Faculty of Science

MASM17, Mathematical Statistics: Time Series Analysis, 7.5 credits

Matematisk statistik: Tidsserieanalys, 7,5 högskolepoäng
Second Cycle / Avancerad nivå

Details of approval
The syllabus was approved by Study programmes board, Faculty of Science on 2007-06-14 and was last revised on 2007-06-14. The revised syllabus applies from 2007-07-01, autumn semester 2007.

General Information
The course is an elective course for second-cycle studies for a Master of Science in Mathematical statistics.

Language of instruction: Swedish and English

Main field of studies
Depth of study relative to the degree requirements
Mathematical Statistics A1N, Second cycle, has only first-cycle course/s as entry requirements
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Learning outcomes
The aim of the course is that students on completion of the course should have acquired the following knowledge and skills:

Knowledge and understanding
On completion of the course, the students are expected to:

• be able to construct a model based on data for a concrete practical time series problem,
• be able to perform simple transformations of a non-stationary time series into a stationary time series,
be able to predict and interpolate in linear time series models,
be able to estimate parameters in linear time series models and validate a
resulting model,
be able to construct a Kalman-filter based on a linear state model,
be able to estimate in time varying stochastic systems using recursive and
adaptive techniques.

Competence and skills
On completion of the course, the students are expected to:
• be able to present the analysis of a practical problem in a written report and
  present it orally.

Course content
Time series analysis concerns the mathematical modelling of time varying phenomena,
e.g., ocean waves, water levels in lakes and rivers, demand for electrical power, radar
signals, muscular reactions, ECG-signals, or option prices at the stock market. The
structure of the model is chosen both with regard to the physical knowledge of the
process, as well as using observed data. Central problems are the properties of
different models and their prediction ability, estimation of the model parameters, and
the model's ability to accurately describe the data. Consideration must be given to
both the need for fast calculations and to the presence of measurement errors. The
course gives a comprehensive presentation of stochastic models and methods in time
series analysis. Time series problems appear in many subjects and knowledge from the
course is used in, i.a., automatic control, signal processing, and econometrics.

Further studies of ARMA-processes. Non-stationary models, slowly decreasing
dependence. Transformations. Optimal prediction and reconstruction of processes.
State representation, principle of orthogonality, and Kalman filtering. Parameter
estimation: Least squares and Maximum likelihood methods as well as recursive and
An orientation on robust methods and detection of outliers.

Course design
Teaching consists of lectures, exercises, computer exercises and projects. Participation
in computer exercises, projects and thereby integrated teaching is compulsory.

Assessment
The examination is done by written and oral presentation of the the project and a
written exam.
Students who fail the regular exam are offered a re-examination shortly afterwards.
Subcourses that are part of this course can be found in an appendix at the end of this
document.

Grades
Marking scale: Fail, Pass, Pass with distinction.
For a passing grade on the entire course a passing grade on the written exam and on the project presentation, and participation in compulsory parts are required. The final grade is formed by weighing together the results on the parts which are included the examination.

**Entry requirements**

For admission to the course knowledge equivalent to the course MASC04, Stationary Stochastic processes, 7.5 credits is required together with English B.
Subcourses in MASM17, Mathematical Statistics: Time Series Analysis

Applies from H15

0703  Project, 4.5 hp  
        Grading scale: Fail, Pass
0704  Exam, 2.0 hp  
        Grading scale: Fail, Pass, Pass with distinction
0705  Laboratory Work part 1, 0.5 hp  
        Grading scale: Fail, Pass
0706  Laboratory Work part 2, 0.5 hp  
        Grading scale: Fail, Pass

Applies from V08

0701  Project, 7.5 hp  
        Grading scale: Fail, Pass, Pass with distinction
0702  Computer Exercises, 0.0 hp  
        Grading scale: Fail, Pass