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**ECONOMETRICS - 11-06-2021 - 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 adequate motivation will be considered wrong.

(a) The matrix  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$  is idempotent.

True ☐ False ☐ Not necessarily ☐

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(b) The matrix  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$  cannot be a covariance matrix.

True ☐ False ☐ Not necessarily ☐

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(c) An estimator whose variance goes to 0 as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  is consistent.

True ☐ False ☐ Not necessarily ☐

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(d) The centred  $R^2$  index is always larger than its uncentred counterpart.

True ☐ False ☐ Not necessarily ☐

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(e) Given the model  $y_i = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_i + \beta_2 x_i^2 + \varepsilon_i$ , where  $x_i$  is a nonnegative variable, if  $\beta_2 < 0 < \beta_1$ , then there may be two observations for which the marginal effect of  $x_i$  has opposite signs.

True ☐ False ☐ Not necessarily ☐

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2. Suppose you have a consistent and asymptotically normal estimate of the two parameters  $\theta$  and  $\psi$ , as follows:

$$\begin{bmatrix} \hat{\theta} \\ \hat{\psi} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0.9 \\ 2.4 \end{bmatrix} \quad V = \begin{bmatrix} 0.36 & 0.16 \\ 0.16 & 0.64 \end{bmatrix}$$

where  $V$  is the asymptotic variance estimator. Now test the following hypotheses:

- (a)  $H_0 : \theta = 0$

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

- (b)  $H_0 : \psi = 0$

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

- (c)  $H_0 : \psi = \theta$

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Decision: ☐ Reject ☐ Don't reject

- (d)  $H_0 : \psi = \theta = 1$

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

3. Table 1 contains a model for imports of goods and services in the Euro area from 1995 to 2020 (quarterly data from Eurostat).

OLS, using observations 1995:3–2020:4 ( $T = 102$ ), dependent variable:  $m_t$

	Coefficient	Std. Error	<i>t</i> -ratio	p-value
const	−0.6712	0.3795	−1.7687	0.0801
time	0.0005	0.0002	2.8823	0.0049
$m_{t-1}$	0.8492	0.0565	15.0427	0.0000
$y_t$	1.5177	0.0693	21.8843	0.0000
$y_{t-1}$	−0.7477	0.1192	−6.2747	0.0000
$y_{t-2}$	−0.4878	0.0721	−6.7621	0.0000
Mean dependent var	4.344858	S.D. dependent var	0.289279	
Sum squared resid	0.013285	S.E. of regression	0.011764	
$R^2$	0.998428	Adjusted $R^2$	0.998346	
$F(5, 96)$	12196.05	P-value( $F$ )	6.9e−133	
Log-likelihood	311.5199	Akaike criterion	−611.0397	
Schwarz criterion	−595.2899	Hannan–Quinn	−604.6621	
$\hat{\rho}$	−0.043062	Durbin's $h$	−0.529363	

LM test for autocorrelation up to order 8:

Test statistic: LMF = 1.50009 (p-value = 0.168691)

Table 1: ADL model for imports in the Euro Area

Variable name	Description
$m_t$	log imports of goods and services (real)
$y_t$	log GDP (real)

Answer the following questions, using the numerical estimates that you find in table 1:

- (a) Rewrite the model in ECM form:

$$\Delta m_t =$$

- (b) Do we have an autocorrelation problem in this model? Motivate your answer.

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- (c) Calculate the first 3 impact multipliers:

$$\delta_0 = \quad \delta_1 = \quad \delta_2 =$$

- (d) Calculate the long-run elasticity of imports with respect to GDP:

$$c = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \delta_j =$$

- (e) Do the signs and magnitudes of the estimated multipliers conform to your economic intuition? Motivate your answer.

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