STOCKHOLM UNIVERSITY
Department of Statistics
Econometrics II, Time Series Analysis, ST223G
Autumn semester 2019

Written Re-examination in Econometrics II, Time Series Analysis

Date

2020-02-13

Hour:

16.00-21.00

Examiner:

Jörgen Säve-Söderbergh

Allowed tools:

1) Textbook: Wooldridge, J.M. Introductory

Econometrics: A Modern Approach,

Cengage, Boston.

2) Textbook: Montgomery, D.C., Jennings, C.L., and Kulachi, M.,

Introduction to Time Series Analysis and Forecasting,

John Wiley & Sons, New Jersey.

3) Pocket calculator

4) Notes written in the text book are allowed.

- Note that no formula sheet is provided.
- Passing rate: 50% of overall total, which is 100 points. For detailed grading criteria, see the course description.
- The maximum number of points for each problem is stated after each question. If not indicated otherwise, to obtain the maximum number of points on each problem, detailed and clear solutions are required. Answers may be given in English or Swedish.

Good luck!

1. The following observations have been recorded.

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We think of these observations as having been generated by an underlying random process. Your task is to estimate the sample autocorrelation function (sample ACF) r_k for the first two lags.

- (a) Calculate r_1 och r_2 . (8p)
- (b) Although this is not done in our textbook *Montgomery et al*, you should also compute the sample partial autocorrelation function (sample PACF). This can be done by using a recursive formula. We use the notation r_{ii} for the sample PACF. From the recursive formula we have

$$r_{11} = r_1$$
 and $r_{22} = \frac{r_2 - r_{11}r_1}{1 - r_{11}r_1}$

Use this to calculate r_{11} and r_{22} . (2p)

(c) The sample ACF r_1 is an estimator of the theoretical ACF ρ_1 defined on page 30 (in the first edition), also r_2 is an estimator of ρ_2 .

Perform a hypothesis test of the null hypothesis $H_0: \rho_k = 0$ for k = 1, 2. (10p)

2. The production of beer in the U.S.A. between the first quarter 1975 and the last quarter 1982 has been observed. A researcher has fitted an unknown model to this data (the model is unknown to you). After some discussion you realize that the model is some member of the ARIMA family. However, the researcher wants some help with the residual analysis.

The researcher has collected the following table of the sample autocorrelation function of the residuals $r_e(k)$ from the estimation of the ARIMA model.

k	1	2	3	4	5	
$r_e(k)$	-0.02292	-0.27576	0.08407	-0.14912	-0.08831	0.07549
k	7	8	9	10	11	12
$\tau_e(k)$	0.03141	0.10318	-0.07282	-0.15111	-0.15678	-0.03024

- (a) What can we tell the researcher about the individual sample autocorrelations? How can we do a hypothesis test? State the null hypothesis and suggest a test statistic. (6p)
- (b) Use the Ljung-Box goodness-of-fit statistic (found on page 57, equation (2.40), in the first edition) to test a set of sample autocorrelations. Consider the cases where K=6 and K=12. What null hypothesis are you testing? State the null hypothesis clearly for both cases of K. (12p)
- 3. Ambjörn is an archaeologist who has participated in excavations close to Sancerre in France. The expedition has noted the famous wines of Sancerre during the last summers. However the financiers, Horizon Europe, are worried. An official at Horizon Europe has been given the task to evaluate Ambjörn's expeditions consumption of wine. He finds the following:

Year	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	
Number of bottles of Sancerre	178	192	211	228	274	

(a) The official starts the investigation by producing a forecast of the number of wine bottles that the expedition is expected to consume this summer. On the boofshelf he has his old time series book: Montgomery et al, Introduction to Time Series Analysis and

Forecasting. On page 191 in the first edition he finds the model equations as follows for exponential smoothing with a trend

$$l_t = \alpha y_t + (1 - \alpha)(l_{t-1} + b_{t-1})$$

$$b_t = \gamma(l_t - l_{t-1}) + (1 - \gamma)b_{t-1}$$

Further reading he decides on letting $\alpha = 0.1$ and $\gamma = 0.1$.

To start the iteration he needs starting values, l_0 and b_0 . He fits a regression model to the entire data material and and uses the estimated intercept as l_0 and the estimated regression coefficient as b_0 . Which forecast for 2020 does the official produce? (10p)

- (b) The official realises that the estimated regression model can also produce forecasts, besides the starting values in (a). Calculate a forecast using the regression model. Which forecast does the official produce? (5p)
- (c) Now, the official has two forecasts. Which forecast would you recommend that the official uses in his report to Horizon Europe? Discuss the merits of each forecast in a non-technical way. (5p)
- The following model was found to fit a time series well.

$$(1 - B)y_t = \delta + (1 - \theta B)\varepsilon_t$$

where ε are independent with expected value 0 and with variance σ^2 .

- (a) What model is this? Explain each one of the parameters. (2p)
- (b) Rewrite the model in difference equation-form (the form we use ordinarily). (4p)
- (c) Is the model stationary? Is there any easy fix for this? (2p)
- (d) Give a general comment on the autocorrelation function (ACF) $\rho_k, k = 1, 2, \ldots$ and the partial autocorrelation function (PACF) $\phi_{kk}, k = 1, 2, \ldots$ for this model. Explain using words or graphs. (4p)
- (e) Calculate the entire infinite AR representation or give at least a few terms. Is there any connection with exponential smoothing? Explain. (8p)

5. Assume the model

$$y_t = a_t - 0.1a_{t-1} + 0.21a_{t-2}$$

where a_t are independent and normally distributed with expected value 0 and with known variance σ_a^2 .

- (a) What kind of model is this? (2p)
- (b) Compute $E(y_t)$. (4p)
- (c) Compute $Var(y_t)$. (4p)
- (d) Compute the first and second order autocorrelation ρ_1 and ρ_2 . (10p)

Appendix

Rules for the covariance

The covariance between X and Y is defined as

$$Cov(X, Y) = E\{(X - E(X))(Y - E(Y))\}$$

The following formulas serves you well in this course.

(a) Relationship between the variance and the covariance

$$Cov(X, X) = Var(X)$$
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(b) The order in which X and Y are mentioned in the covariance does not matter. We always have a symmetry:

$$Cov(X, Y) = Cov(Y, X).$$

(c) Multiplicative constants can be factored:

$$Cov(aX, Y) = aCov(X, Y),$$

even

$$Cov(aX, bY) = abCov(X, Y).$$

(d) Additive constants has no effect on the covariance:

$$Cov(X + a, Y + b) = Cov(X, Y).$$

(e) The covariance between two sums

$$Cov(X+Y,Z+W) = Cov(X,Z) + Cov(X,W) + Cov(Y,Z) + Cov(Y,W).$$

A special case of (e) is

$$Cov(X, Z + W) = Cov(X, Z) + Cov(X, W).$$

(f) The covariance between two (different) linear combinations of X and Y; aX + bY and cX + dY

$$Cov(aX + bY, cX + dY) = acVar(X) + bdVar(Y) + (ad + bc)Cov(X, Y).$$

(g) Important special case of (f): $V(aX + bY) = a^2V(X) + b^2V(Y) + 2ab\text{Cov}(X, Y)$.



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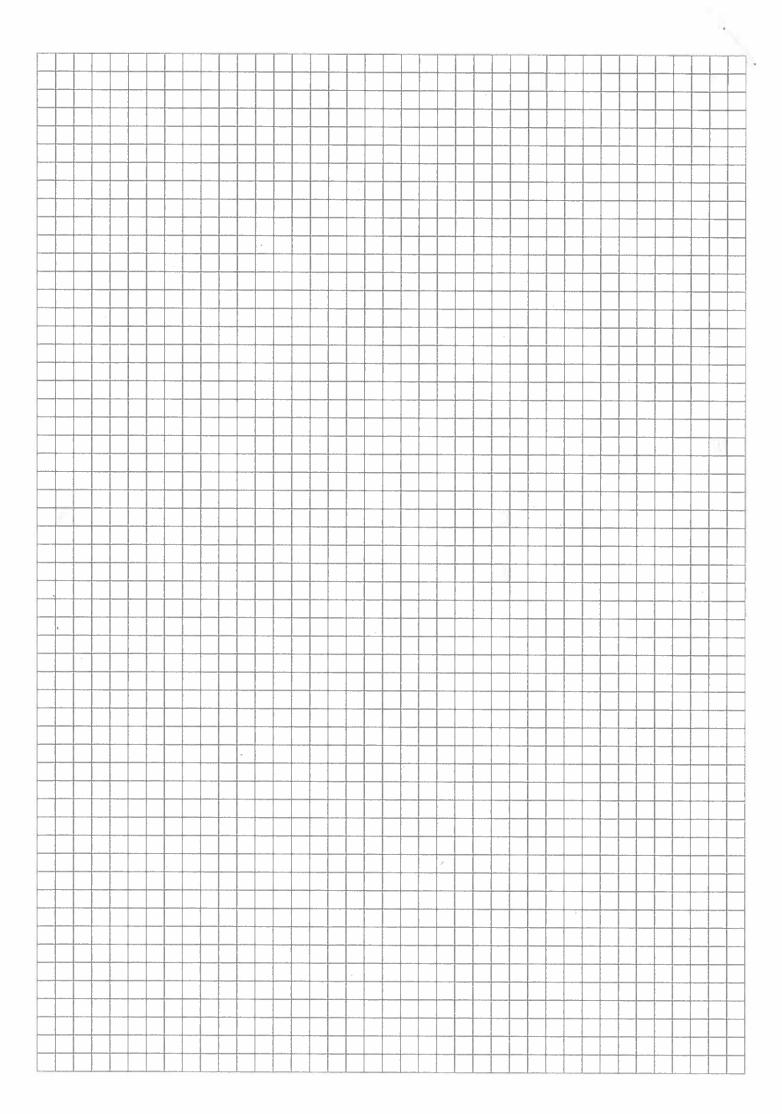
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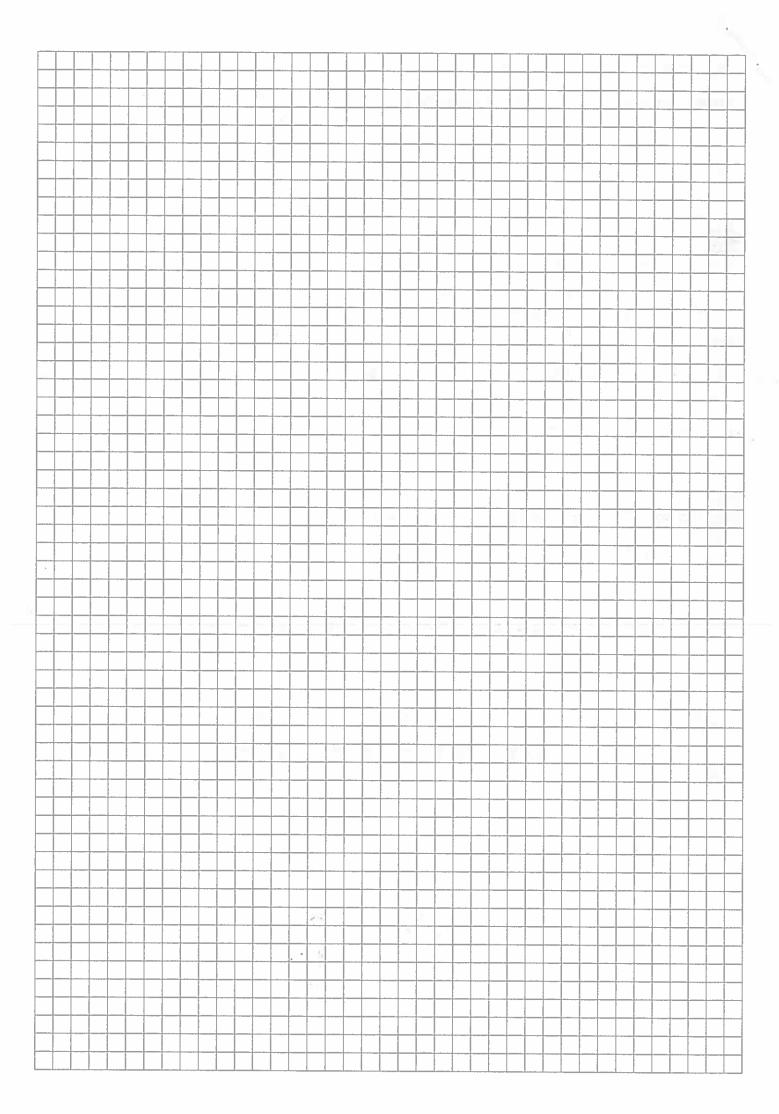
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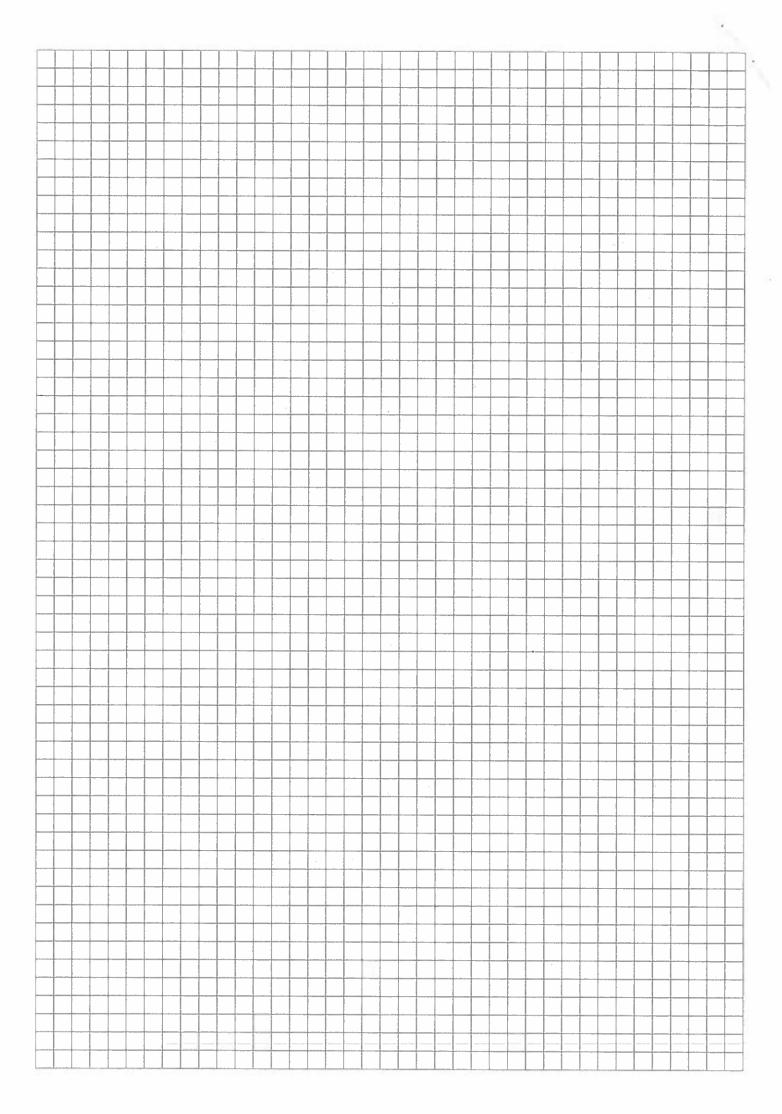
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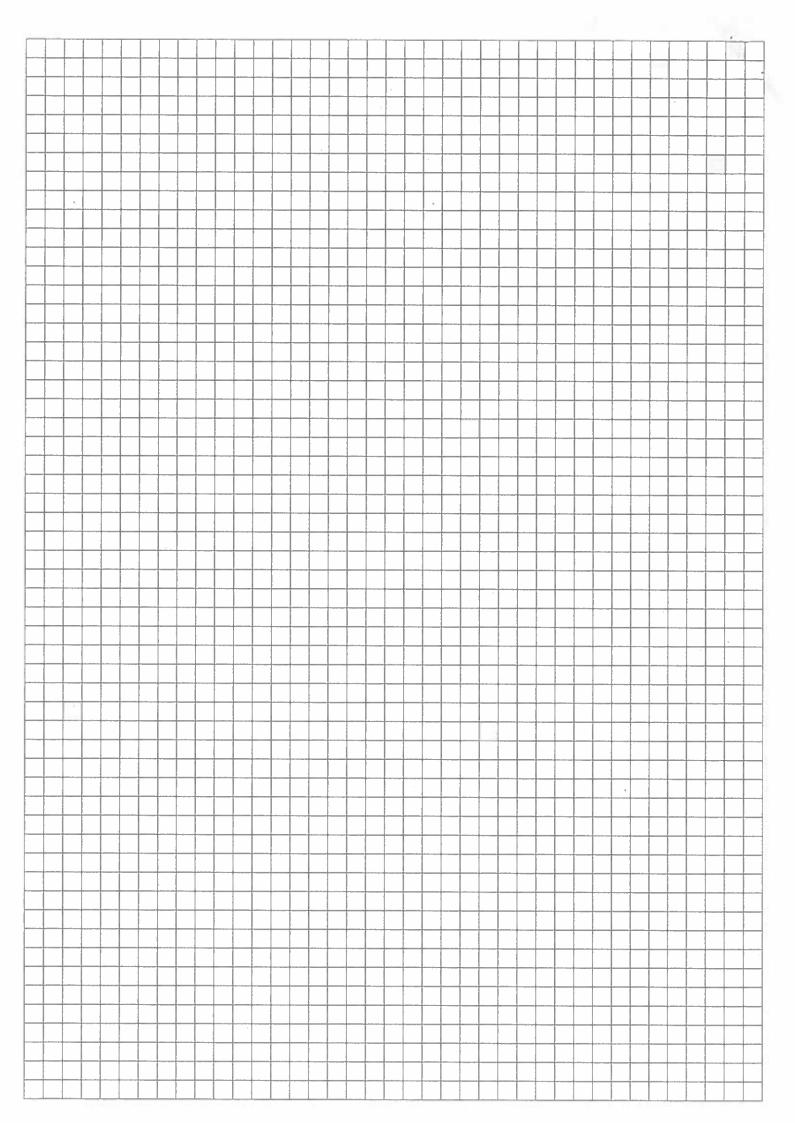
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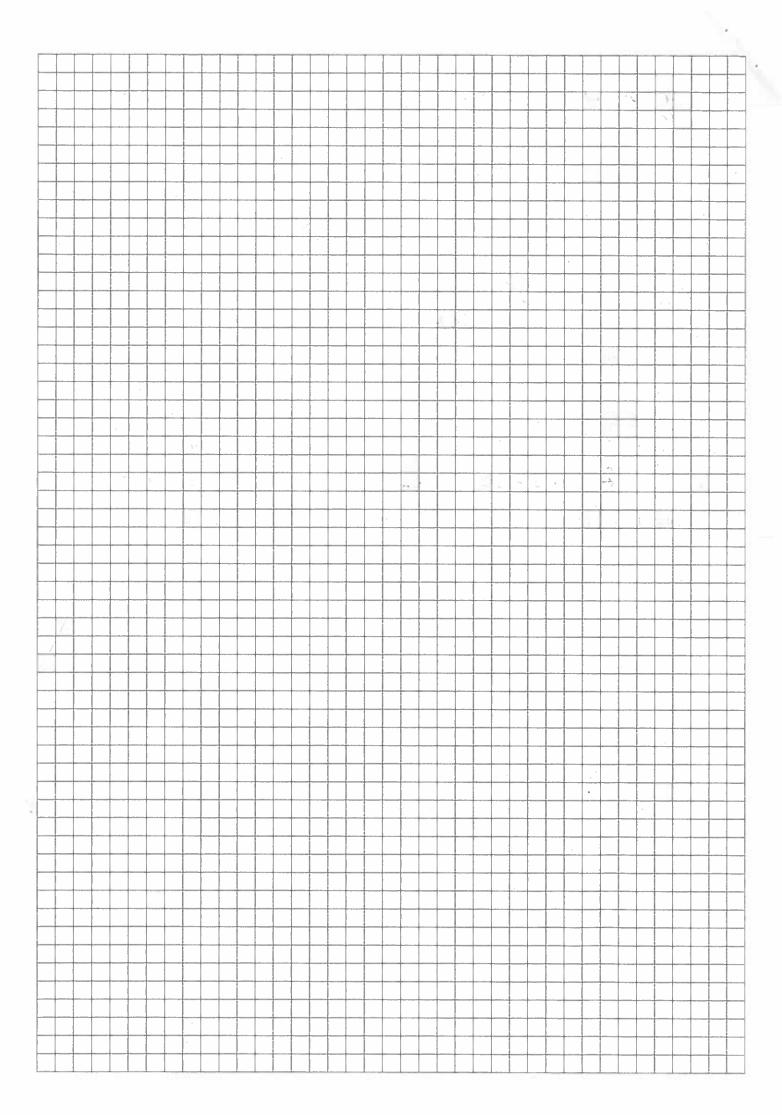
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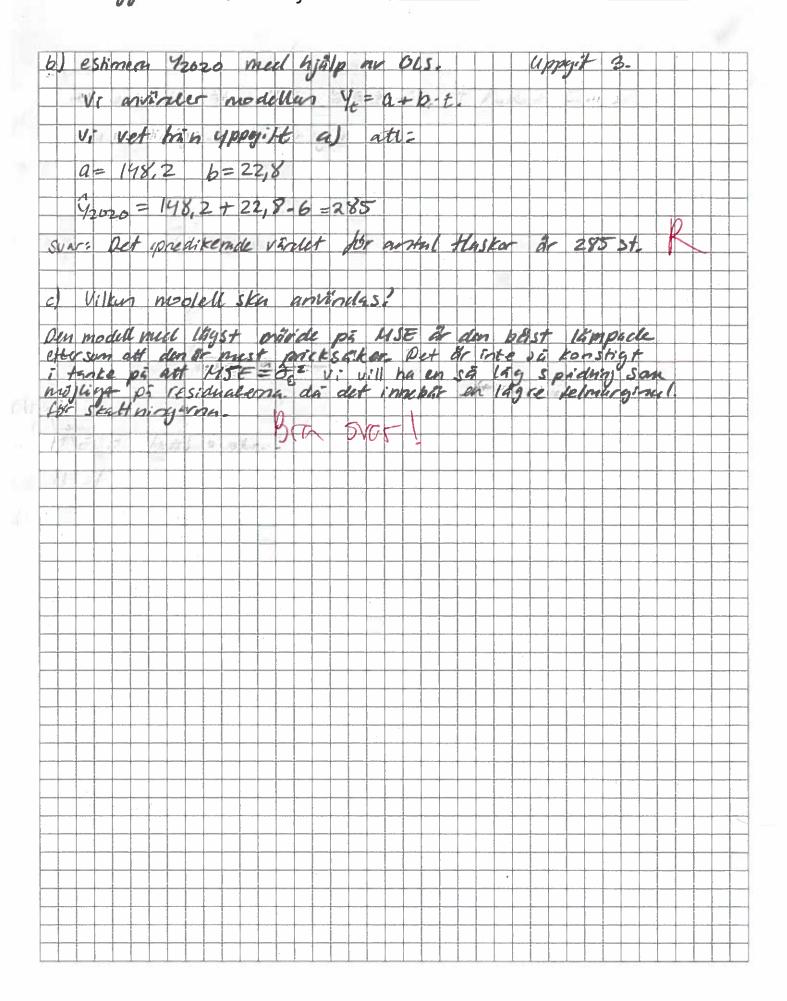


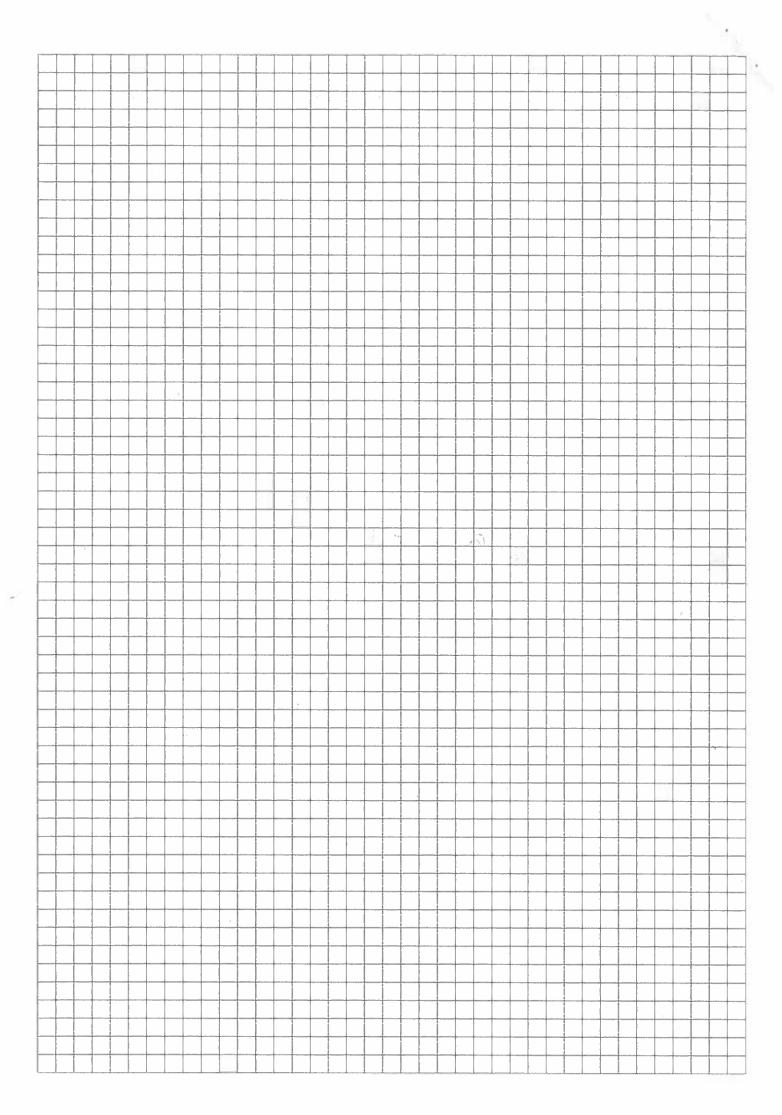
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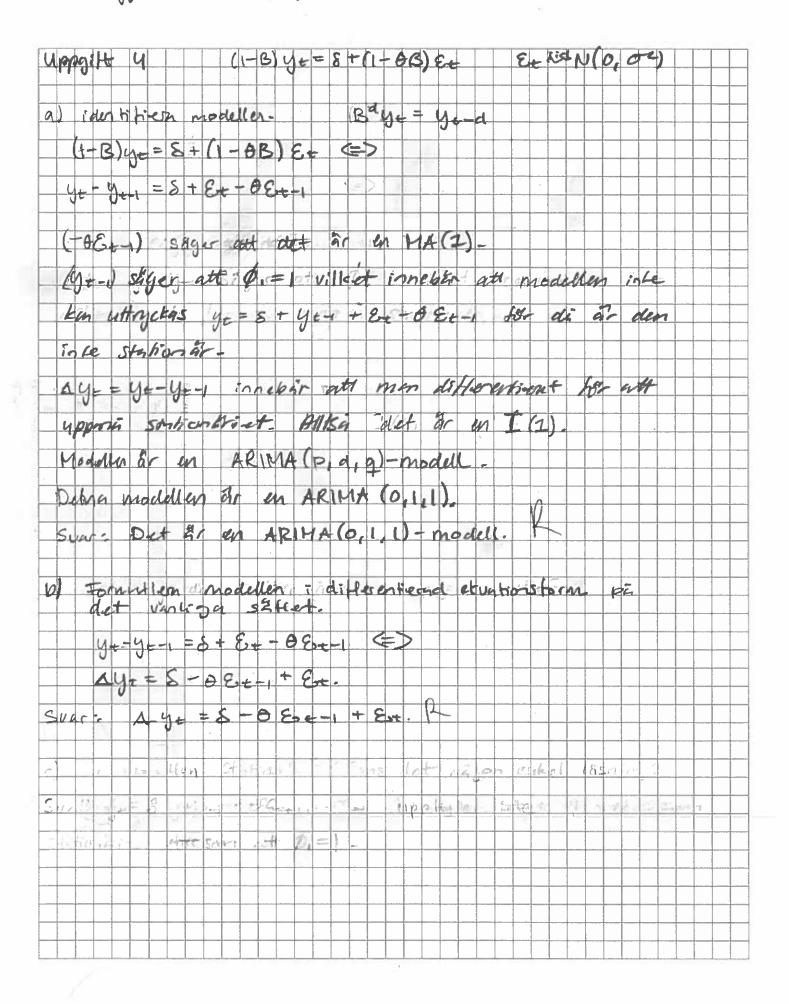


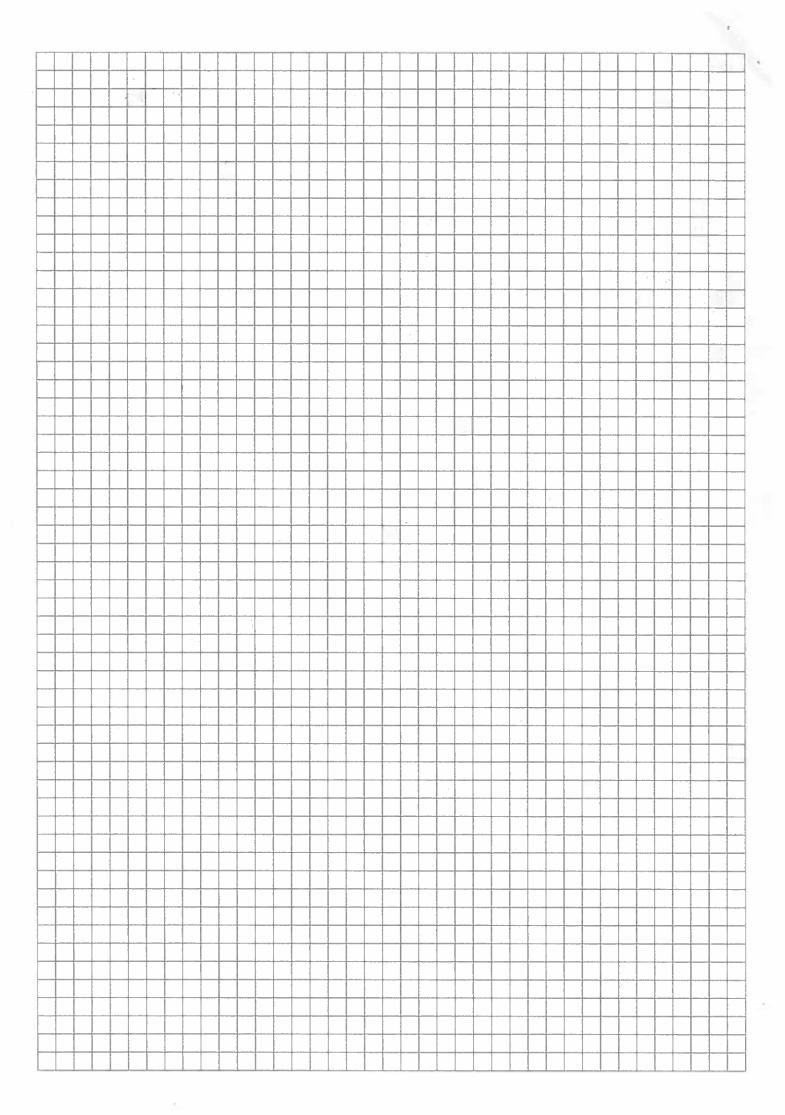
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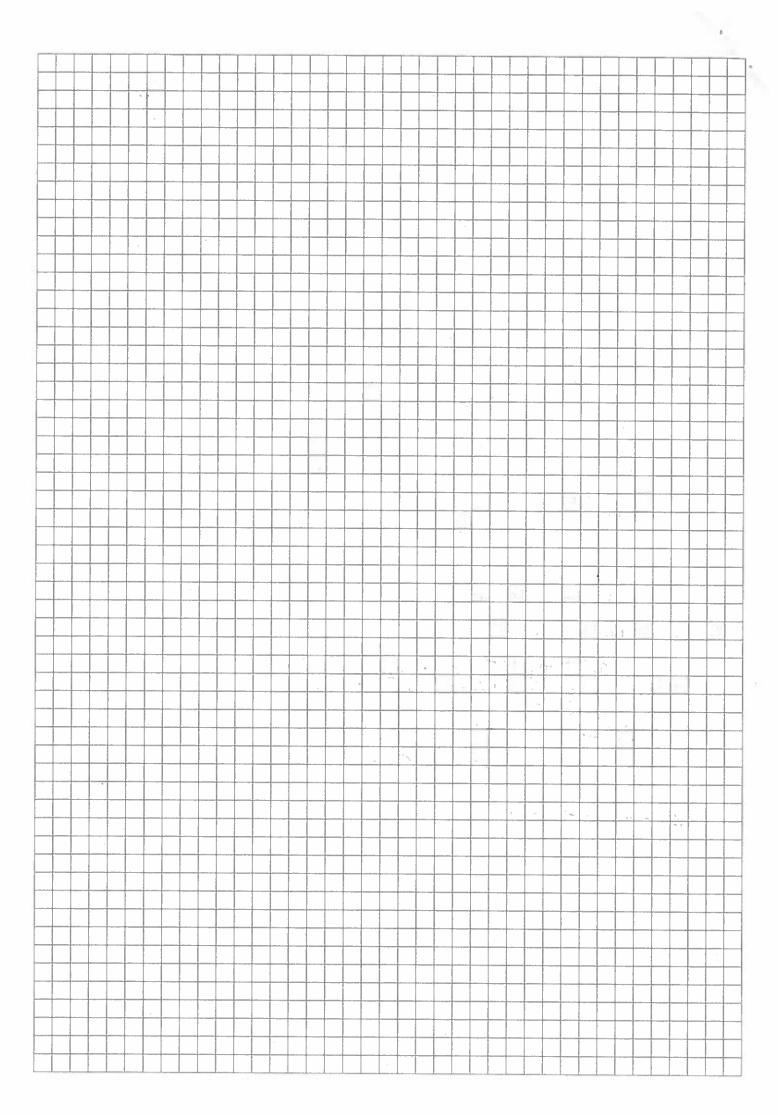
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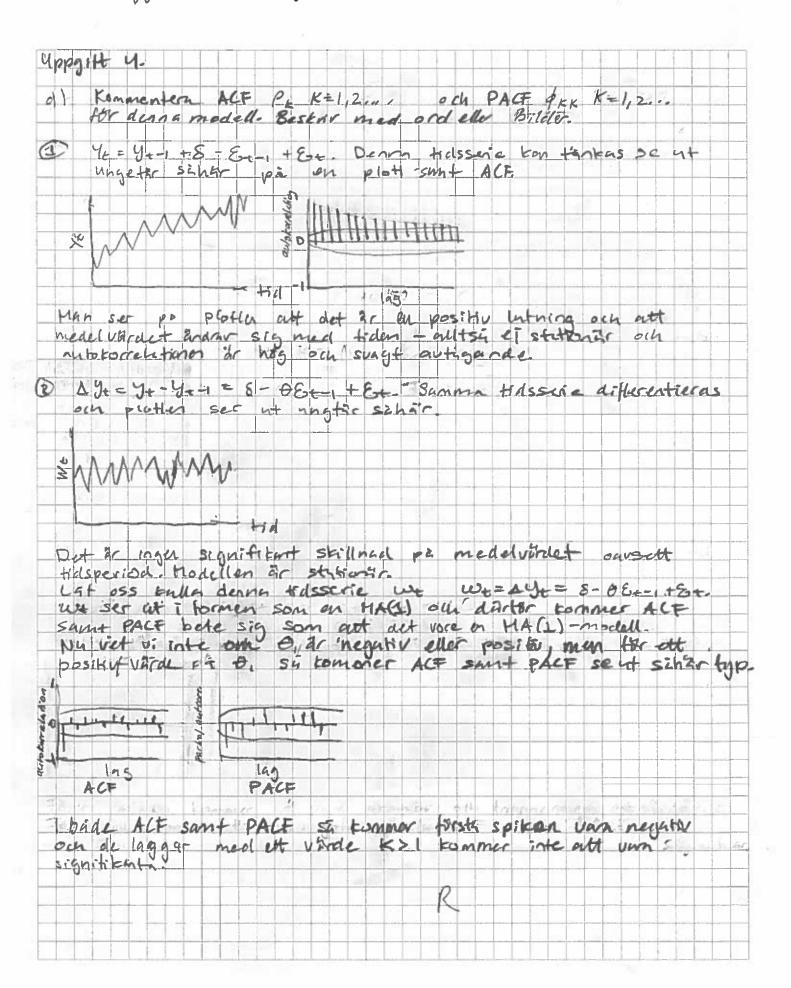


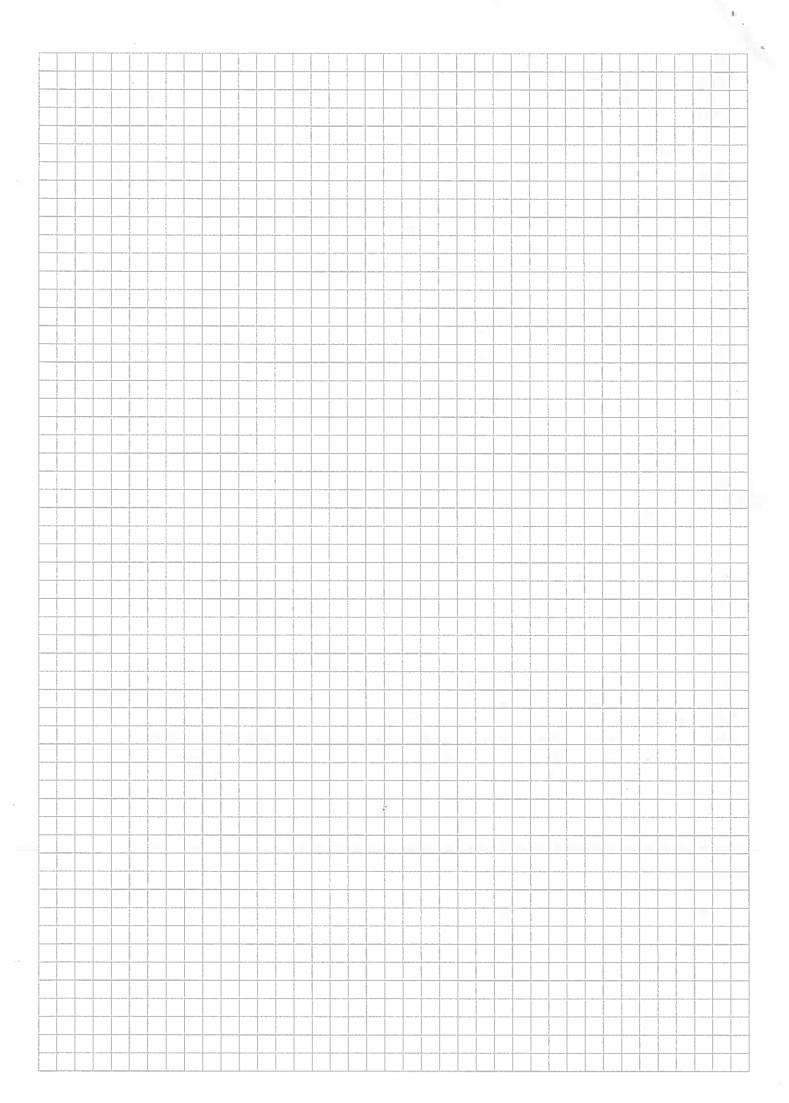
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