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/// Eviews program written by Carlos Goes and Rania Papageorgiou
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**** This do file aims at
**** (a) practicing time-series commands in Eviews
**** (b) calculating potential Output and Output Gap with the Hodrick-Prescott filter
**** (c) calculating the Okun's law relationship
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cd "U:\Macroeconometrics\Eviews\Output gap"
close outputgap.wf1
wfcreate(wf=outputgap,page=yearly) y 1980 2011
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read "outputgap.txt" 6
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// 1. Prepare the data
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// 1a. Take logs of the output and calculate first differences
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series ly = log(y)           " takes the log of GDP
series dly = d(ly) * 100      " calculates GDP growth
series du = d(u) * 100        " takes the first difference of unemployment
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// 2. Use Hodrick-Prescott filter of the log of GDP
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ly.hpf(lambda=6.25) lytrend @ lycycle
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// 3. Exponentiate calculated trend to obtain the trend in levels
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series ytrend = exp(lytrend) " exponentiates to get trend in levels
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// 4. Calculate Output Gap
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series ygap = ( y / ytrend - 1) * 100
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// 5. Do the same to calculate the natural rate of unemployment and the employment gap
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u.hpf(lambda=6.25) utrend @ ucycle
series ugap = ( u / utrend - 1) * 100
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// 6. Plot charts
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' *** 6a. for Potential GDP, GDP growth, and Output Gap
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graph potential.line y ytrend           " creates a line graph named 'potential'
potential.addtext(t, font(18pt,+b)) "Actual and Potential GDP in Brazil" " adds the title
potential.setelem(1) legend("Actual GDP") " sets legend for element 1
potential.setelem(2) legend("Potential GDP") " sets legend for element 2
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group g1 ygap dly                       " creates a group called 'g1'
graph gap.bar(l) g1                     " combines a bar and a line graph
gap.setelem(1) legend("Output Gap, in pct")
gap.setelem(2) legend("GDP Growth, in pct")
gap.axis(l) range(-6, 8) zeroline -minor
gap.addtext(t, font(18pt,+b)) "GDP Growth and Output Gap in Brazil" " adds the title
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show gap potential                      " plots graphs
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' *** 6b. for Okun's law
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equation okun.ls du c dly              " runs du on dly
okun.fit du_hat                        " creates fitted values
sort(a) du                             " sorts series
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group g2 dly du du_hat                 " creates group
freeze(graph) g2.scat                 " creates scatterplot
graph.setelem(2) legend("Actual")
graph.setelem(2) symbol(none) linepattern(solid) " sets trendline
graph.setelem(3) legend("Fitted")
graph.addtext(t, font(18pt,+b)) "Okun's law in Brazil" " adds the tile
graph.axis(l) zeroline                 " adds zero line
graph.axis(x) zeroline                 " adds zero line
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show graph                             " plots graph
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