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FIRST 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

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 TWO - 20 MARKS

Use the following data shown in the table below to answer the questions that follow.

t		1		2		3		4		5		6		7		8		9		10
Y _t		7		8		9		11		13		16		14		13		18		17

Given $X_t = m_t + R_t$ such that R_t -is the random component following a white noise with a mean of zero and variance of σ^2 and m_t - is the trend,

- (a) Estimate the trend using exponential smoothing method with a smoothing parameter $\alpha = 0.68$. [5 mks]
- (b) Estimate the trend using a centred moving average of order 4 [6 mks]
- (c) On the same axes, draw the graphs of the original set of data, detrended data (using the exponential smoothing) and detrended data (using the moving average) [7 mks]
- (d) Which estimates in (a) or (b) above is a better estimate above ((a) or (b)) and why. [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

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

$$\sigma_\varepsilon^2 = \gamma_0 [1 - \phi_1^2 - \phi_2^2 - \phi_3^2 - 2\phi_2(\phi_1 + \phi_3)\rho_1 - 2\phi_1\phi_3\rho_2]$$

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 $(\phi_1, \phi_2, \phi_3$ and $\sigma_\varepsilon^2)$ [22 mks]

t	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
X_t	13	17	15	14	19	22	20	26	32	32

QUESTION FOUR - 18 MARKS

Consider the ARMA(1,1) process X_t satisfying the equations $X_t - 0.5X_{t-1} = z_t + 0.4z_{t-1}$ 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) Verify that $(\max \rho_1 = 0.5$ and $\min \rho_1 = 0.5$ 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]
- (b) State the order of the following ARIMA(p,d,q) processes [12 mks]
 - (i) $Y_t = (1 + \phi)Y_{t-1} - \phi Y_{t-2} + e_t$
 - (ii) $Y_t = Y_{t-1} + e_t - \theta e_{t-1}$
 - (iii) $Y_t = 5 + e_t - \frac{1}{2}e_{t-1} - \frac{1}{4}e_{t-2}$
 - (iv) $Y_t = 0.8Y_{t-1} + e_t + 0.7e_{t-1} + 0.6e_{t-2}$