

# Essential documentation for the software used in *Long run relations in European electricity prices*\*

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This software is Ox code (Doornik 2007), so you need either the commercial version (OxMetrics) or the console version you may find at [www.doornik.com](http://www.doornik.com).

## 1 `lucas_test.ox`

This is the library for computing Johansen LR test and Lucas PLR test based on Student's distribution and for simulating its p-values using the bootstrap.

`johansen(mDy, mYx, mUx, avEval, amAlpha, amBeta, ...)`

Performs Gaussian ML for ECM model with `cCoint` cointegration relations.

`mDy` ( $T \times K_1$ ) matrix of first difference of original series.

`mYx` ( $T \times K_2 \geq K_1$ ) matrix of 1-lagged levels of original series and restricted regressors.

`mUx` ( $T \times K_3$ ) matrix of unrestricted regressors (delays of `mDy` and unrestricted dummies).

`avEval` (address) out: ( $K_1 \times 1$ ) vector of eigenvalues.

`amAlpha` (address) out: adjustment coefficient matrix.

`amBeta` (address) out: cointegration matrix.

optional parameters (in case cointegration rank known).

`cCoint` scalar rank of cointegration.

`amGamma` (address) out: unrestricted regressors coefficients matrix.

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\*Use at your own risk.

**amV** (address) out: covariance matrix of errors.

**amErr** (address) out: error series.

*Returns:* vector with Johansen trace statistics if computations succeeded and only standard parameters are present, log-likelihood if optional parameters are present, 0 if computational problems arose.

**series\_builder(mY, mX, mU, cP, amDy, amYx, amUx)**

It makes the **mDy** and **mYx** series for **johansen()**, starting from the endogenous variables **mY**, the restricted regressors **mX** and the unrestricted regressors **mU**.

**mY** ( $T \times K_1$ ) matrix of endogenous variables.

**mX** ( $T \times [K_2 - K_1]$ ) matrix of restricted regressors.

**mU** ( $T \times K_3$ ) matrix of unrestricted regressors.

**cP** (scalar) number of lags of differenced variables in the ECM.

**amDy** (address) out: ( $T \times K_1$ ) matrix of first differences of **mY**.

**amYx** (address) out: ( $T \times K_2 \geq K_1$ ) matrix of 1-lagged levels of original series and restricted regressors.

**amUx** (address) out: ( $T \times [K_3 + cP * K_1]$ ) matrix of 1 to **cP** lags of differenced **mY** and unrestricted regressors.

*Returns:* 1.

**tecm(mDy, mYx, mUx, dDF, cCoint, amAlpha, amBeta, amGamma, amV, amErr, avW)**

Performs Student's t ML for ECM model with **cCoint** cointegration relations using the EM algorithm (Lange *et al.* 1989, Little 1988).

**mDy** ( $T \times K_1$ ) matrix of first difference of original series.

**mYx** ( $T \times K_2 \geq K_1$ ) matrix of 1-lagged levels of original series and restricted regressors.

**mUx** ( $T \times K_3$ ) matrix of unrestricted regressors (delays of **mDy** and unrestricted dummies).

**dDF** (scalar) degree of freedom of Student's t.

**cCoint** (scalar) rank of cointegration.

`mAlpha` (address) out: adjustment coefficient matrix.

`mBeta` (address) out: cointegration matrix.

`mGamma` (address) out: unrestricted regressors coefficient matrix.

`mV` (address) out: covariance matrix of errors.

`mErr` (address) out: error series.

`avW` (address) out:  $(T \times 1)$  vector with weights for WLS.

*Returns:* log-likelihood.

`lucas_plr(mY, cLags, cDetType, dDF, ...)`

Lucas' Pseudo LR test with Student's t with `dDF` degrees of freedom.

`mY` ( $T \times K_1$ ) matrix of endogenous series.

`cLags` (scalar) number of lags of differenced `mY`.

`cDetType` (scalar) type of deterministic part: `NONE` = no deterministic, `RCONST` = restricted constant, `CONST` = unrestricted constant, `RTREND`, restricted trend, `TREND` = unrestricted linear trend (this may lead to deterministic quadratic trends).

`dDF` (series) degrees of freedom of Student's t.

Optional arguments:

[0] restricted regressors.

[1] unrestricted regressors (if only restricted regressors needed, pass `<>` as first optional argument).

*Returns:* vector of PLR statistics.

`sim_ecm(mEps, mYstart, cCoint, cP, mX, mU, mAlpha, mBeta, mGamma, amY)`

It simulates from an ECM(`cP`) model with cointegration rank `cCoint` using `mYstart` as initial values, `mEps` as shocks, `mX` as restricted regressors, `mU` as unrestricted regressors, parameters `mAlpha`, `mBeta` and `mGamma` the simulated time series is written in the address `amY` (for formats see `series_builder()`). Notice: `mYstart` must be of rows `cP+1`.

`boot_plr(cIter, mY, cLags, cDetType, dDF, ...)`

It bootstraps Lucas' Pseudo LR test with Student's t with `dDF` degrees of freedom with the method of Swensen (2006).

`mY` ( $T \times K_1$ ) endogenous series.

`cLags` (scalar) number of lags of differenced `mY`.

`cDetType` (scalar) type of deterministic part: `NONE` = no deterministic, `RCONST` = restricted constant, `CONST` = unrestricted constant, `RTREND` = restricted trend, `TREND` = unrestricted linear trend (may lead to deterministic quadratic trends).

`dDF` (scalar) degrees of freedom of Student's t.

Optional arguments:

[0] restricted regressors.

[1] unrestricted regressors (if only restricted regressors needed, pass `<>` as first optional argument).

The function returns no output, but prints the PLR tests with p-values.

## 2 NewKPSS.ox

This is the library for computing KPSS and IKPSS tests. It needs the library `rq.ox` by Roger Koenker (<http://www.econ.uiuc.edu/~roger/>).

The two functions for the end-user are

`kpss(vY, bTrend, cTrunc)`  
`ikpss(vY, bTrend, cTrunc)`

They compute the KPSS and IKPSS statistics.

`vY` ( $T \times 1$ ) time series to test for stationarity.

`bTrend` (boolean) 0 = de-mean (resp. de-median), 1 = OLS de-trending (resp. LAD de-trending).

`cTrunc` (scalar) set the bandwidth (or truncation) parameter. If set to -1 the function computes it automatically (see below)

These functions use three global variables that may be changed any time before the function call:

`M_KERNEL` may be assign equal to the values `QUADRATIC` or `BARTLETT`.

`M_BANDWIDTH` may be assigned to the values `ANDREWS` or `NEWWEYWEST`.

`M_VERB` 0 = textual output off, 1 = textual output on.

### 3 nh.ox

This is the library for computing the original and the robust versions of Nyblom and Harvey's (2000) cointegration test. It needs the library `rq.ox` by Roger Koenker (<http://www.econ.uiuc.edu/~roger/>).

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nhstat(mX, cTrend, cBandWidth) inhstat(mX, cTrend,  
cBandWidth)
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They perform the multivariate generalization of KPSS test by Nyblom and Harvey (2000) and the robust version thereof based on signs.

`mX` ( $T \times N$ ) data matrix.

`cTrend` (scalar) 0 = nothing, 1 = de-mean/median, 2 = de-trend (linear trend).

`cBandWidth` (scalar) negative = automatic bandwidth, integer = bandwidth of Bartlett window.

*Return:* the vector of NH/INH statistics.

### 4 fmlad.ox

This library contains functions for computing the FM-LAD regression by Phillips (1995). The only relevant function for the end user is the following. It needs the library `rq.ox` by Roger Koenker (<http://www.econ.uiuc.edu/~roger/>).

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fmlad(vY, mX, iBandWidth)
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`vY` ( $T \times 1$ ) vector of dependent variable.

`mX` ( $T \times N$ ) matrix of regressors (a constant is automatically included).

`iBandWidth` (scalar) bandwidth parameter. If negative automatic bandwidth selection  $(4(T/100)^{2/9})$ .

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