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Developed fifty years ago by the National Bureau of Economic Research, the analytic methods of business cycles and economic indicators enable economists to forecast economic trends by examining the repetitive sequences that occur in business cycles. The methodology has proven to be an inexpensive and useful tool that is now used extensively throughout the world. In recent years, however, significant new developments have emerged in the field of business cycles and economic indicators. This volume contains twenty-two articles by international experts who are working with new and innovative approaches to indicator research. They cover advances in three broad areas of research: the use of new developments in economic theory and time-series analysis to rationalize existing systems of indicators; more appropriate methods to evaluate the forecasting records of leading indicators, particularly of turning point probability; and the development of new indicators.

Every day, stocks, bonds, and currencies bounce wildly in response to new economic indicators. Money managers obsess over those statistics, because they provide crucial clues about the future of the economy and the financial markets. Nowyoucan use these indicators to make smarter investment decisions, just like the professionals do.You don't need an economics degree, or a CPA... just this easy-to-use book. FormerTIMEMagazine senior economics reporter Bernard Baumohl has done the impossible: he's made economic indicatorsfascinating. Using real-world examples and stories,Baumohl illuminates every U.S. and foreign indicator that matters.Where to find them.What they look like. What the insiders know about their track records. Andexactlyhow to interpret them. Whether you're an investor,broker, portfolio manager, researcher, journalist,or student, you'll find this book indispensable.Nobody can predict the future with certainty. ButThe Secrets of Economic Indicatorswill get you as close as humanly possible. What the numbersreallymean... ...to stocks, bonds, rates, currencies, and you Ahead of the curve: spotting turning points Calling recessions and recoveries in time to profit from them Leading indicators: where's the economyreallyheading Decoding initial unemployment claims, housing starts, the yield curve, and other predictors Beyond the borders Why foreign indicators are increasingly important—and how to use them Making sense of indicators in conflict What to do when the numbers disagree Finding the data Free web resources for the latest economic data Investments "This is the most up-to-date guide to economic indicators and their importance to financial markets in print. For anyone trying to follow the economic data, this should be next to yourcomputer so that you can understand and find the data on the Internet." David Wyss, Chief Economist, Standard and Poor's "I find Baumohl's writing fascinating. Just about anyone who's serious about understanding which way the economy is headed will want to read this book. It could be a classic." Harry Domash, Columnist for MSN Money and Publisher, Winning Investing Newsletter "Every business person or investor should keep a copy of Baumohl's book close-at-hand. It is great, at long last, to have someone who has eliminated what may have been so perplexing to so many and to have done so with such remarkable clarity." Hugh Johnson, Chief Investment Officer, First Albany "Bernie Baumohl has written a "must read" educational and reference book that every individual investor will find indispensable for watching, monitoring, and interpreting the markets." Allen Sinai, President and Chief Global Economist, Decision Economics, Inc. "Baumohl has a gift for taking a complicated subject and allowing it to read like a fast-moving novel. I recommend this book if you care about your future finances." Morris E. Lasky, CEO, Lodging Unlimited, Inc.—manager and consultant for $6 billion in hotel assets; Chairman, Lodging Conference; Chairman, International Hotel Conference "I think this is an excellent book. It's well written, accessible to a variety of readers, deals with an interesting and important subject, and covers the topic well. It deserves to get a lot of notice and use." D. Quinn Mills, Alfred J. Weatherhead Jr., Professor of Business Administration, Harvard Business School The fascinating, plain-English guide to economic indicators: what they mean, and how to use them. Unemployment. Inflation. Consumer confidence. Retail sales... Every morning brings new economic statistics. Which economic indicators really matter? What do they mean for stocks, bonds, interest rates, currencies...your portfolio? How can you use them to make faster, smarter investment decisions? Simple, clear, non-technical, friendly,usable...theonlybook of its kind! By former renownedTIMEMagazine economics journalist Bernard Baumohl.

Bachelor Thesis from the year 2018 in the subject Business economics - Investment and Finance, grade: 1,0, University of Passau, language: English, abstract: Today there are dozens of papers existing which investigate the relationship between macroeconomic variables such as GDP growth, exchange rates, inflation, etc. and the 4 factors used in the Carhart 4-factor model. However, most of the papers select corresponding control variables a priori and might miss some macroeconomic variables which hold much information about one of the factors. Overcoming this problem constitutes the core of this paper. With a three tiered statistical procedure which comprises the use of clustering and LASSO regressions I am aiming at solving that challenge. I start with more than 300 macroeconomic control variables which proxy for all possible variables out there and select those with the highest explanatory power.

Drawing on OECD statistics in particular, ‘Understanding Economic Statistics: an OECD perspective' shows readers how to use statistics to understand the world economy. It gives an overview of the history, key concepts and the main providers of economic statistics.

Discover the secrets to applying simple econometric techniques to improve forecasting Equipping analysts, practitioners, and graduate students with a statistical framework to make effective decisions based on the application of simple economic and statistical methods, Economic and Business Forecasting offers a comprehensive and practical approach to quantifying and accurate forecasting of key variables. Using simple econometric techniques, author John E. Silvia focuses on a select set of major economic and financial variables, revealing how to optimally use statistical software as a template to apply to your own variables of interest. Presents the economic and financial variables that offer unique insights into economic performance Highlights the econometric techniques that can be used to characterize variables Explores the application of SAS software, complete with simple explanations of SAS-code and output Identifies key econometric issues with practical solutions to those problems Presenting the "ten commandments" for economic and business forecasting, this book provides you with a practical forecasting framework you can use for important everyday business applications.

Using Economic Indicators to Improve Investment AnalysisJohn Wiley & Sons

Abstract: Construction projects with long time spans often suffer from cost overruns. Adequate cost estimation at the planning phase is an integral part of a project's success. Many uncertainties disturb the planners' initial estimations and lead to cost overruns. Changes in the economic conditions are often considered as risks that parties have little control over their impacts. Many research efforts have targeted quantifying the impact of the economic conditions changes on the construction costs. Although many researchers highlighted the correlation between economic indicators and construction costs, a reliable tool for accurate quantification of the impact of this correlation has not yet been reached. An essential part of construction costs is the materials costs. Each country has its unique economic conditions and the relevant leading economic indicators for each country's construction market may be different. In Egypt, material costs are the predominant components of construction costs. This research proposes three models that utilize Artificial Neural Networks (ANN) to predict the prices of major construction materials, namely steel reinforcement bars, and Portland cement in the context of the Egyptian construction industry 6 months ahead. The three models are developed using Microsoft Excel spreadsheet that also utilizes Genetic Algorithm (GA) to minimize the error between the actual and predicted prices, Excel Add-in called Neural Tools, and Python programing language in Spyder software. Historical data of Steel and Cement prices as well as macroeconomic indicators in Egypt from May 2008 to June 2018 are used for training, testing, and validation of the proposed models. The inputs to the proposed ANN models are the identified leading economic indicators such as Gross Domestic Product, Unemployment rate, US. Dollar to Egyptian pound exchange rate, and Consumer Price Index (C.P.I). For prediction of Steel prices, the ANN model developed using Python programing language had the superior performance over other models with its ability to predict the month-to-month variations in Steel prices while having mean-absolute-percentage error of 9.0% and 10.1% for training and testing sets respectively. For prediction of Cement prices, the ANN-Excel model is more favorable with its mean-absolute-percentage error of 6.0% and 8.74% respectively. The proposed model can potentially be a useful tool for construction contractors as well as developers for predicting and quantifying the fluctuations of major construction materials prices, specifically in projects containing reinforced concrete structures, enough time ahead to prepare mitigation measures that will reduce the extra costs incurred.

After strong growth in 2017 and early 2018, global economic activity slowed notably in the second half of last year, reflecting a confluence of factors affecting major economies. China's growth declined following a combination of needed regulatory tightening to rein in shadow banking and an increase in trade tensions with the United States. The euro area economy lost more momentum than expected as consumer and business confidence weakened and car production in Germany was disrupted by the introduction of new emission standards; investment dropped in Italy as sovereign spreads widened; and external demand, especially from emerging Asia, softened. Elsewhere, natural disasters hurt activity in Japan. Trade tensions increasingly took a toll on business confidence and, so, financial market sentiment worsened, with financial conditions tightening for vulnerable emerging markets in the spring of 2018 and then in advanced economies later in the year, weighing on global demand. Conditions have eased in 2019 as the US Federal Reserve

signaled a more accommodative monetary policy stance and markets became more optimistic about a US–China trade deal, but they remain slightly more restrictive than in the fall.
"A virtual bible of how economic indicators are constructed andused. Important tidbits of history are mixed with present-daynuances to explain why we should care about all the economicindicators." ?Allen Grommet, Senior Economist, Cambridge Consumer Credit Index "This book is an indispensable resource for anyone that wants apractical understanding of the economy and how it is measured. Theinformation is clear, concise, and will help investors at alllevels leverage the vast amount of economic data available." ?Jesse Harriott, PhD, Vice President of Research, MonsterWorldwide, Inc. This updated guide to economic indicators -- what they are andwhat they really mean -- covers all major economic indicators, fromGDP to the consumer price index. You'll not only learn what keyeconomic measurements are and how to read and interpret them,you'll discover how to use them to make better, more-informedfinancial, trading, and investing decisions.
A handy reference to understanding key economic indicators and acting on them New economic data are reported virtually every trading day. Investors, big and small, have to understand how these reports influence their investments, portfolios, and future sources of income. The third edition of The Trader's Guide to Key Economic Indicators examines the most important economic statistics currently used on Wall Street. In a straightforward and accessible style, it tells you exactly what these reports measure and what they really mean. Filled with in-depth insights and practical advice, this reliable resource sheds some much-needed light on theses numbers and data releases and shows you what to look for and how to react to various economic indicators. Covers everything from gross domestic product and employment to

consumer confidence and spending Author Richard Yamarone shares his experience as a former trader, academic, and current Wall Street economist Illustrated with instructive graphs and charts that will put you ahead of market curves Engaging and informative, this book will put you in a better position to make more informed investment decisions, based of some of today's most influential economic indicators.

This book deals with the challenges of macro financial linkages in the emerging markets.

Controlling inflation is among the most important objectives of economic policy. By maintaining price stability, policy makers are able to reduce uncertainty, improve price-monitoring mechanisms, and facilitate more efficient planning and allocation of resources, thereby raising productivity. This volume focuses on understanding the causes of the Great Inflation of the 1970s and ’80s, which saw rising inflation in many nations, and which propelled interest rates across the developing world into the double digits. In the decades since, the immediate cause of the period’s rise in inflation has been the subject of considerable debate. Among the areas of contention are the role of monetary policy in driving inflation and the implications this had both for policy design and for evaluating the performance of those who set the policy. Here, contributors map monetary policy from the 1960s to the present, shedding light on the ways in which the lessons of the Great Inflation were absorbed and applied to today’s global and increasingly complex economic environment.

The economics of population has a long and controversial history as well as an exciting present. Vociferous popular debate, public policy, and population economics have unduly influenced one another: public debate and policy affect the erection of economists' conclusions just as the results of economists' studies influence debate and popular thought.

The words and theories of John Maynard Keynes, Thomas R. Malthus, John Stuart Mill, and Friedrich Engels come to mind immediately. However, many writings on population economics had little or no influence on public thought at the time they were written, although they may be seen as "correct" in light of modern developments. In fact, many of the ideas contained in these writings were publicly debated but then ignored for a long time, reappearing much later or reinvented independently. The Economics of Population, edited by Julian L. Simon, traces the history of population economics. This is a century-spanning collection of essays from foremost influential economic theorists, arranged to illustrate thought development and its numerous reversals. The first section includes essays from Joseph J. Spengler, John Graunt, William Petty, Thomas R. Malthus, William Godwin, and David Ricardo. Theorists such as Alexander Everett, William Peterson, Simon Gray, Henry C. Carey, John Stuart Mill, Friedrich Engels, Henry George, and Charles Fourier are the subject of the volume's second section. Finally, Simon covers the effect of population density and cities on productivity, and the effect of density on agricultural practices and natural resources. Essays from this section include John Maynard Keynes' "Is Britain Overpopulated?" and "The Economic Consequences of Peace" as well as selections from Lionel Robbins, George Simmel, and Alvin H. Hansen. Simon's long-term focus reflects the evolution of population movements. He does not restrict himself to writings that have been important in the historical chain of intellectual influence. Rather, he guides us to key works which shed light on the intellectual history of population economics. Simon includes some essays that, while greatly influential, can also be seen as fundamentally wrong in light of later work. As such, The Economics of Population will be of great value to political economists, sociologists of knowledge,

and historians of ideas.
Traditionally, fiscal data for policy analysis are derived from official reports that, depending on the country, are published either monthly, quarterly or annually, often with significant time lags. However, innovations in digitalization of government payments and accounting systems mean that real-time daily fiscal data exist in many countries. In this paper, we argue that these data contain valuable, but underutilized and underexploited information. Possible uses include (i) realtime fiscal surveillance which allows for much more timely responses to emerging signs of fiscal stress, and (ii) nowcasting economic activity, which is especially useful in countries where higher frequency GDP statistics are unavailable.
Boyes and Melvin have developed the Sixth Edition of "Economics to enhance its central features: direct and accessible writing, proven pedagogy, and thorough integration of global economic issues. The text' s international perspective has been strengthened and extended to focus on the implications of economic principles for business strategy in an era of global competition. International issues appear consistently throughout the text in examples that illustrate basic economic concepts. In addition, economic data drawn from around the world underscores the authors' long-standing emphasis on global issues. Extended coverage of topics affecting global competitiveness, such as resource pricing and foreign exchange markets, explicitly connects the study of economics with real-world business decisions."New! Chapter 19, "Globalization, now provides in-depth coverage of this controversial phenomenon, including the arguments for and against globalization and how it has affected economic growth and poverty worldwide."New! "Global Business Insight boxes use thumbnail maps and examples from around the world to illustrate essential economic concepts."New! Chapter

37, "Exchange Rates and Financial Links Between Countries, has been completely revised to discuss how countries are linked together through interest rates, exchange rates, and prices."New! The Sixth Edition features greater coverage of macroeconomics, including the large-scale impact of war in Iraq, the recent recession, and the role of financial market development in economic growth. All macroeconomic data has been updated to include statistics through 2002--and in some cases 2003."New! The discussions of market failure andthe different forms of economic and social regulation have been reorganized to facilitate learning. A stronger focus on the application of market theory to current, real-life issues--including the recent corporate accounting scandals--helps students to see the content' s practical relevance, increasing their comprehension of key ideas."New! Chapter 31, "Financial Markets: Institutions and Recent Events, provides a detailed description of how the U.S. stock and bond markets work, as well as their role in the global economy to reinforce the application of economic principles to business.A consistent framework of instruction helps to improve students' understanding and performance in the course. "Fundamental Questions reinforce 5-8 key points per chapter, appearing repeatedly throughout the chapter as well as the supplements. In addition, the text' s internal referencing system establishes a hierarchy of ideas by designating a number for each section and subsection--cited consistently in the textbook and supplements (including the Test Bank)."New! Eduspace is Houghton Mifflin' s online learning tool. Powered by Blackboard, Eduspace is a customizable, powerful and interactive platform that provides instructors with text-specific online courses and content in multiple disciplines. Features of the Boyes/Melvin "Economics course include presentation slides, photos, illustrations and links to group projects.

"The first data and statistics strategy for the Fund comes at a critical time. A fast-changing data landscape, new data needs for evolving surveillance priorities, and persisting data weaknesses across the membership pose challenges and opportunities for the Fund and its members. The challenges emerging from the digital revolution include an unprecedented amount of new data and measurement questions on growth, productivity, inflation, and welfare. Newly available granular and high-frequency (big) data offer the potential for more timely detection of vulnerabilities. In the wake of the crisis, Fund surveillance requires greater cross-country data comparability; staff and authorities face the complexity of integrating new data sources and closing data gaps, while working to address the weaknesses noted by the IEO Report (Behind the Scenes with Data at the IMF) in 2016. The overarching strategy is to move toward an ecosystem of data and statistics that enables the Fund and its members to better meet the evolving data needs in a digital world. It integrates Fund-wide work streams on data provision to the Fund for surveillance purposes, international statistical standards, capacity development, and data management under a common institutional objective. It seeks seamless access and sharing of data within the Fund, enabling cloud-based data dissemination to support data provision by member countries (e.g., the "global data commons"), closing data gaps with new sources including Big Data, and improving assessments of data adequacy for surveillance to help better prioritize capacity development. The Fund also will work with policymakers to understand the implications of the digital economy and digital data for the macroeconomic statistics, including new measures of welfare beyond GDP." Examines economic indicators, providing insight into what they really mean, and looks at new markers, including those that monitor web searches, small business plans, and gambling.

Why write a book on macroeconomic policies and their links to agriculture and food security in developing countries? The food price spikes of the years just prior to 2010 and the economic, political, and social dislocations they generated refocused the attention of policymakers and development practitioners on the agricultural sector and food security concerns. But even without those traumatic events, the importance of agriculture for developing countries—and for an adequate functioning of the world economy— cannot be denied. First, although declining over time, primary agriculture still represents important percentages of developing countries' overall domestic production, exports, and employment. If agroindustrial, transportation, commercial, and other related activities are also counted, then the economic and social importance of agriculture-based sectors increases significantly. Furthermore, large numbers of the world's poor still live in rural areas and work in agriculture. Through the links via production, trade, employment, and prices, agricultural production is also crucial for national food security. Second, it has been shown that agriculture in developing countries has important growth and employment multipliers for the rest of the economy, and agriculture seems to have larger positive effects in reducing poverty than growth in other sectors. Third, agriculture is not only important for individual developing countries, but it has global significance, considering the large presence of developing countries in world agricultural production and the increasing participation in international trade of those products (these three points will be covered in greater detail in Chapter 1).

To go back to the example of the definitional relationship " income equals consumption plus saving", we can obviously calculate it means that income minus consumption, whereever saving appears in a system of relationships. Thus, reducing the number of variables and of equation. A ny explanation indicates that why micro economic data, e.g. indivdual income variable level, saving variable level is more accuate to be gathered to use for judgement when, why and how the kind of product general consumers behaviors or shopping desires change to compare macro economic data , e.g. the country's GDP in the country. Because we can not build up a theory of human behavior with the aid of definitional relationship alone, in addition we shall need relationship of age groups, such as a individual or a young age group, working age group, old age group different age consumers or occupation groups, e.g. professional occupation, such as teacher, doctor, lawyer , or low educational level occupation, such as factory worker etc. different age or occupation consumer groups of a consumption behaviouristic or consumer group character telling us something of the way in which the different individuals or consumer groups behavr or indicating the technical relationships which subsist between, say the input of factors of production and the output of product. Example of such relationships are: The familiar demand and supply to the brand product relationships; the relationship connecting saving to the individual income or general young age group income or old age group income or working people income in the society, and the rate of interest to the country's bank system; a relationship indicating the presence or absence of price control to gas issue concerns how to influence car buyers' purchase cars demands or driving desires. All of these any one of micro economic relationship is the influence of as aspect of the consumer behavioral changing or consumer desire changing system highly relevant to general macro economic behavioral change system to the country.Is these any advantage in operate with structural equations? The answer is " yes" for the following reasons. In the case of relationship expressing behavior these may be expected to ahve the highest possible degree of performance, since they reflect the behavior of only one type of entity in the system, such as sales and price information equations just mentioned, depend for their stability on the constant responses not of one but of two or more types of entity, in the example both buyers (the kind of product consumers or buyers) and sellers (the kind of product sellers). Thus, if we can assume that the buyers' responses , through not the sellers' responses will remain constant over a period, we can express (or forecast) the quantity transacted by using one equation if we adopt the demand equation. Whereas, we shall need to least two if we adopt that sales equation. Thus, in micro economic view, equation method , such as gathering the kind of sale and price their information, it may help the seller measure whether it ought set up how much sale price to the product to let many consumers feel the most reasonable in order to increase its sale number in the country's consumption market.

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International Historical Statistics: Africa, Asia, Oceania is the latest edition of the most authoritative collection of statistics available. Fully updated to 1993, it provides key economic and social indicators for the last 250 years. The volume includes both hard to find historical data, and the latest figures available.

"The current literature has provided a number of important insights about the effects of macroeconomic data releases on monetary policy expectations and asset prices. However, one puzzling aspect of that literature is that the estimated responses are quite small. Indeed, these studies typically find that the major economic releases, taken together, account for only a small amount of the variation in asset prices even those closely tied to near-term policy expectations. In this paper we argue that this apparent detachment arises in part from the difficulties associated with measuring macroeconomic news. We propose two new econometric approaches that allow us to account for the noise in measured data surprises. Using these estimators, we find that asset prices and monetary policy expectations are much more responsive to incoming news than previously believed. Our results also clarify the set of facts that should be captured by any model attempting to understand the interactions between economic data, monetary policy, and asset prices"--National Bureau of Economic Research web site.

A concise but rigorous and thorough introduction to modern macroeconomic theory. This book offers an introduction to modern macroeconomic theory. It is concise but rigorous and broad, covering all major areas in mainstream macroeconomics today and showing how macroeconomic models build on and relate to each other. The self-contained text begins with models of individual decision makers, proceeds to models of general equilibrium without and with friction, and, finally, presents positive and normative theories of economic policy. After a review of the microeconomic foundations of macroeconomics, the book analyzes the household optimization problem, the representative household model, and the overlapping generations model. It examines risk and the implications for household choices and macroeconomic outcomes; equilibrium asset returns, prices,

and bubbles; labor supply, growth, and business cycles; and open economy issues. It introduces frictions and analyzes their consequences in the labor market, financial markets, and for investment; studies money as a unit of account, store of value, and medium of exchange; and analyzes price setting in general equilibrium. Turning to government and economic policy, the book covers taxation, debt, social security, and monetary policy; optimal fiscal and monetary policies; and sequential policy choice, with applications in capital income taxation, sovereign debt and default, politically motivated redistribution, and monetary policy biases. Macroeconomic Analysis can be used by first-year graduate students in economics and students in master's programs, and as a supplemental text for advanced courses.
Everything you need to easily get a handle on economic indicators In today's volatile, often troubling economic landscape, there are myriad statistics and reports that paint an economic picture that can sometimes resemble a work by Jackson Pollock. These complex and often-conflicting reports could vex even the savviest investor. Economic Indicators For Dummies explains how to interpret and use key global economic indicators to make solid investments, aid in business planning, and help develop informed decisions. In plain English, it breaks down the complex language and statistics to help you make sense of this critical information. You'll discover how to interpret economic data within the context of other sometimes-conflicting reports and statistics, and use the information to make profitable decisions. You'll understand the meaning of such data as employment indices and housing and construction stats and how they affect stocks, bonds, commodities and international markets . . . and how you can use these statistics to make investment decisions as well as plan strategic goals for business growth. Economic Indicators For Dummies breaks down dozens of

statistics and patterns to give you a better understanding of how various sources of data and information can be used. Breaks down jargon and statistical concepts Covers how to use publicly available economic indicators to better position your portfolio, improve returns, and make sensible, long-range business plans Discusses the reliability and timeliness of the collected data, while helping investors prioritize the flow of economic information to avoid information overload Whether you're an investor, economics student, or business professional involved in making key strategic decisions for your company, Economic Indicators For Dummies has you covered.

The story of this book began with my dif?cult transition from teaching international economics and econometrics in Economics Ph. D. programs at Harvard and UCLA to teaching in the MBA programs at the Anderson School at UCLA. On the basis of 20 years of apparent teaching success in Ph. D. education, I arrived at the Anderson School in 1990 with a self-image as a star teacher, but I was greeted with highly disturbingmediocreteachingevaluations. Facedwithadatasetthatwasinconsistent with my view of reality, I did what analysts usually do – I formulated a theory why the data were misleading. Here is how I thought about it. Two aspects of the course – content and amu- ment – drive numerical course evaluations. If you rank courses by the average of the content score and the amusement score, then the component that can be measured most accurately will determine the ranking. Do you understand why? It is what - eraging does: it eliminates the noise. Suppose, for example, that a student cannot tell anything about the content, and the content score is simply a random number, varying from student to student. Those random numbers will average out across students to about the same number for each course. As the average course content score is about the same for every course, it is the amusement score that will drive the rankings.

Panel data econometrics has evolved rapidly over the past three decades. The field is of both theoretical and practical importance, and methods to deal with micro- and macroeconomic panel data are in high demand from practitioners. Applications in finance, development, trade, marketing, health, labor, and consumer economics attest to the usefulness of these methods in applied economics. THis book is a comprehensive source on panel data. It contains 20 chapters edited by Professor Badi Baltagi--one of the leading econometricians in the area of panel data econometrics--and authored by renowned experts in the field. The chapters are divided into two sections. Part I examines new developments in theory. It includes panel cointegration, dynamic panel data models, incidental parameters and dynamic panel modeling, and panel data models for discrete choice. The chapters in Part II target applications of panel data, including health, labor, marketing, trade, productivity and macro applications in panels.

The book provides a comprehensive overview of the latest econometric methods for studying the dynamics of macroeconomic and financial time series. It examines alternative methodological approaches and concepts, including quantile spectra and co-spectra, and explores topics such as non-linear and non-stationary behavior, stochastic volatility models, and the econometrics of commodity markets and globalization. Furthermore, it demonstrates the application of recent techniques in various fields: in the frequency domain, in the analysis of persistent dynamics, in the estimation of state space models and new classes of volatility models. The book is divided into two parts: The first part applies econometrics to the field of macroeconomics, discussing trend/cycle decomposition, growth analysis, monetary policy and international trade. The second part applies econometrics to a wide range of topics in financial economics, including price dynamics in equity, commodity and foreign exchange markets and portfolio analysis. The book is essential reading for scholars, students, and practitioners in government and financial institutions interested in applying recent econometric time series methods to financial and economic data.

This book surveys big data tools used in macroeconomic forecasting and addresses related econometric issues, including how to capture dynamic relationships among variables; how to select parsimonious models; how to deal with model uncertainty, instability, non-stationarity, and mixed frequency data; and how to evaluate forecasts, among others. Each chapter is self-contained with references, and provides solid background information, while also reviewing the latest advances in the field. Accordingly, the book offers a valuable resource for researchers, professional forecasters, and students of quantitative economics.

Designed to meet the basic needs of economists and statisticians, this pamphlet is unique in providing an explanation of the key principles underlying macroeconomic statistics when viewed as an integrated system. It highlights the interrelationships between the various sectors and provides a bridge linking the various macroeconomic accounts statistics-national accounts, balance of payments, government finance statistics, and monetary and financial statistics-to assist the reader in understanding the main concepts underlying these statistics. It does so by simplifying many of the concepts, explaining common features and differences, showing how the four key statistical areas harmonize, and providing examples to demonstrate the practical application and uses of the concepts within the conceptual framework. The pamphlet completely updates

Pamphlet No. 29, Macroeconomic Accounts: An Overview, by Poul Hølst-Madsen, which was published in 1985.
This paper examines the usefulness of testing the conformity of macroeconomic data with Benford''s law as indicator of data quality. Most of the macroeconomic data series tested conform with Benford''s law. However, questions emerge on the reliability of such tests as indicators of data quality once conformity with Benford''s law is contrasted with the data quality ratings included in the data module of the Reports on the Observance of Standards and Codes (data ROSCs). Furthermore, the analysis shows that rejection of Benford''s law may be unrelated to the quality of statistics, and instead may result from marked structural shifts in the data series. Hence, nonconformity with Benford''s law should not be interpreted as a reliable indication of poor quality in macroeconomic data.
"Forecasting economic recessions is of strategic importance to all participants in the economy. All stakeholders are impacted to different degrees by recessions, thus early warning systems (EWS) of recession are of critical importance in order for them to take preemptive measures and policies to lessen its impact on society. The main sources of data to create these EWS models are economic indicators. These economic variables can be processed through statistical methods, in order to analyze and forecast potential recessions. These methods have the potential to reveal trends and signal recessions at different degrees of horizons, consistency and accuracy. These indicators can be selected in terms of how leading they are in terms of GDP fluctuation in order to have this early warning ability. Other key indicators can be also used if they are rich in information and are very reflective of the economic activity. This research employs eight US key economic indicators, most of which are leading indicators of economic activity. They will be used in order to

cluster their volatilities which in this research will be done through the General Auto Regressive Conditional Heteroskedasticity (GARCH) regression analysis. These indicators will then be indexed using the Principal Component Analysis (PCA). Forecasting based upon these indicators will also be performed using the Mixed Data Sampling (MIDAS) method introduced by Ghysels et al (2004). The US indicators used in this research have a horizon of fifty years, from 1960 to 2016. They will be tested and converted accordingly, in order to make sure that stationarity is observed, which is important for the purpose of this study. The conditional variance of the GARCH regression for each indicators suggested that the most performing indicators were the bond spread and the share price index. This was assessed through their accuracy and horizon of prediction of recessions. The signals behaved better for these indicators with a longer horizon for bond spreads. Their conditional variances were indexed in order to model a more performing EWS. The marginal effects extracted showed that the CLI has a bigger impact and effect on the recession variable. The CLI has better EWS attributes but still displays false signals. The key indicators can be also used for forecasting purposes and trends can interpreted to foresee recessions. The MIDAS regression based on these key indicators showed that significant accuracy can be reached when using these variables. This confirms and comforts the idea that macro-economic data is of crucial importance to all stakeholders as they enable researchers to construct EWS of recessions"--Pages 3-4.

Humberto Barreto gives professors a simple way to teach fundamental concepts for any undergraduate macroeconomics course using Microsoft Excel® with Excel workbooks and add-ins and videos freely available on his university website. The Excel files are designed to be used by students with any textbook, and have been used many times by the author in his own teaching. Each Excel workbook contains links to short screencasts, around five to ten minutes, that show the cursor and typing as the file is manipulated with narration that walks the student through the steps needed to complete a task. The book shows professors a simple way to present macroeconomic models and incorporate data into their courses.

This dissertation investigate the forecasting performance of mixed frequency factor models with mixed frequency dataset. In the first chapter, I consider the mixed fre- quency factor approach used in ADS (2009) to construct their co-incident activity index, and ask the question of whether a class of mixed frequency indexes is useful for predicting the future values of quarterly U.S. real GDP growth and monthly industrial production, unemployment and inflation. My forecasting assessment of the mixed frequency factor model is performed in conjunction with standard prediction models such as autoregression, multivariate distributed lag models, and diffu- sion index models of the variety examined by Stock and Watson (2002a). The main findings of the study are as follows. First, prediction models using only mixed frequency indexes show their best performance at short-term GDP forecasting horizons, and are particularly good during recessions. Second, prediction models using both mixed frequency indexes and diffusion indexes forecast monthly variables more accurately than models using single frequency type indexes. Third, model combi- nations perform relatively poorly in real GDP forecasting contexts, although they perform better when applied to the prediction of monthly variables. Fourth, survey information can be conveniently exploited with higher frequency variables such as daily and weekly variables, and mixed frequency indexes using such survey information are sometimes useful in forecasting lower frequency variables. In the second chapter, I evaluate the predictive performance of hybrid models for forecasting four economic variables. The hybrid approach takes into account the notion that simple autoregression and sophisticated factor models' predictive abilities may change according to the state of the econ- omy. I find that hybrid prediction models produce better forecasts than standard models and than combination models, in most cases, using the same menu of models discussed above. For example, in one-quarter ahead GDP forecasts, the best hybrid model reduces the mean squared forecast error of the best model combinations and the linear models by 14 and 11 percent, on average, respectively. More specifically, the mean squared forecast error of autoregression is reduced by approximately 35 percent. In 12-month ahead predictions of inflation, the best hybrid model improves the best model combinations and the linear models by 11 percent and 16 percent, on average, respectively. This number again increases, in this case to 36 percent, when comparing only with autoregression. One reason for these findings is that hybrid prediction models more effectively utilize survey information.

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