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Most people translate “panel data” to ‘tracking data’, ...
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<th>Therefore, we obtain the following equation:</th>
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<tr>
<td>$Y_t = \left[ aX_{1t} + (1 - a)X_{2t} \right] Z_t^b - c \cdot W_t$.</td>
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</table>

Where $Y_t$ can be an ARIMA $(p, d, q)$ time series; Constants $a$, $b$ and $c$ have the following constraints: $a$ must be between 0 and 1, $b \in [a, 1]$, and $c$ is a positive number.

Here, $W$, $X$, $Y$, $Z$, $a$, $b$, and $c$, and especially $p$, $d$, and $q$ used as mathematical symbols either in the text or in an independent mathematical expression are
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$$\max_x h[\ln(x), \sin(y)], \quad \text{where} \quad y = \frac{\exp(x)}{\cos(x)}.$$ 

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$$Y_i = f(\text{sale}_i, \text{plant}_i, \text{age}_i, \text{FDI}_i \mid X_i; q),$$
$$Z_i = g(\text{sale}_i, \text{INDUSTRY}_i, \text{LABOR}_i, \text{CAPITAL}_i \mid X_i; a).$$

Here, Y, Z and X are all symbols of variables, so they are in italics. However, sale, plant, age, FDI, INDUSTRY, LABOR, and CAPTIAL are the abbreviations or codes for the names of variables, which are composed of more than one English letter and should be non-italicized.

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\[
y_i = x_i' \beta \varepsilon + \varepsilon_i, \quad i = 1, 2, \ldots, n, \\
\text{here,}
\]

\[
E(\varepsilon_i) = 0, \quad \text{Var}(\varepsilon_i) = \sigma^2, \quad \text{Cov}(\varepsilon_i, \varepsilon_j) = 0, \quad \text{for } i \neq j,
\]

or it can be expressed in a matrix form as:

\[
y = X\beta \varepsilon + \varepsilon, \quad \text{where} \quad E(\varepsilon) = 0, \quad \text{Var}(\varepsilon) = \sigma I_n.
\]
The econometric model with time series we use is set as follows:

\[ \phi(L)(y_t - \mu) = \theta(L) \epsilon_t, \quad (1) \]
\[ \epsilon_t = \sqrt{h_t} u_t, \quad (2) \]
\[ h_t = \omega + \beta(L) h_t + \alpha(L) \epsilon_t^2. \quad (3) \]

Here, \( u \) is the unconditional expected value for time series \( y_t \), the expected value of \( u_t \) is 0; the i.i.d. (independent and identically distributed) of random variance = 1 and \( h_t \) is a conditional variance.

. The positions of independent mathematical expressions: The independent mathematical expression can be either center justified (see the example shown above) or left-aligned. For the left-aligned format, leaving some proper spaces on the left for indentation is necessary.

The econometric model with time series we use is set as follows:

\[ \epsilon_t = \sqrt{h_t} u_t, \quad (4) \]
\[ h_t = \omega + \beta(L) h_t + \alpha(L) \epsilon_t^2. \quad (5) \]

Here, \( u \) is the unconditional expected value for time series \( y_t \), the expected value of \( u_t \) is 0; the i.i.d. (Identical Independent Distribution) of random variance = 1 and \( h_t \) is a conditional variance.

. An independent mathematical expression includes multiple equalities: If an independent mathematical expression includes multiple equal signs, the equal signs should be aligned. Please see the example below:

\[
\text{MSE} (\hat{\theta}) = E (\hat{\theta} - \theta)^2
\]
\[= E [\hat{\theta} - E (\hat{\theta})]^2 + [E (\hat{\theta}) - \theta]^2 \]
\[= \text{Var} (\hat{\theta}) + [\text{Bias} (\hat{\theta})]^2. \]

. Lengthy independent mathematical expression: If the length of an
independent mathematical expression is longer than the width of a page, it should be truncated in a proper place, e.g. before a mathematical operator, and moved to the next line and continued. Please see the example below:

\[
\ln L = \sum_{j=1}^{J} \sum_{i=1}^{N_j} \left\{ \ln \theta_j - y_{ji}\theta_j + x'_{ji}\pi_j \right. \\
- \exp\left( -y_{ji}\theta_j - x'_{ji}\delta_j \right) \left[ 1 + \sum_{k=1}^{J} \exp\left( x'_{ji}(\pi_k + \delta_k) \right) \right].
\]

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\[
\left( \frac{12}{7} \alpha \sqrt{ \frac{\partial^2 y}{\partial x^2} } + \frac{z^2}{\Delta} \right), \quad \left[ \frac{12}{7} \alpha \sqrt{ \frac{\partial^2 y}{\partial x^2} } + \frac{z^2}{\Delta} \right].
\]

. Multi-line mathematical symbols: There are many mathematical symbols which require two or three rows of notation. For example:

\[
\sum_{i=1}^{n} x_i, \quad \prod_{i=1}^{n} y_i, \quad \int_{0}^{\infty} g(x)\,dx, \quad \lim_{n \to \infty} \bar{x}_n, \quad \max_{i \in A} z_i, \quad e^{ax+by}.
\]

If the in-text mathematical expression contains symbols such as the above, in order not to compress the text in the upper and lower lines, horizontal typesetting can be used as follows.
Similarly, the following fractions,
\[
\frac{3}{4}, \quad \sin(x), \quad \cos(x), \quad \frac{\partial f(x)}{\partial x}, \quad \frac{dy}{dx},
\]
can be presented in horizontal typesetting in a text as:
\[
3/4, \quad \sin(x)/\cos(x), \quad \partial f(x)/\partial x, \quad dy/dx.
\]
Please see the following example:

Based on the definition of cumulative distribution function, the relationship between cumulative distribution function and density function is
\[
F(x) = \int_{-\infty}^{x} f(t) dt \quad \text{and} \quad f(x) = dF(x)/dx.
\]
As for the definition of expected value, it is then
\[
E(x) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} xf(x) dx.
\]
With regard to the definition of variance, from equation (4), you can obtain
\[
(dX_i/d\alpha)|_{\alpha=0} = (X_i^2 - P_i)/(c - X_i); \quad \text{therefore,} \quad \max_{1 \leq i \leq n} \{X_i\} \text{ has to satisfy the condition of equation (2).}
\]

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We therefore can obtain the following results:

**Theorem 1 (Functional central limit theorem)**  Assume $x_t$ is a stable time series which satisfies equations (1) and (3), then

$$\sqrt{T} \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^{[rT]} (x_t - \mu) \Rightarrow B(s).$$

Here, $\Rightarrow$ represents weak convergence, $[z]$ is the greatest integer smaller or equal to $z$, and $B(s)$ is Brownian motion.

The above proof is placed in the appendix. Please note that in fact the functional central limit theorem is a generalized central limit theorem. The related results are ...

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### Table 1  Estimation results of wage equation (1976-1999)

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<thead>
<tr>
<th>Explanatory variable</th>
<th>Male</th>
<th>Female</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Estimated value</td>
<td>( t )-value</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Constant</td>
<td>-3.155**</td>
<td>-32.037</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Years of education</td>
<td>0.389**</td>
<td>7.104</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Experience</td>
<td>0.026</td>
<td>0.512</td>
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<tr>
<td>( \rho )</td>
<td>0.164**</td>
<td>3.442</td>
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<tr>
<td>Number of samples</td>
<td>31,467</td>
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</tr>
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</table>

Note: 1. ** denotes levels of significance less than 1% are significant estimated values; * means levels of significance less than 5% are significant estimated values.
2. \( \rho \) is adjustment factor (coefficient) or regulation factor (coefficient).

Source: Directorate General of Budget, Accounting and Statistics, Executive Yuan.

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