

Syntax

Fiorito & Kollintzas Cycle Decomposition

`fk_cycle` {variables} [*if*] [*in*] , **filter**(type of filter) **outcome**(outcome variable) **lag**(lag)

options	Description
filter (Filter) <i>beta</i>	specifies the type of filter for business cycles: Baxter-King (BK), Christiano-Fitzgerald (CF) and Hodrick-Prescott (HP). Hodrick-Prescott is the default.
outcome (Outcome)	specifies the reference variable, e.g., the (detrended) GDP.
lag (Lag)	specifies the number of lags. The default is to use min{floor(n/2) - 2, 20}.

Description

`fk_cycle` implements the Fiorito & Kollintzas Cycle Decomposition (1994) for time series.

This decomposition is applied through a cross-correlogram. In its current version all variables must be previously detrended. The *beta* version (available upon request) will include more options for panel data such as winsorsing.

Examples

Setup: Requires you to install bking, cfitzrw and hprescott from ssc

`ssc install bking`
`ssc install cfitzrw`
`ssc install hprescott`

We use GVAR macroeconomic quarterly data from Argentina (1979-2019) to assess the timing, transimission channels and the relative importance of different shocks named: inflation, nominal interest rate, exchange rate, raw materials, oil an prices on output (Real GDP). The direction and sign of variables that shape economic cycles may provide additional information for sound macroeconomic policies in developing countries with cronic inflation and output volatility.

Data must be tsset. Time can be monthly, quarterly, yearly.

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. use fk_example1.dta, clear
. tsset t
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Visual inspection

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. twoway (line y HP_y_sm_1 t), title("Real GDP vs trend: Hodrick-Prescott filter") subtitle("Argentina: 1979-2019") legend(col(2) region(lstyle(none))) legend(on order(1 "GDP" 2 "Trend"))

. twoway (spike HP_y_1 t), title("Business cycle") subtitle("Argentina: 1979-2019") ytitle("") legend(col(1) region(lstyle(none)))
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Hodrick-Prescott (default)

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. fk_cycle Dp_hp ep_hp r_hp poil_hp pmat_hp pmetal_hp, outcome(y_hp) lag(12)
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Baxter-King

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. fk_cycle Dp_bk ep_bk r_cf poil_bk pmat_bk pmetal_bk, outcome(y_bk) lag(12)
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Christiano-Fitzgerald

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. fk_cycle Dp_cf ep_cf r_cf poil_cf pmat_cf pmetal_cf, outcome(y_cf) lag(12)
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This command was written to asses the timming, transimission channels and the relative importance of different shocks during economic cycles using traditional filters.

Program has been tested to work under Stata 17.

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