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ETC3550/ETC5550 Applied forecasting

Week 12: Dynamic regression models

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Example: ARIMA(1,1,1) errors

$$y_t = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_{1,t} + \cdots + \beta_k x_{k,t} + \eta_t,$$
$$(1 - \phi_1 B)(1 - B)\eta_t = (1 + \theta_1 B)\varepsilon_t,$$

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- Minimizing $\sum \varepsilon_t^2$ avoids these problems.
- Maximizing likelihood similar to minimizing $\sum \varepsilon_t^2$.

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After differencing all variables

$$y'_t = \beta_1 x'_{1,t} + \dots + \beta_k x'_{k,t} + \eta'_t.$$

where $\phi(B)\eta'_t = \theta(B)\varepsilon_t$,

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

Regression with ARIMA errors

- In R, we can specify an ARIMA(p, d, q) for the errors, then d levels of differencing will be applied to all variables $(y, x_{1,t}, \dots, x_{k,t})$ during estimation.
- Check that ε_t series looks like white noise.
- AICc can be calculated for final model.
- Repeat procedure for all subsets of predictors to be considered, and select model with lowest AICc value.

Forecasting

- To forecast a regression model with ARIMA errors, we need to forecast the regression part of the model and the ARIMA part of the model and combine the results.
- Some predictors are known into the future (e.g., time, dummies).
- Separate forecasting models may be needed for other predictors.
- Forecast intervals ignore the uncertainty in forecasting the predictors.

Your turn

1. Fit a regression model with a piecewise linear trend and Fourier terms for the US leisure employment data.

```
leisure <- us_employment |>
  filter(Title == "Leisure and Hospitality", year(Month) > 2001) |>
  mutate(Employed = Employed / 1000) |>
  select(Month, Employed)
```

2. Add a dynamic regression model with the same predictors.
3. How do the models compare on AICc?
4. Does the additional ARIMA component fix the residual autocorrelation problem in the regression model?
5. How different are the forecasts from each model?