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1ST OPPORTUNITY EXAMINATION QUESTION PAPER	
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INSTRUCTION
1. Answer all the questions 2. Show clearly all the steps in the calculations 3. All written work must be done in blue and black ink

PERMISSIBLE MATERIALS

Non-programmable calculator without cover

THIS QUESTION PAPER CONSISTS OF 3 PAGES (including the front page)

QUESTION ONE - 20 MARKS

The data in the table below shows the exchange rate between the Japanese yen and the US dollar from 1984-Q1 through 1994-Q4. Use the data shown in the table below to answer the questions that follow.

Period	Actual	Period	Actual
Mar-88	124.5	Mar-91	140.55
Jun-88	132.2	Jun-91	138.15
Sep-88	134.3	Sep-91	132.95
Dec-88	125.9	Dec-91	125.25
Mar-89	132.55	Mar-92	133.05
Jun-89	143.95	Jun-92	125.55
Sep-89	139.35	Sep-92	119.25
Dec-89	143.4	Dec-92	124.65
Mar-90	157.65	Mar-93	115.35
Jun-90	152.85	Jun-93	106.51
Sep-90	137.95	Sep-93	105.1
Dec-90	135.4	Dec-93	111.89

- (a) Plot the data [2 mks]
- (b) Estimate a triple exponential smoothing model with a smoothing parameter $\alpha = 0.6$, $\beta = 0.8$ and $\gamma = 0.1$. [14 mks]
- (c) Plot the smoothing model on the same graph in (a) above [1 mks]
- (d) Compute the mean square error for the model in (b) above [3 mks]

QUESTION TWO - 20 MARKS

A first order moving average $MA(2)$ is defined by $X_t = z_t + \theta_1 z_{t-1} + \theta_2 z_{t-2}$ Where $z_t \sim WN(0, \sigma^2)$ and the $z_t : t = 1, 2, 3, \dots, T$ are uncorrelated.

- (a) Find
 - (i) Mean of the $MA(2)$ [2 mks]
 - (ii) Variance of the $MA(2)$ [6 mks]
 - (iii) Autocovariance of the $MA(2)$ [8 mks]
 - (iv) Autocorrelation of the $MA(2)$ [2 mks]
- (b) is the $MA(2)$ stationary? Explain your answer [2 mks]

QUESTION THREE - 22 MARKS

Consider $AR(3) : Y_t = \phi_1 Y_{t-1} + \phi_2 Y_{t-2} + \phi_3 Y_{t-3} + \varepsilon_t$ where ε_t is identically independently distributed (iid) as white noise. The Estimates the parameters can be found using Yule Walker equations as

$$\begin{pmatrix} \phi_1 \\ \phi_2 \\ \phi_3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \rho_1 & \rho_2 \\ \rho_1 & 1 & \rho_1 \\ \rho_2 & \rho_1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} \rho_1 \\ \rho_2 \\ \rho_3 \end{pmatrix} \text{ and}$$

$$\sigma_\varepsilon^2 = \gamma_o [(1 - \phi_1^2 - \phi_2^2 - \phi_3^2) - 2\phi_2(\phi_1 + \phi_3)\rho_1 - 2\phi_1\phi_3\rho_2]$$

where

$$\hat{\rho}_h = r_h = \frac{\sum_{t=1}^n (X_t - \mu)(X_{t-h} - \mu)}{\sum_{t=1}^n (X_t - \mu)^2}$$

$$\hat{\gamma}_o = Var = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{t=1}^n (X_t - \mu)^2$$

$$\mu = \sum_{t=1}^n X_t$$

Use the data below to evaluate the values of the estimates $(\phi_1, \phi_2, \phi_3 \text{ and } \sigma_\varepsilon^2)$ [22 mks]

t	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
X_t	24	26	26	34	35	38	39	33	37	38

QUESTION FOUR - 18 MARKS

Consider the ARMA(1,2) process X_t satisfying the equations $X_t - 0.6X_{t-1} = z_t - 0.4z_{t-1} - 0.2z_{t-2}$ Where $z_t \sim WN(0, \sigma^2)$ and the $z_t : t = 1, 2, 3, \dots, T$ are uncorrelated.

- (a) Determine if X_t is stationary [4 mks]
 (b) Determine if X_t is casual [2 mks]
 (c) Determine if X_t is invertible [2 mks]
 (d) Write the coefficients Ψ_j of the $MA(\infty)$ representation of X_t [10 mks]

QUESTION FIVE - 20 MARKS

- (a) State the order of the following ARIMA(p,d,q) processes [12 mks]

(i) $Y_t = 0.8Y_{t-1} + e_t + 0.7e_{t-1} + 0.6e_{t-2}$

(ii) $Y_t = Y_{t-1} + e_t - \theta e_{t-1}$

(iii) $Y_t = (1 + \phi)Y_{t-1} - \phi Y_{t-2} + e_t$

(iv) $Y_t = 5 + e_t - \frac{1}{2}e_{t-1} - \frac{1}{4}e_{t-2}$

- (b) Verify that $(\max \rho_1 = 0.5 \text{ and } \min \rho_1 = 0.5 \text{ for } -\infty < \theta < \infty)$ for an MA(1) process: $X_t = \varepsilon_t - \theta\varepsilon_{t-1}$ such that ε_t are independent noise processes. [8 mks]