



## **Statistics 435/711**

Spring 2021

### **Instructor**

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### **Class Hours and Location**

Synchronous, MW 3–4:20, via Zoom  
Videotapes of all classes will be available on Canvas.

### **Office Hours**

MTuTh 4:30–6, and by appointment, via Zoom

### **Course Materials**

Class notes. These are the main source materials for the course. The notes will be posted throughout the semester on Canvas.

Tsay, R. S., *Analysis of Financial Time Series*, 3rd ed. Wiley, New York, 2010. Some supplementary reading will be assigned in Tsay's book, and the book will also provide some data sets for discussion and for homework.

### **Software**

The course will use R. As we proceed, I will discuss and illustrate the use of R in the notes and lectures.

The R package is free and open software and is available at [www.r-project.org](http://www.r-project.org). Several items of R documentation have been posted on Canvas.

### **Course website**

Statistics 435/711 is using Canvas. You can gain access by going to <https://canvas.upenn.edu/>. All notes, homework assignments and data sets for the course will be distributed and managed via the website.

## Course Description

The aims of this course are to introduce basic time series and forecasting techniques. The emphasis will be upon the use of statistical methodology, and the written communication of statistical results. Considerable time will be devoted to understanding statistical problems in the contexts in which they arise, and to proper selection of statistical techniques and interpretation of the statistical output.

As noted above, the primary class materials will be instructor's notes; the text will be supplementary. Use of R will be incorporated into the class notes.

There will be five homework assignments. Each will involve the analysis of data sets and interpretation of the findings, and the presentation of a clearly organized and presented written report. The homework is designed to teach and to give experience in the use of time series methodology. You are encouraged to consult with each other in doing the homework, and also to contact me for help. ***File sharing is not permitted, and you must submit your own writeup, with your own calculations. Penalties will be imposed if file sharing is detected.*** Homework must be submitted by the due date specified for the assignment. ***All assignments will be submitted via Canvas.***

There are no examinations.

## Spring 2021 Calendar

The first class is Wednesday, 20 January.

The course selection period ends Tuesday, 2 February.

The drop period ends Monday, 1 March.

Spring break is Wednesday–Thursday, 10–11 March.

Grade type change deadline is Friday, 19 March.

The withdrawal deadline is Monday, 29 March.

Engagement Day, no class, Monday, 12 April.

The last class is Wednesday, 28 April.

Reading days are 30 April–3 May.

Final exams are 4–11 May.

## Topics

The primary goal of the course is to present time series techniques. Basic multiple regression will be reviewed at the beginning, and additional regression topics will be presented as they are needed. For the most part, because of time limitations, attention

will be focused on univariate series. Data sets studied will be primarily, but not exclusively, business and economic time series, including financial market data.

Multiple regression methods

Trends and seasonality

Spectral methods

Distributed lag models

ARIMA models

Exponential smoothing

Combination of forecasts

ARCH and GARCH models

**Class dates (all class presentations are synchronous)**

There are 27 classes (Monday, Wednesday schedule).

Week	Class dates
18 January	1/20
25 January	1/25, 27
1 February	2/1, 3
8 February	2/8, 10
15 February	2/15, 17
22 February	2/22, 24
1 March	3/1, 3
8 March	3/8
15 March	3/15, 17
22 March	3/22, 24
29 March	3/29, 31
5 April	4/5, 7
12 April	4/14
19 April	4/19, 21
26 April	4/26, 28