be recorded on Carmen

Homework will be due at the beginning of class on the day it is due. No late homework will be accepted. You are encouraged to work together on the homework, but do not copy any part of a homework. Each student must produce his/her own homework to be handed in. Electronic submissions are not permitted. Feel free to ask me for help after you have made an attempt of the questions. The grader for the course does not have the time to provide detailed explanations on each question that he/she grades. To make up for this, I will endeavor to make homework solutions detailed enough to allow you to understand how the question could be approached.

Homework preparation rules: Put your name and the homework assignment number on the top right-hand corner of every page. All homework must be submitted on 8.5”x11” paper. Staple the pages together. We are not responsible for lost pages. Submit the problems in order, making sure that the computer output and discussion is placed together (do not put the computer output at the end of homework). Raw computer output is not acceptable. Make it clear what parts of the output are relevant and show how they answer the questions posed in the homework.

Exams: There will be one midterm and one final exam:

Midterm  Thu 3 Mar  10.20–11.15am
Final     Tues 3 May  8.00–9.45am

All exams are closed book/closed notes. A basic calculator is allowed – tablets, laptops, and cellphones are not. The midterm covers the material up to and including Tue 1 Mar. The final will cover all the material for the course. There will be no make-up exams.

Academic misconduct

It is the responsibility of the Committee on Academic Misconduct to investigate or establish procedures for the investigation of all reported cases of student academic misconduct. The term “academic misconduct” includes all forms of student academic misconduct wherever committed; illustrated by, but not limited to, cases of plagiarism and dishonest practices in connection with examinations. Instructors shall report all instances of alleged academic misconduct to the committee (Faculty Rule 3335-5-487). For additional information, see the Code of Student Conduct (http://studentaffairs.osu.edu/csc/).

Disability Statement

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