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#### **INTRODUCTION**

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Nonconstancy of the bispectrum of a time series has been taken as a measure of non-Gaussianity and nonlinear serial dependence in a stochastic process by Subba Rao and Gabr (1980) and by Hinich (1982), leading to Hinich's statistical test of the null hypothesis of a linear generating mechanism for a time series. Hinich's test has the advantage of focusing directly on nonlinear serial dependence-in contrast to subsequent approaches, which actually test for serial dependence of any kind (nonlinear or linear) on data which have been pre-whitened. The Hinich test tends to have low power, however, and (in common with most statistical procedures in the frequency domain) requires the specification of a smoothing or window-width parameter. In this article, we develop a modification of the Hinich bispectral test which substantially ameliorates both of these problems by the simple expedient of maximizing the test statistic over the feasible values of the smoothing parameter. Monte Carlo simulation results are presented indicating that the new test is well sized and has substantially larger power than the original Hinich test against a number of relevant alternatives; the simulations also indicate that the new test preserves the Hinich test's robustness to misspecifications in the identification of a pre-whitening model.

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http://ashleymac.econ.vt.edu/working\_papers/maximal\_bispectral.pdf

1.2 Estela Bee Dagum, Alessandra Luati ,2009,"A Cascade Linear Filter to Reduce Revisions and False Turning Points for Real Time Trend-Cycle Estimation", Econometric Reviews, Volume 28, Issue 1 – 3, January 2009, pages 40 – 59. The problem of identifying the direction of the short-term trend (nonstationary mean) of seasonally adjusted series contaminated by high levels of variability has become of relevant interest in recent years. In fact, major financial and economic changes of global character have introduced a large amount of noise in time series data, particularly, in socioeconomic indicators used for real time economic analysis. The aim of this study is to construct a cascade linear filter via the convolution of several noise suppression, trend estimation, and extrapolation linear filters. The cascading approach approximates the steps followed by the nonlinear Dagum (1996) trend-cycle estimator, a modified version of the 13-term Henderson filter. The former consists of first extending the seasonally adjusted series with ARIMA extrapolations, and then applying a very strict replacement of extreme values. The nonlinear Dagum filter has been shown to improve significantly the size of revisions and number of false turning points with respect to H13.

We construct a linear approximation of the nonlinear filter because it offers several advantages. For one, its application is direct and hence does not require some knowledge on ARIMA model identification. Furthermore, linear filtering preserves the crucial additive constraint by which the trend of an aggregated variable should be equal to the algebraic addition of its component trends, thus avoiding the selection problem of direct versus indirect adjustments. Finally, the properties of a linear filter concerning signal passing and noise suppression can always be compared to those of other linear filters by means of spectral analysis.

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The Henderson smoother has been traditionally applied for trend-cycle estimation in the context of nonparametric seasonal adjustment software officially adopted by statistical agencies. This study introduces a Henderson third-order kernel representation by means of the reproducing kernel Hilbert space (RKHS) methodology. Two density functions and corresponding orthonormal polynomials have been calculated. Both are shown to give excellent representations for short- and medium-length filters. Theoretical and empirical comparisons of the Henderson thirdorder kernel asymmetric filters are made with the classical ones. The former are shown to be superior in terms of signal passing, noise suppression, and revision size.

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#### 1.5 Estela Bee Dagum, ,Theodore Alexandrov, Silvia Bianconcini, Peter Maass, and Tucker S. McElroy , 2008, "A Review of Some Modern Approaches to the Problem of Trend Extraction", U. S. Census Bureau Research Report series, (Statistics #2008-3).

Trend extraction is one of the major tasks of time series analysis. The trend of a time series is considered as a smooth additive component that contains information about global change.

This paper presents a review of some modern approaches to trend extraction for onedimensional time series. We do not aim to review all the novel approaches, but rather to observe the problem from different viewpoints and from different areas of expertise. The paper contributes to understanding the concept of a trend and the problem of its extraction. We present an overview of advantages and disadvantages of the approaches under consideration, which are: the Model-Based Approach, nonparametric linear filtering, Singular Spectrum Analysis, and wavelets. The Model-Based Approach assumes the specification of a stochastic time series model for the trend, which is usually either an ARIMA model or a state space model. The nonparametric filtering methods (i.e., the Henderson, LOESS, and Hodrick-Prescott filters) do not require specification of a model; they are quite easy to apply and are used in all applied areas of time series analysis. For these well-known methods we show how their properties can be improved by exploiting Reproducing Kernel Hilbert Space methodology. In addition to these extremely popular approaches, we consider Singular Spectrum Analysis (SSA) and wavelet-based methods. Singular Spectrum Analysis is widespread in the geosciences; its algorithm is similar to that of Principal Components Analysis, but SSA is applied to time series. Wavelet-based methods are currently a de facto standard for denoising in many fields. We summarize how the powerful wavelets approach can be used for trend extraction.

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The Henderson smoother (1916) has been traditionally applied for trend-cycle estimation in the context of nonparametric seasonal adjustment software such as Census X11, X11/X12 ARIMA, officially adopted by statistical agencies. Particularly, the 13-term filter has shown to possess good properties to detect an upcoming turning point but it has the shortcoming of introducing large revisions for the most recent estimates when new observations are added to the series. This limitation is of serious consequences for short-term trend analysis. In this study we introduce a Henderson third order kernel representation by means of the reproducing

kernel Hilbert space (RKHS) methodology. Two density functions and corresponding orthonormal polynomials up to the second degree have been calculated. One is based on the Henderson weighting function applied in the least square fitting minimization procedure. The other is the biweight density with the associated Jacobi polynomials. Both are shown to give excellent representations for short and medium length filters. The asymmetric weights are derived by adapting the third order kernel functions to the length of the various filters. A comparison of the Henderson third order kernel asymmetric filters is made with the classical ones developed by Musgrave (1964a and 1964b). The former are shown to be superior in terms of signal passing, noise suppression and speed of convergence to the symmetric filter.

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The purpose of this paper is twofold. First, we study theoretically the impact of misspecifying the trend upon the correlation structure of the process that has generated the observations. In particular, we consider the cases of (i) a regression on integrated processes and (ii) differencing processes with a deterministic trend. Second, we assess the effects of such mis-specifications on hypothesis testing when the data generating process is non-linear. The performances of several commonly employed tests for detecting the presence of a unit root and of non-linearity are investigated in a large scale simulation study. In particular, we will focus on some cases that can violate the assumptions at the basis of the application of the tests but, at the same time, represent situations commonly encountered in the field of Macroeconomics. The results suggest that much care has to be dedicated to the detrending procedure since a wrong specification can bias severely the subsequent analysis.

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1.9 Estela Bee Dagum and Alessandra Luati, 2004, "Relationship between Local and Global Nonparametric Estimators Measures of Fitting and Smoothing", Studies in Nonlinear Dynamics & Econometrics: Vol. 8: No. 2, Article 17.

Following Henderson (1916) who developed a smoothing measure as a function of the weight system of a linear filter, Dagum and Luati (2002a) proposed a set of local statistical measures of bias, variance and mean square error which are intrinsic to the smoother and, thus, independent of the data to which they will be applied on. Theoretical measures of local fitting (LMSE) and smoothing (S) are calculated on the basis of the weight systems of the following nonparametric function estimators, Loess of degree 1 and 2, the cubic smoothing spline, the Gaussian kernel, and the 13-term Henderson filter. Our aim is to evaluate the extent to which these local or weightbased measures of fitting and smoothing can be used to obtain a priori general information on the global (data-based) goodness of fit and smoothness when such filters are applied to real time series. A priori knowledge of a smoother fit and smoothness performances when applied to real data is relevant, among others, for current economic analysis, the main interest of which is the detection of true turning points. For each function estimator, we calculate global measures of fitting (MSE) and smoothing (Q) using two large samples of real and simulated series characterized by different degrees of variability. The results show that the theoretical (weight-based) local smoothing measures are always in agreement with the global empirical ones. Similarly, the local (weight-based) mean square error, analyzed in terms of bias and variance composition, provides sound a priori information on the global goodness of fit given by the symmetric filters of each nonparametric estimator. For the asymmetric filters, the above analysis must be done taking into consideration also the impact of phase shifts which can be inferred from the smoothing measures.

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#### 1.11 Estela Bee Dagum, A. Luati, 2003, "A Linear Transformation and its Properties with Special Applications in Time Series Filtering", Linear Algebra and Its Applications, 2003.

The main purpose of this paper is to introduce a linear transformation, called t, and to derive its algebraic properties by means of permutation matrices that represent it.

To demonstrate the importance of the *t*-transformation for the estimation of latent variables in time series decomposition, we obtain a general expression for smoothing matrices characterized by symmetric and asymmetric weighting systems.

We show that the submatrix of the symmetric weights (to be applied to central observations) is *t*-invariant whereas the submatrices of the asymmetric weights (to be applied to initial and final observations) are the *t*-transform of each other. By virtue of this relation, the properties of the *t*-transformation provide useful information on the smoothing of time series data.

Finally, we illustrate the role of the *t*-transformation on the weighting systems of several smoothers often applied for trend-cycle estimation, such as the locally weighted regression smoother (loess), the cubic smoothing spline, the Gaussian kernel and the 13-term trend-cycle Henderson filter.

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The main purpose of this study is to analyze the global and local statistical properties of nonparametric smoothers subject to a priori fixed length restriction. In order to do so, we introduce a set of local statistical measures based on their weighting system shapes and weight values. In this way, the local statistical measures of bias, variance and mean square error are intrinsic to the smoothers and independent of the data to which they will be applied on. One major advantage of the statistical measures relative to the classical spectral ones is their easiness of calculation. However, in this paper we use both in a complementary manner. The smoothers studied are based on two broad classes of weighting generating functions, local polynomials and probability distributions. We consider within the first class, the locally weighted regression smoother (loess) of degree 1 and 2 (L1 and L2), the cubic smoothing spline (CSS), and the Henderson smoothing linear filter (H); and in the second class, the Gaussian kernel (GK). The weighting systems of these estimators depend on a smoothing parameter that traditionally, is estimated by means of data dependent optimization criteria. However, by imposing to all of them the condition of an equal number of weights, it will be shown that some of their optimal statistical properties are no longer valid. Without any loss of generality, the analysis is carried out for 13and 9-term lengths because these are the most often selected for the Henderson filters in the context of monthly time series decomposition.

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This paper deals with the properties of several nonparametric estimators in the context of seasonal adjustment. The smoothers discussed are Loess, the Cubic smoothing spline and the Gaussian kernel, all constrained to a fix span of 13 terms for comparison with the Henderson filter widely applied in time series decomposition. Because of this constraint, the smoothers statistical properties are affected, and no longer optimal as when their respective smoothing parameters are optimally estimated according to data-driven automated selection methods.

We perform the comparison by means of spectral techniques, deriving the symmetric and asymmetric weights of each smoother and calculating the corresponding gains and phase shift functions. These latter provide information on the type of "signal" passed and "noise" suppressed by each smoother.

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