

$$y_t = \beta_0 + \beta_1 t + \varepsilon_t$$

$$y_{t-1} = \beta_0 + \beta_1(t-1) + \varepsilon_{t-1}$$

Lets state a new function composed from y and y shifted:

$$z_t = y_t - y_{t-1}$$

$$z_t = \beta_0 + \beta_1 t + \varepsilon_t - (\beta_0 + \beta_1(t-1) + \varepsilon_{t-1})$$

$$z_t = \beta_0 + \beta_1 t + \varepsilon_t - \beta_0 - \beta_1(t-1) - \varepsilon_{t-1}$$

$$z_t = \beta_1 t - \beta_1(t-1) + \varepsilon_t - \varepsilon_{t-1}$$

$$z_t = \beta_1 t - \beta_1 t + \beta_1 + \varepsilon_t - \varepsilon_{t-1}$$

$$z_t = \beta_1 + (\varepsilon_t - \varepsilon_{t-1})$$

Lets find out its **variance** and **expected value**, remember expected value of noise is 0:

Expected Value (mean):

$$E[Z_t] = E[\beta_1 + (\varepsilon_t - \varepsilon_{t-1})]$$

$$E[Z_t] = E[\beta_1] + E[\varepsilon_t - \varepsilon_{t-1}]$$

$$E[Z_t] = E[\beta_1] + E[\varepsilon_t - \varepsilon_{t-1}]$$

$$E[Z_t] = E[\beta_1] + E[\varepsilon_t] - E[\varepsilon_{t-1}]$$

$$E[Z_t] = E[\beta_1]$$

But β_1 is a constant, then :

$$E[Z_t] = \beta_1$$

Variance:

$$\text{Var}_{Z_t} = \text{Var}[\beta_1 + (\varepsilon_t - \varepsilon_{t-1})]$$

But terms: β_1 and $(\varepsilon_t - \varepsilon_{t-1})$ are independent, then :

$$\text{Var}_{Z_t} = \text{Var}[\beta_1] + \text{Var}[(\varepsilon_t - \varepsilon_{t-1})]$$

$$\text{Var}_{Z_t} = E[(\beta_1 - E[\beta_1])^2] + \text{Var}[(\varepsilon_t - \varepsilon_{t-1})]$$

But β_1 coefficient is constant, then $E[\beta_1] = \beta_1$

$$Var_{Z_t} = E[(\beta_1 - \beta_1)^2] + Var[(\varepsilon_t - \varepsilon_{t-1})]$$

$$Var_{Z_t} = Var[(\varepsilon_t - \varepsilon_{t-1})]$$

$$Var_{Z_t} = E\left[\left((\varepsilon_t - \varepsilon_{t-1}) - E[\varepsilon_t - \varepsilon_{t-1}]\right)^2\right]$$

$$Var_{Z_t} = E[(\varepsilon_t - \varepsilon_{t-1})^2 - 2(\varepsilon_t - \varepsilon_{t-1})(E[\varepsilon_t - \varepsilon_{t-1}]) + E[\varepsilon_t - \varepsilon_{t-1}]^2]$$

But $E[\varepsilon_t]$ and $E[\varepsilon_{t-1}]$ is 0 since both terms represent noise.

$$Var_{Z_t} = E[(\varepsilon_t - \varepsilon_{t-1})^2 - 2(\varepsilon_t - \varepsilon_{t-1})(E[\varepsilon_t] - E[\varepsilon_{t-1}]) + E[\varepsilon_t - \varepsilon_{t-1}]^2]$$

$$Var_{Z_t} = E[(\varepsilon_t - \varepsilon_{t-1})^2 + E[\varepsilon_t - \varepsilon_{t-1}]^2]$$

The expected value of an expected value can be collapsed into one expectation since first calculation brings out a constant.

$$Var_{Z_t} = E[(\varepsilon_t - \varepsilon_{t-1})^2] + E[E[\varepsilon_t - \varepsilon_{t-1}]^2]$$

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Let's approach the quadratic term $(\varepsilon_t - \varepsilon_{t-1})^2$ first

$$Var_{Z_t} = E[(\varepsilon_t)^2 - 2(\varepsilon_t)(\varepsilon_{t-1}) + (\varepsilon_{t-1})^2] + E[\varepsilon_t - \varepsilon_{t-1}]^2$$

But ε_t and ε_{t-1} are independent given its randomness :

$$Var_{Z_t} = E[(\varepsilon_t)^2] - E[2(\varepsilon_t)(\varepsilon_{t-1})] + E[(\varepsilon_{t-1})^2] + E[\varepsilon_t - \varepsilon_{t-1}]^2$$

Again , $E[\varepsilon_t]$ and $E[\varepsilon_{t-1}]$ is 0 since both terms represent noise.

$$Var_{Z_t} = E[(\varepsilon_t)^2] - 2E[(\varepsilon_{t-1})]E[(\varepsilon_t)] + E[(\varepsilon_{t-1})^2] + E[\varepsilon_t - \varepsilon_{t-1}]^2$$

$$Var_{Z_t} = E[(\varepsilon_t)^2] + E[(\varepsilon_{t-1})^2] + E[\varepsilon_t - \varepsilon_{t-1}]^2$$

$$Var_{Z_t} = E[(\varepsilon_t)^2] + E[(\varepsilon_{t-1})^2] + (E[\varepsilon_t] - E[\varepsilon_{t-1}])^2$$

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$$Var_{Z_t} = E[(\varepsilon_t)^2] + E[(\varepsilon_{t-1})^2]$$

But we know that $Var_{E_t} = E[(\varepsilon_t)^2] - (E[\varepsilon_t])^2$, so :

$$Var_{Z_t} = Var_{E_t} + (E[\varepsilon_t])^2 + Var_{E_{t-1}} + (E[\varepsilon_{t-1}])^2$$

$$Var_{Z_t} = Var_{E_t} + Var_{E_{t-1}}$$

$$Var_{Z_t} = \sigma_\varepsilon^2 + \sigma_\varepsilon^2$$

$Var_{Z_t} = 2\sigma_\varepsilon^2$
