Instructions and guide for installing and using the HPFilter.xla file

First download the Hodrick-Prescott filter from <u>www.algarhi.com</u> by saving it on your computer.

Open the dataset with Excel. To create a column of the natural logarithms of the real GDP per capital (LNGDP). Click on the cell C2 and type the following function =LN (B2), then click **Entre**. Copy the same function all the way to the cell C55.

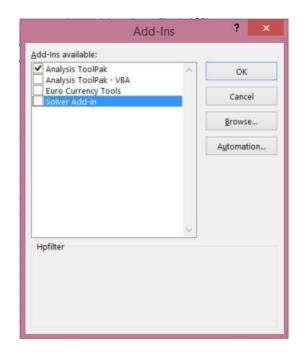
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1	Year	Real GDP per ca	pita (2013 US\$)	LNGDP	
2	1960		478.9953402	=LN(B2)	
3	1961		563.5867598		
4	1962		633.6403152		
5	1963		717.8669152		
6	1964		835.6572525		
7	1965		919.7766882		

To load and install the Hodrick-Prescott filter HP-filter function =HP (), you need to perform the following steps:

- 1. In Excel, click on File / Options / Add-Ins.
- 2. At the bottom of the 'Excel options' window you will find '**Manage: Excel Add**ins', then click on **GO**.

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3. The 'Add-Ins' window will appear, then click on **Browse...** Select the file HPFilter.xla. After pressing **Ok**, the HP-filter has been installed and can now be used in Excel.



Now, to create a HP-filtered trend column (HPf trend), select the cells where the filter should write the trend component in. Note that it is important that you select as many cells as the original time series consists of (see the figure below).

1	A Year	B Real GDP per capita (2013 US\$)	LNGDP	D HPf Trend	E	
2	1960	478.9953402	6.171690869			
3	1961	563,5867598	6.334321288			
4	1962	633.6403152	6.451481467			
5	1963	717.8669152	6.576284197			
6	1964	835.6572525	6.728218544			
7	1965	919,7766882	6.82413091			
8	1966	1058.503561	6.964611455			
9	1967	1228.90921	7.113882234			
10	1968	1450.619652				
			7.279746091			
11	1969	1669.0982	7.42003876			
12	1970	2003.647047	7.602724323			
13	1971	2234.261666	7.711666102			
14	1972	2917.658976	7.978536853			
15	1973	3931.301627	8.276725853			
16	1974	4281.359928	8.362025978			
17	1975	4581.574389	8.429797971			
18	1976	5111.295149	8.539208105			
19	1977	6230.335688	8.737185493			
20	1978	8675.013997	9.068202218			
21	1979	8953.59152	9.099810018			
22	1980	9307.839295	9.138612259			
23	1981	10212.37814	9.231355806			
24	1982	9428.87465	9.151532031			
25	1983	10213.95828	9.231510523			
26	1984	10786.78618	9.286077162			
27	1985	11465.72578	9.347117497			
28	1986	16882 27395	9.734019472			
29	1987	20355 60522	9.921111594			
30	1988	24592.77201	10.11020786			
31	1989	24505.7673	10.10666377			
32	1990	25123.63179	10.13156419			
33	1991	28540.77148	10.25908892			
34	1992	31013.64715	10.34218262			
39	1993	35451,29751	10.47591513		-	
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36	1994	38814.89438	10.56655933			
37	1995	42522.06659	10.65777843			
38	1996	37421.67386	10.53000533			
39	1997	34294.89898	10.4427519		-	
40	1998	30967.28809	10.3406867			
41	1999	34998.80997	10.46306934			
42	2000	37291.70616	10.52652623			
43	2001	32716.41867	10.39563233			
44	2002	31235.58818	10.34931337			
45	2003	33690.93773	10.42498417			
46	2004	36441.50449	10.50346364			
47	2005	35781.16627	10.48517695			
48	2006	34102.11478	10.43711468			
43	2007	34095.02343	10.43690671			
50	2008	37972.05574	10.54460579			
51	2009	39473.36751	10.58338148			
52	2010	43117.82967	10.67169187			
53	2011	46203 69804	10.74081512			
54	2012	46679.26543	10.75105535			
55	2013	38633.70806	10.56188044			
56	2010	30033.10000	10.00100044			
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In the 'Insert function taskbar', type =HP(C2:C55,100), where C2:C55 are the cells that contain the LN(GDP) time series, then press **Shift**, **Ctrl** and **Entre** simultaneously (Note: do not press **Enter**).