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10. Dynamic regression models

10.1 Estimation

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- Be careful in distinguishing η_t from ε_t .
- Only the errors ε_t are assumed to be white noise.
- In ordinary regression, η_t is assumed to be white noise and so $\eta_t = \varepsilon_t$.

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 - Maximizing likelihood similar to minimizing $\sum \varepsilon_t^2$.

Stationarity

Regression with ARMA errors

$$y_t = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_{1,t} + \cdots + \beta_k x_{k,t} + \eta_t,$$

where η_t is an ARMA process.

- All variables in the model **must be stationary**.
- If we estimate the model while any of these are non-stationary, the estimated coefficients **can be incorrect**.
- **Difference** variables until all stationary.
- If necessary, apply same differencing to all variables.

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Equivalent to model with ARIMA(1,0,1) errors

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where $y'_t = y_t - y_{t-1}$, $x'_{t,i} = x_{t,i} - x_{t-1,i}$ and $\eta'_t = \eta_t - \eta_{t-1}$.

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where

$$\phi(B)\eta'_t = \theta(B)\varepsilon_t, \quad y'_t = (1-B)^d y_t, \quad x'_{i,t} = (1-B)^d x_{i,t}, \quad \eta'_t = (1-B)^d \eta_t$$