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**ECONOMETRICS - 06/09/2019 - Time: 2 h 30'**

1. Say if the following statements are unambiguously true (True), unambiguously false (False) or impossible to classify the way they are stated (Not necessarily). Write the motivations to your answers **only** in the space provided. A “Not necessarily” answer with no motivations will be considered wrong.

(a) Given that  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ , then  $A^{-1} = A'$ .

True   ☐                      False   ☐                      Not necessarily   ☐

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- (b) If an estimator does not have a limit in probability, it cannot be consistent.

True   ☐                      False   ☐                      Not necessarily   ☐

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- (c) The support for the  $\chi^2_2$  distribution is  $[0, \infty)$ .

True   ☐                      False   ☐                      Not necessarily   ☐

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- (d) If the model  $y_i = x_i\beta + \varepsilon_i$  is a correct representation of the data, the elasticity of  $y$  with respect to  $x$  is not constant.

True   ☐                      False   ☐                      Not necessarily   ☐

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- (e) The null hypothesis for the Chow test is absence of autocorrelation.

True   ☐                      False   ☐                      Not necessarily   ☐

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2. Suppose you have the following model

$$\log y_i = \beta_0 + \beta_1 \log x_i - \beta_2 (\log x_i)^2 + \varepsilon_i$$

and you have the following estimates:

$$\hat{\beta} = \begin{bmatrix} 10 \\ 1.25 \\ -0.1 \end{bmatrix} \quad V(\hat{\beta}) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -0.1 & -0.4 \\ & 0.36 & 0 \\ & & 0.25 \end{bmatrix}$$

(a) Test the hypothesis  $H_0 : \beta_1 = 0$ :

Test type: \_\_\_\_\_ Distribution: \_\_\_\_\_ Test statistic: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Decision: ☐ Reject ☐ Don't reject

(b) Test the hypothesis  $H_0 : \beta_1 = 1$ :

Test type: \_\_\_\_\_ Distribution: \_\_\_\_\_ Test statistic: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Decision: ☐ Reject ☐ Don't reject

(c) Test the hypothesis  $H_0 : \beta_2 = 0$ :

Test type: \_\_\_\_\_ Distribution: \_\_\_\_\_ Test statistic: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Decision: ☐ Reject ☐ Don't reject

(d) Compute a test for the hypothesis that the elasticity of  $y$  with respect to  $x$  is a constant.

Test type: \_\_\_\_\_ Distribution: \_\_\_\_\_ Test statistic: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Decision: ☐ Reject ☐ Don't reject

(e) Compute a test for the hypothesis that the elasticity of  $y$  with respect to  $x$  is constant and equal to 1.

Test type: \_\_\_\_\_ Distribution: \_\_\_\_\_ Test statistic: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Decision: ☐ Reject ☐ Don't reject

3. Table 1 shows an  $ADL(p, q)$  model, estimated via OLS on a dataset which contains U.S. quarterly data from 1948 onwards (source: St. Louis FED). The two variables in the model are **unrate**, the seasonally adjusted unemployment rate and **ogap**, a conventional measure of the economic cycle,<sup>1</sup> and are plotted in Figure 1.

(a) Identify, from the estimates reported in table 1, the numbers  $p$  and  $q$ :

$$p = \text{_____} \quad q = \text{_____}$$

(b) Calculate the long-run coefficient:

$$c = \frac{B(1)}{A(1)} = \text{_____}$$

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<sup>1</sup>To be precise, it's the HP filtered log GDP at constant prices.

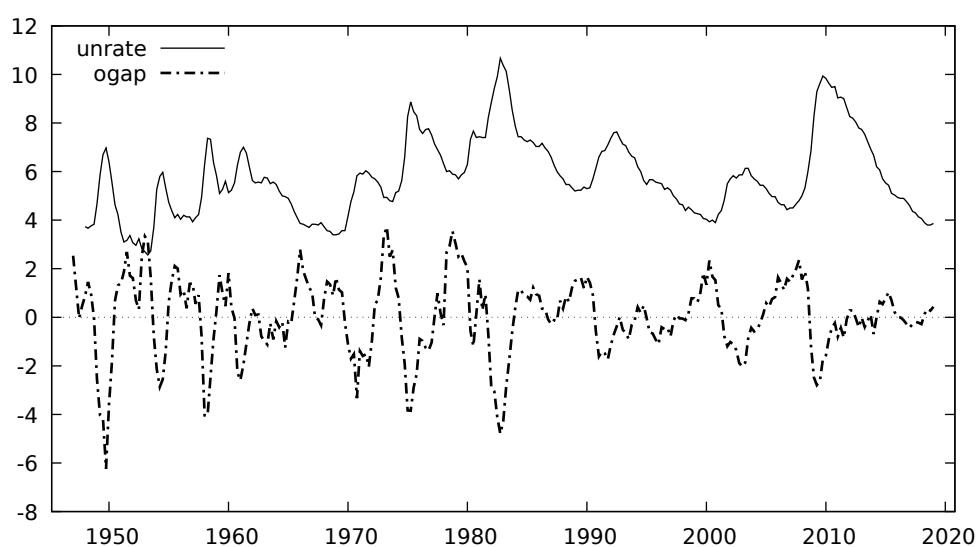


Figure 1: Unemployment and output gap through time

OLS, using observations 1948:3–2019:1 ( $T = 283$ )

Dependent variable: unrate

	Coefficient	Std. Error	<i>t</i> -ratio	p-value
const	0.1141	0.0575	1.9848	0.0481
ogap	−0.2157	0.0177	−12.2208	0.0000
ogap_1	0.1360	0.0264	5.1435	0.0000
ogap_2	0.0745	0.0202	3.6927	0.0003
unrate_1	1.3686	0.0517	26.4613	0.0000
unrate_2	−0.3884	0.0505	−7.6861	0.0000
Mean dependent var	5.770907	S.D. dependent var	1.631803	
Sum squared resid	13.02802	S.E. of regression	0.216870	
$R^2$	0.982650	Adjusted $R^2$	0.982337	
$F(5, 277)$	3137.724	P-value( $F$ )	1.7e−241	
Log-likelihood	34.02619	Akaike criterion	−56.05237	
Schwarz criterion	−34.17969	Hannan–Quinn	−47.28218	
$\hat{\rho}$	−0.061802	Durbin's $h$	−2.109071	

Godfrey test up to order 4: Test statistic: LMF = 1.97399, p-value = 0.0987

Table 1: ADL model: unemployment and output gap

- (c) Comment on the sign and magnitude of the long-run coefficient. Do they match your economic intuition?

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- (d) Comment on the Godfrey test reported at the end of Table 1.

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- (e) Figure 2 plots the dynamic multipliers for the model over a horizon of 3 years. Give an economic interpretation of the figure.

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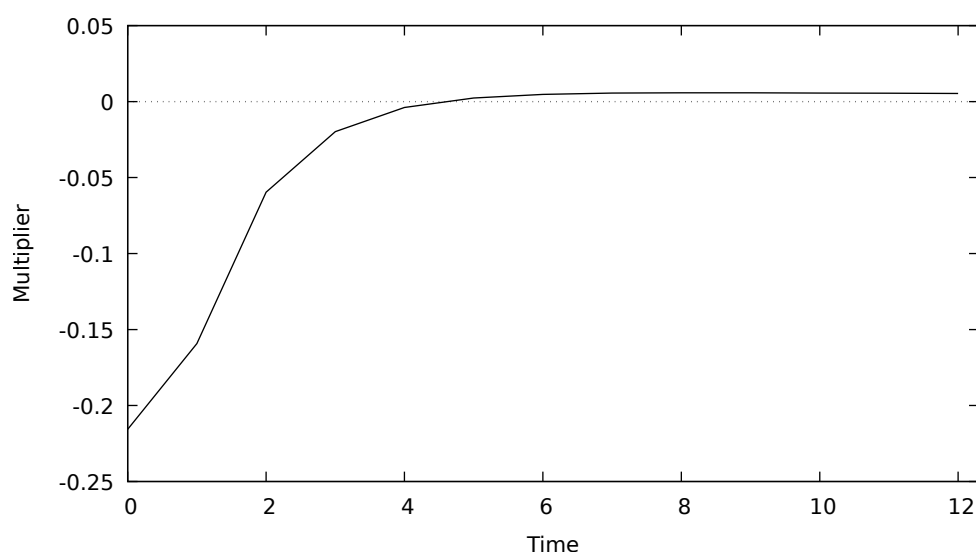


Figure 2: Dynamic multipliers