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ECON 7828 - ECONOMETRICS - SPRING 2015
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Class URL. http://spot.colorado.edu/~martinsc/Econ_7828.html

Prerequisites. ECON 7818 (or equivalent) or consent of instructor.

Objectives. This course is the second semester of your first-year graduate sequence in Econometrics. The first semester covered some fundamental concepts in probability and statistics and introduced you to estimation and tests of hypotheses. In this course our objective is to introduce you to various parametric models of regression. They include the classical linear regression model and associated models that relax several of its constituent assumptions. We will also treat regression models where some or all regressors are “endogenous” as well as models with multiple regressands. Time permitting we will also deal with models for regressands that are either discrete or in some other way limited.

Grades. Your course grade depends on four homework sets, a midterm and a final examination. Relevant dates are given below.

Evaluation	Percentage	Dates
Homework sets	30	announced in class
Midterm examination	30	March 10, in class
Final examination	40	May 5, 4:30 PM - 7:00 PM

Observation. Some of the homework questions will involve the use of data (real and generated). Therefore, a mathematical/statistical software will be needed. We will use MATLAB to implement the various estimation and testing procedures we develop in class. I will not devote any class time to introduce you to MATLAB. You must learn it on your own. However, I will provide several codes that will serve as models.

Textbook.

1. Davidson, R. and J. MacKinnon, D., 2004, Econometric Theory and Methods, Oxford University Press, Oxford.
2. I will distribute class notes. Read them carefully. They reflect my view of what are the most important concepts/theorems we cover in the course.

Support and Reference Books.

A. Mathematics, Probability, Statistics and Asymptotic Theory

1. Apostol, T., 1974, Mathematical Analysis, Addison Wesley, New York.

2. Casella, G. and Berger, R., 2002, Statistical inference, Duxbury, Pacific Grove, CA.
3. Davidson, J., 1994, Stochastic Limit Theory, Oxford University Press, Oxford.
4. Grimmett, G.R. and D.R. Stirzaker, 1992, Probability and Random Processes, Oxford University Press, Oxford.
5. Jacod, J. and P. Protter, 2000, Probability Essentials, Springer, Berlin.

B. Econometrics

1. Davidson, J., 2000, Econometric Theory, Blackwell Publishers, Oxford.
2. Hansen, B., 2013, Econometrics, unpublished, available at <http://www.ssc.wisc.edu/~bhansen/econometrics>
3. Schmidt, P., 1976, Econometrics, Marcel-Dekker, New York.

Topics.

1. The classical linear regression model: estimation and testing.
 - Nonnormality
 - Restricted estimation
 - Generalized Least Squares (GLS) and Feasible Generalized Least Squares (FGLS)
2. Endogeneity
 - Instrumental variable (IV) and Generalized Method of Moments (GMM) estimation and testing
3. Simultaneous equations
4. Panel data models
5. Limited regressand models

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