# Introduction to Financial Econometrics Chapter 3: Assessing the Multiple Linear Model Overall fitting, significance and misspecification tests

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#### Three questions

- Question 1: How well does the fitted line describe the data? or How much variation of the dependent variable is explained by the model?
- Question 2: How informative is (resp., are) an explanatory variable (resp., the independent variables) for the dependent variable?
- Question 3: Are assumptions satisfied?

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To answer...

- Overall fitting criterion of the fitted model:
  - Coefficient of determination
  - Adjusted coefficient of determination
- Proceed with individual and global significance tests:
  - Student test
  - Fisher test
- Misspecification tests
  - Residuals: outliers and qq-plot
  - Functional form
  - Heteroskedasticity
  - Autocorrelation
  - Non-normality of the error terms

The outline of this chapter is the following:

Section 2: Overall adjustment

**Section 3:** Statistical hypothesis testing

Section 4: Individual and global significance tests

Subsection 4.1: Individual significance tests: Student tests

Subsection 4.2: Global significance tests: Fisher tests

**Section 5:** Misspecification tests

**Subsection 5.1:** Identification assumption

Subsection 5.2: Homoscedasticity assumption

**Subsection 5.3:** Autocorrelation assumption

**Subsection 5.4:** Normality assumption

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# Section 2

Overall adjustment

#### **Objectives**

- Define the standard error (SE) of the regression.
- Introduce the coefficient of determination R<sup>2</sup>.
- $\odot$  Define the adjusted  $R^2$ .

Reminder (Chapter 2)

Suppose that there is a constant term in the linear model.

$$y_t = \beta_1 + \sum_{k=2}^K \beta_k x_{t,k} + \varepsilon_t = \sum_{k=1}^K \beta_k x_{t,k} + \varepsilon_t$$

with  $x_{t,1}=1$ ,  $\forall t$  and denote by  $\widehat{y}_t$  the fitted or predicted values

$$\widehat{y}_t = \sum_{k=1}^K \widehat{\beta}_k x_{t,k}$$

The mean of the fitted (adjusted) values of y equals the mean of the actual values of y:

$$\overline{\widehat{y}}_T = \overline{y}_T$$

#### Definition (standard error of the regression)

A first measure of the overall fitting is the standard error (SE) of the regression

$$\widehat{\sigma}_{\varepsilon} = \sqrt{\frac{1}{T - K} \sum_{t=1}^{T} \widehat{\varepsilon}_{t}^{2}} = \sqrt{\frac{SSR}{T - K}}$$

**Note:** The quantity  $\widehat{\sigma}_{\varepsilon}$  is also called the **Root Mean Squared Error (RMSE)**.

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#### Definition (Coefficient of determination)

The **coefficient of determination** of the multiple linear regression model (with a constant term) is the ratio of the (empirical) variance explained by model to the (empirical) variance of  $y_t$ :

$$\mathsf{R}^2 = \frac{\sum\limits_{t=1}^T \left(\widehat{y}_t - \overline{y}_T\right)^2}{\sum\limits_{t=1}^T \left(y_t - \overline{y}_T\right)^2} = 1 - \frac{\sum\limits_{t=1}^T \widehat{\varepsilon}_t^2}{\sum\limits_{t=1}^T \left(y_t - \overline{y}_T\right)^2}$$

#### Interpretation

The coefficient of determination measures the proportion of the total variance (or variability) in y that is accounted for by variation in the regressors (or the model).

$$0 \leq R^2 \leq 1$$

#### **Properties**

- **1**  $\mathbb{R}^2$  is a measure of the extent to which x and y are **linearly related**;
- ullet R<sup>2</sup>  $\to$  1 means that there is a strong positive or negative relationship between the two variables;
- R<sup>2</sup> depends on the nature of data (micro/macro data, aggregate/disaggregate data);
- R<sup>2</sup> is meaningless in the absence of an intercept.

#### **Problem**

 $\bullet$  The  $R^2$  automatically and spuriously increases when extra explanatory variables are added to the model.

#### Definition (Adjusted R-squared)

The adjusted R-squared coefficient is defined to be:

$$\overline{\mathsf{R}}^2 = 1 - \frac{T-1}{T-p-1} \left( 1 - \mathsf{R}^2 \right)$$

where p denotes the number of regressors (not counting the constant term, i.e., p = K - 1 if there is a constant or p = K otherwise).

#### **Properties**

- $\textbf{ 0} \ \, \text{if} \, \, \textbf{\textit{T}} \, \, \text{is large} \, \, \overline{\mathbb{R}}^2 \simeq \! \mathbb{R}^2 \\$
- **1** The adjusted R-squared  $\overline{R}^2$  can be **negative**.

#### Example (CAPM)

We consider the CAPM model

$$z_{\texttt{intel},t} = \alpha + \beta z_{\texttt{market},t} + \varepsilon_t$$

where  $z_{\mathtt{intel},t}$  is the excess (log-) return for Intel Corp and  $z_{\mathtt{market},t}$  is the excess (log-) return for the S&P500 observed from August 22, 2017 to August 17, 2018 (250 observations). We know that

$$SSR = 0.0509$$
  $\sum_{t=1}^{T} (y_t - \overline{y}_T)^2 = 0.0880$ 

What are the values of the  $R^2$  and the adjusted  $R^2$ ?

**Note**: the data are available within the file Data\_CAPM\_returns.xlsx.

#### Solution

$$R^{2} = 1 - \frac{SSR}{\sum_{t=1}^{T} (y_{t} - \overline{y}_{T})^{2}}$$

$$= 1 - \frac{0.0509}{0.0880}$$

$$= 0.4216$$

$$\overline{R}^{2} = 1 - \frac{T - 1}{T - p - 1} (1 - R^{2})$$

$$= 1 - \frac{250 - 1}{250 - 1 - 1} (1 - 0.4216)$$

$$= 0.4193$$

#### Figure: Matlab output (R<sup>2</sup> and adjusted R<sup>2</sup>)

Linear regression model:  $v \sim 1 + x1$ 

Estimated Coefficients:

	Estimate	SE	tStat	pValue
(Intercept)	0.00022961 1.5452	0.00090928 0.11505	0.25252 13.431	0.80085 2.8468e-31

Number of observations: 250, Error degrees of freedom: 248

Root Mean Squared Error: 0.0143

R-squared: 0.421, Adjusted R-Squared 0.419

F-statistic vs. constant model: 180, p-value = 2.85e-31

Figure: Excel output ( $R^2$  and adjusted  $R^2$ )

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1	RAPPORT DÉTAILLÉ								
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3	Statistiques de la régression								
4	Coefficient de détermination multiple	0,6489074							
5	Coefficient de détermination R^2	0,42108081							
6	Coefficient de détermination R^2	0,41874646							
7	Erreur-type	0,01433559							
8	Observations	250							
9									
10	ANALYSE DE VARIANCE								
11		Degré de liberté	Somme des carrés	Moyenne des carrés	F	Valeur critique de F			
12	Régression	1	0,03707066	0,03707066	180,3844885	2,8468E-31			
13	Résidus	248	0,05096626	0,00020551					
14	Total	249	0,08803692						
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16						95%	95%	95,0%	95,0%
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#### Example (CAPM)

We now consider the CAPM model for Microsoft:

$$z_{i,t} = \alpha + \beta z_{m,t} + \varepsilon_t$$

where  $z_{i,t}$  is excess return of Microsoft at time t and  $z_{i,t}$  is the market excess return. The data for Microsoft, S&P500 and Tbill (closing prices) are available from 11/1/1993 to 04/03/2003 **Question:** write a Matlab code in order to compute (1) the estimates of  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  for Microsoft, (2) the corresponding standard errors, (3) the SE of the regression, (4) the SSR, (5) the coefficient of determination and (6) the adjusted  $\mathbb{R}^2$ .

Note: the data are available within the file Capm\_Microsoft.xls.

#### Figure: Matlab code: residuals, SSR, R<sup>2</sup> and adjusted R<sup>2</sup>

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clear all ; clc ; close all ; format long
data=xlsread('capm.xls');
r tbill=data(2:end,9);
                                         % Return on the Tbill
r msft=data(2:end,10);
                                         % Return on MSFT
r sp500=data(2:end,11);
                                         % Return on the SP500
y=r msft-r tbill;
                                         % Excess return on MSFT
x=r sp500-r tbill;
                                         % Excess return on MSFT
T=length(y);
                                         % Sample size
X=[ones(T,1) x];
                                         % Matrix X (explicative variables)
beta=X\y;
                                         % Beta estimates
                                         % Residuals
res=y-X*beta;
SSR=sum(res.^2):
                                         % SSR
SSE=sgrt(1/(T-2)*SSR);
                                         % Standard error (SE) of regression
R2=1-SSR/sum((y-mean(y)).^2);
                                         % R2
ad\dot{\gamma}R2=1-(T-1)/(T-2)*(1-R2);
                                         % Adjusted R2
V=SSE^2*inv(X'*X);
std=sqrt(diaq(V));
disp('beta and std ')
disp([beta std])
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SSR = 0.177900069479780 SSE = 0.008682245410767 R2 = 0.454512697248921 adiR2 = 0.454281558561315 beta and std 0.000274089254513 0.000178812721819 1.125056007502154 0.025370992355959

Figure: Eviews output: CAPM model for Microsoft

Dependent Variable: RMSFT Method: Least Squares Date: 11/09/13 Time: 21:53 Sample(adjusted): 2 2363

Included observations: 2362 after adjusting endpoints

Variable	Coefficient	Std. Error	t-Statistic	Prob.
C	0.000274	0.000179	1.532829	0.1255
RSP500	1.125056	0.025371	44.34419	0.0000
R-squared	0.454513	Mean dependent var		0.000617
Adjusted R-squared	0.454282	S.D. dependent var		0.011753
S.E. of regression	0.008682	Akaike info criterion		-6.654227
Sum squared resid	0.177900	Schwarz criterion		-6.649343
Log likelihood	7860.642	F-statistic		1966.407
Durbin-Watson stat	2.028898	Prob(F-statistic)		0.000000

#### **Key Concepts**

- Standard Error (SE) of the regression
- Root Mean Squared Error (RMSE)
- Coefficient of determination: R<sup>2</sup>
- Adjusted R<sup>2</sup>

# Section 3

# Statistical Hypothesis Testing

#### **Objectives**

The objective of this section is to define the following concepts:

- Null and alternative hypotheses
- One-sided and two-sided tests
- Rejection region, test statistic and critical value
- Size, power and power function
- p-value

#### Introduction

- A statistical hypothesis test is a method of making a rule of decision (as concerned a statement about a population parameter) using the data of sample.
- Statistical hypothesis tests define a procedure that controls (fixes) the probability of incorrectly deciding that a default position (null hypothesis) is incorrect.

#### Introduction (cont'd)

In general we distinguish two types of tests:

- The parametric tests assume that the data have come from a type of probability distribution and makes inferences about the parameters of the distribution.
- The non-parametric tests refer to tests that do not assume the data or population have any characteristic structure or parameters.

In this course, we only consider the parametric tests.

#### Introduction (cont'd)

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- A type I error and a type II error

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#### Definition (Hypothesis)

A **hypothesis** is a statement about a population parameter. The formal testing procedure involves a statement of the hypothesis, usually in terms of a "**null**" and an "**alternative**," conventionally denoted  $H_0$  and  $H_1$ , respectively.

#### Definition (One-sided test)

A one-sided test has the general form:

$$H_0 \quad : \quad \theta = \theta_0 \qquad \text{or} \qquad H_0 : \theta = \theta_0$$

$$H_1 \quad : \quad \theta < \theta_0 \qquad \qquad H_1: \theta > \theta_0$$

# Definition (Two-sided test)

A two-sided test has the general form:

$$H_0$$
 :  $\theta = \theta_0$ 

$$H_1 \ : \ \theta \neq \theta_0$$

#### Introduction (cont'd)

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#### Definition (Rejection region)

The **rejection region** is the set of values of the test statistic (or equivalently the set of samples) for which the null hypothesis is rejected. The rejection region is denoted W. For example, a standard rejection region W is of the form:

$$W = \{x : T(x) \leq c\}$$

where x denotes a sample  $\{x_1,..,x_N\}$ ,  $\mathcal{T}(x)$  the realization of a **test statistic** (random variable) and c the **critical value**.

#### Remarks

- A (hypothesis) test is thus a rule that specifies:
  - $oldsymbol{0}$  For which sample values the decision is made to "fail to reject  $oldsymbol{H_0}$ " as true;
  - ② For which sample values the decision is made to "reject  $H_0$ ".
  - Never say "Accept H1", "fail to reject H1" etc..
- The rejection region is also called the critical region.
- The complement of the rejection (critical) region is the non-rejection region, denoted W.

#### Remark

The rejection region is defined as to be:

$$W = \{x : \underbrace{T(x)}_{\text{test statistic}} \leq \underbrace{c}_{\text{critical value}}\}$$

T(x) is the realization of the statistic (random variable):

$$T(X) = T(X_1, ..., X_N)$$

The test statistic  $T\left(X\right)$  has an exact or an asymptotic distribution D under the null  $H_{0}$ .

$$T(X) \underset{H_0}{\sim} D$$
 or  $T(X) \stackrel{d}{\underset{H_0}{\rightarrow}} D$ 

### Example (Test on the mean)

Consider a sequence  $X_1,...,X_N$  of i.i.d. normal random variables with  $X_i\sim \mathcal{N}\left(m,\sigma^2\right)$ , N=100 and  $\sigma^2=1$ . We want to test

$$H_0: m = 1.2$$
  $H_1: m = 1$ 

An econometrician proposes the following decision rule:

$$W = \{x : \overline{x}_N < c\}$$

Under the null, the test statistic  $\overline{X}_N = N^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^N X_i$  has a normal distribution

$$\overline{X}_N \underset{\mathsf{H}_0}{\sim} \mathcal{N}\left(1.2, \frac{\sigma^2}{N}\right)$$

#### Introduction (cont'd)

A statistical test is based on three elements:

- A null hypothesis and an alternative hypothesis
- A rejection region based on a test statistic and a critical value
- A type I error and a type II error

		Decision	
		Fail to reject H <sub>0</sub>	Reject H <sub>0</sub>
Truth	$H_0$	Correct decision	Type I error
	H <sub>1</sub>	Type II error	Correct decision

### Definition (Size)

The probability of a type I error is the (nominal) size of the test. This is conventionally denoted  $\alpha$  and is also called the significance level.

$$\alpha = Pr(W|H_0)$$

#### Definition (Power)

The **power** of a test is the probability that it will correctly lead to rejection of a false null hypothesis:

$$power = Pr(W|H_1) = 1 - \beta$$

where  $\beta$  denotes the probability of type II error, i.e.  $\beta = \Pr\left(\overline{W} \middle| H_1\right)$  and  $\overline{W}$  denotes the non-rejection region.

There is a trade-off between the size and the probability of type II error:

- Decreasing the size (trough a variation of the critical value) induces an increase of the probability of type II error, and thus a decrease of the power.
- Increasing the size (trough a variation of the critical value) induces an decrease of the probability of type II error, and thus an increase of the power.

#### Solution (critical value)

The (nominal) size  $\alpha$  is fixed by the analyst and the critical value is deduced from  $\alpha$ .

#### Example (Test on the mean)

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$$H_0: m=m_0=1.2 \qquad H_1: m=m_1=1$$

An econometrician proposes the following rule of decision:

$$W = \{x : \overline{x}_N < c\}$$

**Questions:** What is the value of the critical value for a level  $\alpha = 5\%$ ?

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#### Solution

The rejection region is W=  $\{x : \overline{x}_N < c\}$ . Under the null H<sub>0</sub> :  $m = m_0$ :

$$\overline{X}_{\textit{N}} = rac{1}{\textit{N}} \sum_{i=1}^{\textit{N}} \textit{X}_i \underset{\textit{H}_0}{\sim} \mathcal{N}\left(\textit{m}_0, rac{\sigma^2}{\textit{N}}
ight)$$

So, by definition:

$$\begin{array}{lll} \alpha & = & \Pr\left(\left.W\right|H_{0}\right) \\ & = & \Pr\left(\left.\overline{X}_{N} < c\right|H_{0}\right) \\ & = & \Pr\left(\left.\frac{\overline{X}_{N} - m_{0}}{\sigma/\sqrt{N}} < \frac{c - m_{0}}{\sigma/\sqrt{N}}\right|H_{0}\right) \\ & = & \Phi\left(\frac{c - m_{0}}{\sigma/\sqrt{N}}\right) \end{array}$$

where  $\Phi(.)$  is the cdf of the standard normal distribution.

Solution (cont'd)

We know that:

$$\alpha = \Phi\left(\frac{c - m_0}{\sigma / \sqrt{N}}\right) \Leftrightarrow \Phi^{-1}\left(\alpha\right) = \frac{c - m_0}{\sigma / \sqrt{N}}$$

So, the critical value that corresponds to a significance level of  $\alpha$  is:

$$c=m_{0}+\frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{N}}\Phi^{-1}\left(\alpha\right)$$

NA: if  $m_0=1.2$ ,  $m_1=1$ , N=100,  $\sigma^2=1$  and  $\alpha=5\%$  with  $\Phi^{-1}\left(0.05\right)=-1.6449$  then the rejection region is

$$W = \{x : \overline{x}_N < 1.0355\}$$

#### Summary

- Fix the significance level of the test and compute the critical value of the test
- ② If the realization of the test statistic belongs to the rejection region W, reject  $H_0$ .

$$T\left(x
ight)\in\mathsf{W}\ =>\mathsf{Reject}\ \mathsf{H}_{0}$$
 for a significance level  $\alpha\%$ 

If the realization of the test statistic does not belongs to the rejection region W, do not reject  $H_0$ .

$$T(x) \notin W =$$
 Fail to reject  $H_0$  for a significance level  $\alpha\%$ 

#### Remark

- Changing the significance level induces a change in the critical value, in hence in your conclusion.
- **9** That is why it is particularly important to mention the choice of the **significance level**  $\alpha$  in your decision...

For a 5% significance level, we reject the null hypothesis....

For a 5% significance level, we fail to reject the null hypothesis....

#### Example (Test on the mean)

Consider a sequence  $X_1,...,X_N$  of *i.i.d.* continuous random variables with  $X_i \sim \mathcal{N}\left(m,\sigma^2\right)$  with  $\sigma^2=1$  and N=100. We want to test

$$H_0: m = 1.2$$
  $H_1: m = 1$ 

The rejection region for a significance level is:

$$W = \left\{ x : \overline{x}_{N} < m_{0} + \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{N}} \Phi^{-1}(\alpha) \right\}$$

**Question:** if the realization of the sample mean is equal to  $\bar{x}_N=1.13$ , what is the conclusion of the test for a significance level of 5% and 30%?

#### Solution

For a significance level  $\alpha = 5\%$  we have

$$m_0 + \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{N}} \Phi^{-1}(\alpha) = 1.2 + \frac{1}{10} \times \Phi^{-1}(0.05)$$
  
=  $1.2 + \frac{1}{10} \times (-1.6449)$   
=  $1.0355$ 

$$W = \{x : \overline{x}_N < 1.0355\}$$

If we observe  $\overline{x}_{\it N}=1.13$ , this realization does not belong to the rejection region:

$$\overline{x}_N \notin W$$

For a significance level of 5%, we do not reject the null hypothesis  $H_0: m=1.2$ 

Solution (con'td)

For a significance level  $\alpha = 30\%$  we have

$$m_0 + \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{N}} \Phi^{-1}(\alpha) = 1.2 + \frac{1}{10} \times \Phi^{-1}(0.30)$$
  
=  $1.2 + \frac{1}{10} \times (-0.5244)$   
=  $1.1476$ 

$$W = \{x : \overline{x}_N < 1.1476\}$$

If we observe  $\overline{x}_{\it N}=$  1.13, this realization belongs to the rejection region:

$$\overline{x}_N \in W$$

For a significance level of 30%, we **reject the null** hypothesis  $H_0: m=1.2$ 

### Fact (two-sided tests)

If one considers a **two-sided test** and if the distribution of the test statistics is **symmetric** (Normal, Student, etc.), the critical value has to be computed with a risk level of  $\alpha/2$  to ensure that the size of the test is equal to  $\alpha$ .

#### Example (Test on the mean)

Consider a sequence  $X_1,..,X_N$  of i.i.d. continuous random variables with  $X_i \sim \mathcal{N}\left(m,\sigma^2\right)$  where  $\sigma^2$  is known. We want to test

$$H_0: m = m_0 \text{ vs } H_1: m \neq m_0$$

The test statistic  $\overline{X}_N$  has a normal distribution (symmetric) under the null  $H_0$ . The rejection region of the two-sided test of size  $\alpha$  is then defined by:

$$W = \left\{ x : \left| \frac{\overline{x}_N - m_0}{\sigma / \sqrt{N}} \right| > \underbrace{\Phi^{-1} \left( 1 - \frac{\alpha}{2} \right)}_{\text{critical value based on } \alpha / 2} \right\}$$

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#### Solution

- The decision "Reject H0" or "fail to reject H0" is not so informative!
- Indeed, there is some "arbitrariness" to the choice of  $\alpha$  (level).
- ullet Another strategy is to ask, for every lpha, whether the test rejects at that level.
- Another alternative is to use the so-called p-value—the smallest level of significance at which  $H_0$  would be rejected given the value of the test-statistic.

# Definition (p-value)

Suppose that for every  $\alpha \in [0,1]$ , one has a size  $\alpha$  test with rejection region  $W_{\alpha}$ . Then, the **p-value** is defined to be:

$$\operatorname{p-value}=\inf\left\{ \alpha:T\left(y\right)\in\mathit{W}_{\alpha}\right\}$$

The p-value is the smallest level at which one can reject  $H_0$ .

## The p-value is a **measure of evidence against** $H_0$ :

p-value	evidence	
< 0.01	Very strong evidence against H <sub>0</sub>	
0.01 - 0.05	Strong evidence against $H_0$	
0.05 - 0.10	Weak evidence against H <sub>0</sub>	
> 0.10	Little or no evidence against H <sub>0</sub>	

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$$H_0: m = 1.2$$
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The rejection region for a significance level is:

$$W = \left\{ x : \overline{x}_{N} < m_{0} + \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{N}} \Phi^{-1}(\alpha) \right\}$$

**Question:** if the realization of the sample mean is equal to 1.13, determine the rejection regions for different levels between 1% and 30%, and compute an approximation of the p-value.

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#### Solution

$$W = \left\{ x : \overline{x}_{N} < m_{0} + \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{N}} \Phi^{-1}(\alpha) \right\}$$

The realization of the sample mean is equal to 1.13, so the p-value ranges between 0.24 and 0.25.

α	$\Phi^{-1}(\alpha)$	$m_0 + \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}}\Phi^{-1}(\alpha)$	Conclusion
0.01	-2.3263	0.9674	No rejection of H <sub>0</sub>
0.05	-1.6449	1.0355	No rejection of $H_{\rm 0}$
0.10	-1.2816	1.0718	No rejection of $H_{\rm 0}$
0.15	-1.0364	1.0964	No rejection of $H_{\rm 0}$
0.20	-0.8416	1.1158	No rejection of $H_{\rm 0}$
0.24	-0.7063	1.1294	No rejection of $H_{\rm 0}$
0.25	-0.6745	1.1326	Rejection of $H_0$
0.30	-0.5244	1.1476	Rejection of H <sub>0</sub>

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#### Remarks

- For each type of test (one-sided, two-sided) and given the properties of the distribution of the test statistic, there exist different formula to compute the p-value (without computing the critical values for different levels).
- f 2 For a significance level lpha fixed by the analyst, the decision rule is

p-value 
$$< \alpha =>$$
 Reject H<sub>0</sub> for a significance level  $\alpha\%$ 

p-value  $> \alpha =>$  Do not reject  $H_0$  for a significance level  $\alpha\%$ 

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Consider a sequence  $X_1, ..., X_N$  of *i.i.d.* continuous random variables with  $X_i \sim \mathcal{N}\left(m, \sigma^2\right)$  with  $\sigma^2 = 1$  and N = 100. We want to test

$$H_0: m = 1.2$$
  $H_1: m = 1$ 

The p-value of the test is equal to 0.2420. Question: what is your conclusion for a significance level  $\alpha = 5\%$ ?

#### Solution

The p-value is larger than the significance level  $\alpha=5\%$ . For a significance level of 5%, we do not reject the null H<sub>0</sub> : m=1.2.

#### Summary: For a test, you have always two ways to proceed

Critical value approach: Compare the realization of the test statistic to the rejection region for a fixed level of risk

$$T(x) \in W =>$$
Reject  $H_0$  for a significance level  $\alpha\%$ 

 $T(x) \notin W =$  Do not reject  $H_0$  for a significance level  $\alpha\%$ 

**9** p-value approach: Compare the p-value to the significance level  $\alpha$ % p-value  $< \alpha =>$  Reject H<sub>0</sub> for a significance level  $\alpha$ %

p-value  $> \alpha => \,$  Do not reject  $H_0$  for a significance level  $\alpha\%$ 

#### Key concepts

- Null and alternative hypotheses
- 2 One-sided and two-sided tests
- Rejection region, test statistic and critical value
- Type I and type II errors
- Size and power
- p-value
- Critical value and p-value approaches

# Section 4

Individual and Global Significance Tests

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#### **Objectives**

- To test the value of an individual parameter in a linear model
- To compute a Student t-test statistic, its p-value and its critical region
- To test some global restrictions on the parameters
- To compute a Fisher test statistic, its p-value and its critical region
- To compute the p-value associated to a Fisher test statistic
- To introduce the global F test
- To apply all these tests to the CAPM model.

#### Model

Consider the multiple linear regression model (cf. Chapter 2):

$$\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{X} \boldsymbol{\beta} + \boldsymbol{arepsilon}$$

- **y** is a  $T \times 1$  vector of observations  $y_i$  for i = 1, ..., T
- **X** is a  $T \times K$  matrix of K explicative variables  $\mathbf{x}_{t,k}$  for k = 1, ..., K and t = 1, ..., T
- $\varepsilon$  is a  $T \times 1$  vector of error terms  $\varepsilon_t$ .
- $oldsymbol{eta} = \left(eta_1..eta_K
  ight)^ op$  is a K imes 1 vector of parameters

### Fact (Assumptions)

We assume that the multiple linear regression model satisfy the assumptions A1-A6

A1: linearity	The model is linear with $eta$
A2: identification	${f X}$ is an ${\cal T}  imes {\cal K}$ matrix with rank ${\cal K}$
A3: exogeneity	$\mathbb{E}\left(\left.oldsymbol{arepsilon} ight \mathbf{X} ight)=0_{\mathcal{T} imes1}$
A4: spherical error terms	$\mathbb{V}\left(\left.oldsymbol{arepsilon} ight \mathbf{X} ight)=\sigma^{2}\mathbf{I}_{\mathcal{T}}$
A5: data generation	<b>X</b> may be fixed or random
A6: normal distribution	$oldsymbol{arepsilon}\left  \left. \mathbf{X} \sim \mathcal{N} \left( 0_{T  imes 1}, \sigma^2 \mathbf{I}_T  ight)  ight.$

#### Parametric tests

The  $\beta_k$  are unknown features of the population, but:

- One can formulate a hypothesis about their value;
- One can construct a test statistic with a known distribution under H<sub>0</sub>;
- One can take a "decision" meaning "reject H0" if the value of the test statistic is too unlikely.

For that, we introduce two types of tests

Individual significance tests: the Student tests or t-tests:

@ Global significance tests: the Fisher tests of F-tests

# Subsection 4.1

Individual Significance Tests: Student Tests

#### Two types of tests concerning one individual parameter

1 Two-sided test

$$H_0$$
 :  $\beta_k = a_k$   
 $H_1$  :  $\beta_k \neq a_k$ 

where  $a_k$  is some reference value.

One-sided test

$$egin{array}{lll} \mathsf{H}_0 & : & eta_k = \mathsf{a}_k & ext{ or } & \mathsf{H}_0 : eta_k = \mathsf{a}_k \ \mathsf{H}_1 & : & eta_k < \mathsf{a}_k & ext{ } & \mathsf{H}_1 : eta_k > \mathsf{a}_k \end{array}$$

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#### Why is this important?

- Because  $a_k = 0$  means that there is no merit to using the  $k^{th}$  independent variable as a predictor (regressor);
- Because it allows testing the statistical significance of each estimate and to select some of the explanatory variables.

Reminder (cf. chapter 1)

### Fact (Linear regression model)

Under the **assumption A6 (normality)**, the estimators  $\hat{\beta}$  and  $\hat{\sigma}^2$  have a finite sample distribution given by:

$$\widehat{oldsymbol{eta}} \sim \mathcal{N}\left(oldsymbol{eta}.\sigma^2\left(oldsymbol{\mathsf{X}}^{ op}oldsymbol{\mathsf{X}}
ight)^{-1}
ight)$$

$$\frac{\widehat{\sigma}^2}{\sigma^2} \left( T - K \right) \sim \chi^2 \left( T - K \right)$$

Moreover,  $\widehat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}$  and  $\widehat{\sigma}^2$  are independent. This result holds whether or not the matrix  ${\bf X}$  is considered as random. In this last case, the distribution of  $\widehat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}$  is conditional to  ${\bf X}$ .

**Property:** Any subset of  $\widehat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}$  has a joint normal distribution.

$$\widehat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}_{k} \sim \mathcal{N}\left(\boldsymbol{\beta}_{k}, \sigma^{2} m_{kk}\right)$$

where  $m_{kk}$  is  $k^{th}$  diagonal element of  $\left(\mathbf{X}^{\top}\mathbf{X}\right)^{-1}$  .

#### Reminder

If X and Y are two independent random variables such that

$$X \sim \mathcal{N}\left(0,1\right)$$

$$Y \sim \chi^2 \left( \theta \right)$$

then the variable Z defined as to be

$$Z = \frac{X}{\sqrt{Y/\theta}}$$

has a Student's t-distribution with  $\boldsymbol{\theta}$  degrees of freedom

$$Z \sim t_{(\theta)}$$

#### Student test statistic

Consider a test with the null:

$$H_0: \beta_k = a_k$$

Under the null  $H_0$ :

$$rac{\widehat{eta}_k - \mathsf{a}_k}{\sigma \sqrt{m_{kk}}} \underset{\mathsf{H}_0}{\sim} \mathcal{N}\left(\mathsf{0,1}
ight)$$

$$\frac{\widehat{\sigma}^2}{\sigma^2} \left( T - K \right) \underset{\mathsf{H}_0}{\sim} \chi^2 \left( T - K \right)$$

and these two variables are independent...

### Student test statistic (cont'd)

$$\begin{split} \frac{\widehat{\beta}_{k} - \mathbf{a}_{k}}{\sigma \sqrt{m_{kk}}} &\underset{\mathsf{H}_{0}}{\sim} \mathcal{N}\left(0, 1\right) \\ \frac{\widehat{\sigma}^{2}}{\sigma^{2}} \left(T - K\right) &\underset{\mathsf{H}_{0}}{\sim} \chi^{2} \left(T - K\right) \end{split}$$

So, under the null  $H_0$  we have:

$$\frac{\frac{\widehat{\beta}_k - a_k}{\sigma \sqrt{m_{kk}}}}{\sqrt{\frac{\widehat{\sigma}^2}{\sigma^2} \frac{(T - K)}{(T - K)}}} = \frac{\widehat{\beta}_k - a_k}{\widehat{\sigma} \sqrt{m_{kk}}} \underset{\mathsf{H}_0}{\sim} t_{(T - K)}$$

## Definition (Student t-statistic)

Under the null  $H_0: \beta_k = a_k$ , the **Student test-statistic** or **t-statistic** is defined to be:

$$\mathsf{T}_{k} = \frac{\widehat{\beta}_{k} - \mathsf{a}_{k}}{\widehat{\mathsf{se}}\left(\widehat{\beta}_{k}\right)} \underset{\mathsf{H}_{0}}{\sim} \mathsf{t}_{(T - K)}$$

where T is the number of observations, K is the number of explanatory variables (including the constant term),  $t_{(T-K)}$  is the Student t-distribution with T-K degrees of freedom and

$$\widehat{\mathsf{se}}\left(\widehat{\pmb{eta}}_k\right) = \widehat{\sigma}\sqrt{m_{kk}}$$

with  $m_{kk}$  is  $k^{th}$  diagonal element of  $\left(\mathbf{X}^{ op}\mathbf{X}\right)^{-1}$  .

#### Remarks

**1** Under the assumption A6 (normality) and under the null  $H_0: \beta_k = a_k$ , the Student test-statistic has an **exact (finite sample)** distribution.

$$T_k \sim_{H_0} t_{(T-K)}$$

• The term  $\widehat{\operatorname{se}}\left(\widehat{\beta}_{k}\right)$  denotes the estimator of the SE of the OLS estimator  $\widehat{\beta}_{k}$  and it corresponds to the square root of the  $k^{th}$  diagonal element of  $\widehat{\mathbb{V}}\left(\widehat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}\right)$  (cf. Chapter 2):

$$\widehat{\mathbb{V}}\left(\widehat{\pmb{eta}}
ight) = \widehat{\sigma}^2 \left( \mathbf{X}^{ op} \mathbf{X} 
ight)^{-1}$$

### Fact

All the regression analysis tools (R, Matlab, Python, Excel, Stata, etc.) report the t-statistics and their p-value associated to the **test of nullity** of the individual parameters

$$H_0: \beta_k = 0$$
  $H_1: \beta_k \neq 0$ 

Figure: Matlab output (t-stats and p-values)

Linear regression model:

$$v \sim 1 + x1$$

Estimated Coefficients:

	Estimate	SE
(Intercept)	0.00022961	0.00090928
<b>x1</b>	1.5452	0.11505

tStat	pValue
0.25252	0.80085 2.8468e-31

Number of observations: 250, Error degrees of freedom: 248

Root Mean Squared Error: 0.0143

R-squared: 0.421, Adjusted R-Squared 0.419

F-statistic vs. constant model: 180, p-value = 2.85e-31

Figure: Excel output (tstats and p-values)

4	A	В	C	D	E	F	G	H	1
1	RAPPORT DÉTAILLÉ								
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3	Statistiques de la régressio	n							
4	Coefficient de détermination multiple	0,6489074							
5	Coefficient de détermination R^2	0,42108081							
6	Coefficient de détermination R^2	0,41874646							
7	Erreur-type	0,01433559							
8	Observations	250							
9									
10	ANALYSE DE VARIANCE								
		Degré de	Somme des	Moyenne	F	Valeur			
11		liberté	carrés	des carrés	,	critique de F			
12	Régression	1	0,03707066	0,03707066	180,384488	2,8468E-31			
13	Résidus	248	0,05096626	0,00020551					
14	Total	249	0,08803692						
15									
						Limite	Limite	Limite	Limite
						inférieure	supérieure	inférieure	supérieure
		C	f		Probabilité	pour seuil	pour seuil	pour seuil	pour seuil
		Coefficients	Erreur-type	Statistique t	Probabilite	de	de	de	de
						confiance =	confiance =	confiance =	confiance =
16						95%	95%	95,0%	95,0%
17	Constante	0,00022961	0,00090928	0,25251848	0,8008495	-0,0015613	0,0020205	-0,0015613	0,0020205
18	Variable X 1	1,54515835	0,1150465	13,4307293	2,8468E-31	1,31856557	1,77175113	1,31856557	1,77175113
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## Example (CAPM)

We consider the CAPM model

$$z_{\texttt{intel},t} = \beta_1 + \beta_2 z_{\texttt{market},t} + \varepsilon_t$$

**Question:** Given the elements reported by Excel (cf. previous slide), compute the realizations of the Student test-statistics for the following hypotheses

$$\begin{array}{llll} \mathsf{H}_0 & : & \beta_2 = 0 & & \mathsf{H}_0 : \beta_2 = 0 & & \mathsf{H}_0 : \beta_2 = 0 & & \mathsf{H}_0 : \beta_2 = 1 \\ \mathsf{H}_1 & : & \beta_2 < 0 & & \mathsf{H}_1 : \beta_2 > 0 & & \mathsf{H}_0 : \beta_2 \neq 0 & & \mathsf{H}_0 : \beta_2 \neq 1 \end{array}$$

Note: the data are available within the file Data\_CAPM\_returns.xlsx.

#### Solution

The three tests

$$\begin{array}{lll} H_0 & : & \beta_2 = 0 & & H_0 : \beta_2 = 0 & & H_0 : \beta_2 = 0 \\ H_1 & : & \beta_2 < 0 & & H_1 : \beta_2 > 0 & & H_0 : \beta_2 \neq 0 \end{array}$$

have the same t-statistic defined as

$$\mathsf{T}_{\beta_2 = 0} \left( y \right) = \frac{\widehat{\beta}_2 - 0}{\widehat{\mathsf{se}} \left( \widehat{\beta}_2 \right)} = \frac{\widehat{\beta}_2}{\widehat{\mathsf{se}} \left( \widehat{\beta}_2 \right)} = \frac{1.5451}{0.1150} = 13.4307$$

Note: be careful, the p-values of unilateral and bilateral tests are not identical

Solution (cont'd)

Concerning the latest test

$$egin{array}{lll} H_0 & : & eta_2 = 1 \\ H_0 & : & eta_2 
eq 1 \end{array}$$

The t-statistic is defined as

$$\mathsf{T}_{\beta_2=1}\left(y\right) = \frac{\widehat{\beta}_2 - 1}{\widehat{\mathsf{se}}\left(\widehat{\beta}_2\right)} = \frac{1.5451 - 1}{0.1150} = 4.7386$$

As for any test, you two equivalent decision rules for the t-test

Critical value approach: Compare the realization of the test statistic to the rejection region for a fixed level of risk

if  $T_k \in W => Reject H_0$  for a significance level  $\alpha\%$ 

**@** p-value approach: Compare the p-value to the significance level  $\alpha\%$ 

if p-value  $<\alpha \> =>$  Reject  $H_0$  for a significance level  $\alpha\%$ 

Let us define rejection region and the p-values...

## Definition (rejection region - left tailed test)

Consider the one-sided (left tailed) test:

$$H_0: \beta_k = a_k \quad H_1: \beta_k < a_k$$

The rejection region is defined as to be:

$$W = \{ y : \mathsf{T}_{k} (y) < c_{\alpha} \}$$

where  $c_{\alpha}$  is the  $\alpha$ -quantile of the Student's t-distribution with T-K degrees of freedom and  $T_k\left(y\right)$  is the realization of the Student test-statistic.

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## Example (One-sided test)

Consider the CAPM model for Microsoft (cf. Chapter 2) and the following results (Eviews). We want to test the beta of MSFT as

$$\mathsf{H}_0:eta_{\mathit{MSFT}}=1$$
 against  $\mathsf{H}_1:eta_{\mathit{MSFT}}<1$ 

Question: give a conclusion for a nominal size of 5%.

Dependent Variable: RMSFT Method: Least Squares Date: 11/30/13 Time: 17:15 Sample: 2 21 Included observations: 20

Variable	Coefficient	Std. Error	t-Statistic	Prob.
C	0.001189			0.3368
RSP500	1.989787			0.0000
R-squared	0.690203	Mean dependent var		-0.000180
Adjusted R-squared	0.672992	S.D. dependent var		0.009272
S.E. of regression	0.005302	Akaike info criterion		-7.546873
Sum squared resid	0.000506	Schwarz criterion		-7.447300
Log likelihood	77.46873	F-statistic		40.10263
Durbin-Watson stat	1.955366	Prob(F-statistic)		0.000006

Solution

Step 1: compute the t-statistic

$$\mathsf{T}_{MSFT}\left(y\right) = \frac{\widehat{\beta}_{MSFT} - 1}{\widehat{\mathsf{se}}\left(\widehat{\beta}_{MSFT}\right)} = \frac{1.9898 - 1}{0.3142} = 3.1501$$

**Step 2:** Determine the rejection region for a nominal size  $\alpha=5\%$  and T=20:

$$T_{MSFT} \underset{H_0}{\sim} t_{(20-2)} \quad c_{0.05} = -1.7341$$

$$W = \{ y : T_k (y) < -1.7341 \}$$

**Conclusion:** for a significance level of 5%, we fail to reject the null  $H_0: \beta_{MSFT} = 1$  against  $H_1: \beta_{MSFT} < 1$ .

## Definition (rejection region - right tailed test)

Consider the one-sided (right tailed) test:

$$H_0: \beta_k = a_k \qquad H_1: \beta_k > a_k$$

The rejection region is defined as to be:

$$\mathsf{W} = \left\{ y : \mathsf{T}_{k} \left( y \right) > c_{1-\alpha} \right\}$$

where  $c_{1-\alpha}$  is the  $1-\alpha$ -quantile of the Student's t-distribution with T-K degrees of freedom and  $\mathsf{T}_k\left(y\right)$  is the realization of the Student test-statistic.

## Example (One-sided test)

Consider the CAPM model for Microsoft (cf. Chapter 2) and the following results (Eviews). We want to test the beta of MSFT as

$$\mathsf{H}_0:eta_{\mathit{MSFT}}=1$$
 against  $\mathsf{H}_1:eta_{\mathit{MSFT}}>1$ 

Question: give a conclusion for a nominal size of 5%.

Dependent Variable: RMSFT Method: Least Squares Date: 11/30/13 Time: 17:15 Sample: 2 21 Included observations: 20

Variable	Coefficient	Std. Error	t-Statistic	Prob.
C	0.001189	0.001205 0.986860		0.3368
RSP500	1.989787	0.314210 6.332664		0.0000
R-squared	0.690203	Mean dependent var		-0.000180
Adjusted R-squared	0.672992	S.D. dependent var		0.009272
S.E. of regression	0.005302	Akaike info criterion		-7.546873
Sum squared resid	0.000506	Schwarz criterion		-7.447300
Log likelihood	77.46873	F-statistic		40.10263
Durbin-Watson stat	1.955366	Prob(F-statistic)		0.000006

Solution

**Step 1:** compute the t-statistic

$$\mathsf{T}_{MSFT}\left(y\right) = \frac{\widehat{\beta}_{MSFT} - 1}{\widehat{\mathsf{se}}\left(\widehat{\beta}_{MSFT}\right)} = \frac{1.9898 - 1}{0.3142} = 3.1501$$

**Step 2:** Determine the rejection region for a nominal size  $\alpha=5\%$  and a sample size T=20.

$$\mathsf{T}_{MSFT} \underset{\mathsf{H}_{0}}{\sim} t_{(20-2)} \quad c_{0.95} = 1.7341$$
  $\mathsf{W} = \{ y : \mathsf{T}_{k} (y) > 1.7341 \}$ 

**Conclusion:** for a significance level of 5%, we reject the null H $_0$  :  $\beta_{MSFT}=1$  against H $_1$  :  $\beta_{MSFT}>1$ 

## Definition (rejection region for two-sided or bilateral test)

Consider the two-sided test

$$H_0: \beta_k = a_k \qquad H_1: \beta_k \neq a_k$$

The **rejection region** for a significance level of  $\alpha\%$  (say, 5%) is

$$W = \{y : |T_k(y)| > c_{1-\alpha/2}\}\$$

where  $c_{1-\alpha/2}$  is the  $1-\alpha/2$  (say, 97.5%) critical value of a Student t-distribution with T-K degrees of freedom and  $T_k(y)$  is the realization of the Student test-statistic.

## Example (Two-sided test)

Consider the CAPM model (cf. Chapter 2) and the following results (Eviews). We want to test the beta of MSFT as

$$\mathsf{H}_0:eta_{\mathit{MSFT}}=1$$
 against  $\mathsf{H}_1:eta_{\mathit{MSFT}}
eq 1$ 

Question: give a conclusion for a nominal size of 5%.

Dependent Variable: RMSFT Method: Least Squares Date: 11/30/13 Time: 17:15 Sample: 2 21 Included observations: 20

Variable	Coefficient	Std. Error	t-Statistic	Prob.
C	0.001189			0.3368
RSP500	1.989787			0.0000
R-squared	0.690203	Mean dependent var		-0.000180
Adjusted R-squared	0.672992	S.D. dependent var		0.009272
S.E. of regression	0.005302	Akaike info criterion		-7.546873
Sum squared resid	0.000506	Schwarz criterion		-7.447300
Log likelihood	77.46873	F-statistic		40.10263
Durbin-Watson stat	1.955366	Prob(F-statistic)		0.000006

Solution

Step 1: compute the t-statistic

$$\mathsf{T}_{MSFT}\left(y\right) = \frac{\widehat{\beta}_{MSFT} - 1}{\widehat{\mathsf{se}}\left(\widehat{\beta}_{MSFT}\right)} = \frac{1.9898 - 1}{0.3142} = 3.1501$$

**Step 2:** Determine the rejection region for a nominal size  $\alpha=5\%$  and a sample size T=20.

$$\mathsf{T}_{MSFT} \underset{\mathsf{H}_{0}}{\sim} t_{(20-2)} \quad c_{0.975} = 2.1009$$
 $\mathsf{W} = \{ y : |\mathsf{T}_{k}(y)| > 2.1009 \}$ 

**Conclusion:** for a significance level of 5%, we reject the null H $_0: \beta_{MSFT}=1$  against H $_1: \beta_{MSFT} \neq 1$ 

### Summary: rejection regions for a Student test

H <sub>0</sub>	H <sub>1</sub>	Rejection region
$\beta_k = a_k$	$\beta_k > a_k$	$W = \{y : T_k(y) > c_{1-\alpha}\}$
$eta_k=a_k$	$eta_k < a_k$	$W = \{y : T_k(y) < c_{\alpha}\}$
$eta_k = a_k$	$\beta_k \neq a_k$	$W = \{y :  T_k(y)  > c_{1-\alpha/2}\}$

**Note:**  $c_{\beta}$  denotes the  $\beta$ -quantile (critical value) of the Student t-distribution with T - K degrees of freedom.

## Definition (P-values)

The **p-values** of Student tests are equal to:

Two-sided test: p-value =  $2 \times F_{T-K} \left( - |\mathsf{T}_k(y)| \right)$ 

Right tailed test: p-value =  $1 - F_{T-K} (T_k (y))$ 

Left tailed test: p-value =  $F_{T-K}(-T_k(y))$ 

where  $T_k\left(y\right)$  is the realization of the Student test-statistic and  $F_{T-K}\left(.\right)$  the cdf of the Student's t-distribution with T-K degrees of freedom.

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## Example (One-sided test)

Consider the CAPM model for Microsoft. We want to test:

$$\mathsf{H}_0: c = \mathsf{0}$$
 against  $\mathsf{H}_1: c \neq \mathsf{0}$ 

$$\mathsf{H}_0: \beta_{\mathit{MSFT}} = \mathsf{0}$$
 against  $\mathsf{H}_1: \beta_{\mathit{MSFT}} \neq \mathsf{0}$ 

Question: find the corresponding p-values.

Dependent Variable: RMSFT Method: Least Squares Date: 11/30/13 Time: 18:45 Sample: 2 21 Included observations: 20

Variable	Coefficient	Std. Error	t-Statistic	Prob.
C RSP500	0.001189 1.989787	0.001205 0.314210	0.986860 6.332664	<b>₹</b>
R-squared Adjusted R-squared S.E. of regression Sum squared resid Log likelihood Durbin-Watson stat	0.690203 0.672992 0.005302 0.000506 77.46873 1.955366	Mean depen S.D. depend Akaike info Schwarz crit F-statistic Prob(F-statis	ent var criterion erion	-0.000180 0.009272 -7.546873 -7.447300 40.10263 0.000006

#### Solution

Since we consider two-sided tests with T=20 and K=2:

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{p-value}_c = 2 \times F_{18} \left( - \left| T_c \left( y \right) \right| \right) = 2 \times F_{18} \left( -0.9868 \right) = 0.3368 \\ & \text{p-value}_c = 2 \times F_{18} \left( - \left| T_{MSFT} \left( y \right) \right| \right) = 2 \times F_{18} \left( -6.3326 \right) = 5.7 \text{e}^{-006} \end{aligned}$$

Dependent Variable: RMSFT Method: Least Squares Date: 11/30/13 Time: 18:51 Sample: 2 21 Included observations: 20

Variable	Coefficient	Coefficient Std. Error		Prob.
C RSP500			0.986860 6.332664	0.3368 0.0000
R-squared Adjusted R-squared S.E. of regression Sum squared resid Log likelihood Durbin-Watson stat	0.690203 0.672992 0.005302 0.000506 77.46873 1.955366	Mean depend S.D. depend Akaike info d Schwarz crit F-statistic Prob(F-statis	ent var criterion erion	-0.000180 0.009272 -7.546873 -7.447300 40.10263 0.000006

## 2. Overall adjustment

## Example (CAPM)

Consider the CAPM model for Intel Corp (8/2/2017-8/17/2018)

$$z_{\texttt{intel},t} = \alpha + \beta z_{\texttt{market},t} + \varepsilon_t$$

**Question:** when the CAPM is expressed with excess returns (as in our case), we can test the mean-variance efficiency by testing the nullity of the intercept

$$H_0: \alpha = 0$$
  $H_1: \alpha \neq 0$ 

Given the Excel results (next slide), what is your conclusion for a significance level  $\alpha=10\%$ ? Please use both the **critical value** and the **p-value approaches**.

**Note**: the data are available within the file "Data\_CAPM\_returns.xlsx".

Figure: CAPM model for Intel Corp.

4	A	В	C	D	E	F	G	Н	1
1	RAPPORT DÉTAILLÉ								
2									
3	Statistiques de la régressio	n							
4	Coefficient de détermination multiple	0,6489074							
5	Coefficient de détermination R^2	0,42108081							
6	Coefficient de détermination R^2	0,41874646							
7	Erreur-type	0,01433559							
8	Observations	250							
9									
10	ANALYSE DE VARIANCE								
11		Degré de liberté	Somme des carrés	Moyenne des carrés	F	Valeur critique de F			
12	Régression	1	0,03707066	0,03707066	180,384488	2,8468E-31			
13	Résidus	248	0,05096626	0,00020551					
14	Total	249	0,08803692						
15									
16		Coefficients	Erreur-type	Statistique t	Probabilité	Limite inférieure pour seuil de confiance = 95%	Limite supérieure pour seuil de confiance = 95%	Limite inférieure pour seuil de confiance = 95,0%	Limite supérieure pour seuil de confiance = 95,0%
17	Constante	0,00022961	0,00090928	0,25251848	0,8008495	-0,0015613	0,0020205	-0,0015613	0,0020205
18	Variable X 1	1,54515835	0,1150465	13,4307293	2,8468E-31	1,31856557	1,77175113	1,31856557	1,77175113

#### Solution

p-value approach: The p-value computed by Excel is equal to 0.8000, so we have

p-value = 
$$0.8000$$
 > significance level =  $10\%$ 

**Conclusion:** for a significance level of 10%, we do no reject the null  $H_0: \alpha=0$  against  $H_1: \alpha \neq 0$ .

Solution (cont'd)

Critical value approach: The realization of the t-statistic (computed by Excel) is equal to

$$T_{\alpha}=0.2525\,$$

The critical region is defined by

$$W = \{y : |T_k(y)| > 1.6510\}$$

$$\mathsf{T}_{\alpha} \underset{\mathsf{H}_0}{\sim} t_{(250-2)} \quad c_{1-\frac{0.10}{2}} = c_{0.95} = 1.6510$$

So, the t-statistic does not belongs to the critical region for  $\alpha=10\%$ .

**Conclusion:** for a significance level of 10%, we do no reject the null  $H_0: \alpha=0$  against  $H_1: \alpha \neq 0$ .

## Fact (Student test with large sample)

For a large sample size T

$$T_k \underset{H_0}{\sim} t_{(T-K)} \approx \mathcal{N}\left(0,1\right)$$

Then, the rejection region for a Student two-sided test becomes

$$W = \left\{ y : |T_k(y)| > \Phi^{-1}(1 - \alpha/2) \right\}$$

where  $\Phi\left(.\right)$  denotes the cdf of the standard normal distribution. For  $\alpha=5\%,$   $\Phi^{-1}\left(0.975\right)=1.96,$  so we have:

$$W = \{ y : |T_k(y)| > 1.96 \}$$

### Non-normality of the error term

• Consider a case of a semi-parametric model

$$\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{X}oldsymbol{eta} + arepsilon$$
  $arepsilon | \mathbf{X} \sim \mathsf{Unknown}$  distribution

$$\mathbb{E}\left(\left.\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}\right|\mathbf{X}\right) = \mathbf{0}_{T \times 1} \quad \mathbb{V}\left(\left.\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}\right|\mathbf{X}\right) = \sigma^{2}\mathbf{I}_{T}$$

Without the normality assumption, the two following results do not hold

$$\widehat{\boldsymbol{\beta}} \sim \mathcal{N} \left( \boldsymbol{\beta}, \sigma^2 \left( \mathbf{X}^\top \mathbf{X} \right)^{-1} \right)$$

$$\frac{\widehat{\sigma}^2}{\sigma^2} \left( T - K \right) \sim \chi^2 \left( T - K \right)$$

### Non-normality of the error term

• So, the t-test statistic does not have a Student distribution

$$\mathcal{T}_k = rac{\widehat{eta}_k - \mathbf{a}_k}{\widehat{\mathsf{se}}\left(\widehat{eta}_k
ight)} \underset{\mathsf{H}_0}{\sim} \mathsf{Unknown} \; \mathsf{distribution}$$

However, we know that

$$\sqrt{\mathcal{T}}\left(\widehat{\pmb{\beta}} - \pmb{\beta}_0\right) \overset{d}{\rightarrow} \mathcal{N}\left(\mathbf{0}, \sigma^2 \mathbf{Q}^{-1}\right)$$

where

$$\mathbf{Q} = \operatorname{plim} rac{1}{T} \mathbf{X}^{ op} \mathbf{X} = \mathbb{E}_{X} \left( \mathbf{x}_{i}^{ op} \mathbf{x}_{i} 
ight)$$

or equivalently

$$\widehat{oldsymbol{eta}} \stackrel{ extstyle symbol{ iny asymbol{o}}}{pprox} \mathcal{N}\left(oldsymbol{eta}_{ extstyle 0}, rac{\sigma^2}{T} \mathbf{Q}^{-1}
ight)$$

# Subsection 4.2

Global Significance Tests:

Fisher Tests

### 4.2. The Fisher test

Consider the two-sided test associated to p linear constraints on the parameters  $\beta_k$  :

 $H_0$  :  $\mathbf{R}\boldsymbol{\beta} = \mathbf{q}$ 

 $\mathsf{H}_1 \quad : \quad \mathbf{R} \boldsymbol{\beta} \neq \mathbf{q}$ 

where **R** is a  $p \times K$  matrix and **q** is a  $p \times 1$  vector.

### Example (Linear constraints)

If K=4 and if we want to test  $H_0: \beta_1+\beta_2=0$  and  $\beta_2-3\beta_3=4$ , then we have  $\rho=2$  linear constraints with:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathbf{R} & \boldsymbol{\beta} & = & \mathbf{q} \\ ^{(2\times4)} & ^{(4,1)} & & ^{(2\times1)} \end{array}$$

$$\left(\begin{array}{ccc}1&1&0&0\\0&1&-3&0\end{array}\right)\left(\begin{array}{c}\beta_1\\\beta_2\\\beta_3\\\beta_4\end{array}\right)=\left(\begin{array}{c}0\\4\end{array}\right)$$

### Example (Linear constraints)

If K=4 and if we want to test  $H_0: \beta_2=\beta_3=\beta_4=0$ , then we have p=3 linear constraints with:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathbf{R} & \boldsymbol{\beta} & = & \mathbf{q} \\ ^{(3\times4)} & ^{(4,1)} & & ^{(3\times1)} \end{array}$$

$$\left(\begin{array}{cccc} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array}\right) \left(\begin{array}{c} \beta_1 \\ \beta_2 \\ \beta_3 \\ \beta_4 \end{array}\right) = \left(\begin{array}{c} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{array}\right)$$

### Definition (Fisher test-statistic)

Under assumptions A1-A6 (cf. Chapter 2), the **Fisher test-statistic** is defined as to be:

$$\mathsf{F} = \frac{1}{\rho} \left( \mathsf{R} \widehat{\pmb{\beta}} - \mathsf{q} \right)^\top \left( \widehat{\sigma}^2 \mathsf{R} \left( \mathsf{X}^\top \mathsf{X} \right)^{-1} \mathsf{R}^\top \right)^{-1} \left( \mathsf{R} \widehat{\pmb{\beta}} - \mathsf{q} \right)$$

where  $\widehat{\beta}$  denotes the OLS estimator. Under the null  $H_0: \mathbf{R}\boldsymbol{\beta} = \mathbf{q}$ , the F-statistic has a Fisher exact (finite sample) distribution

$$F \underset{H_0}{\sim} F_{(p,T-K)}$$

#### Reminder

If X and Y are two independent random variables such that

$$X \sim \chi^2 \left(\theta_1\right)$$

$$Y \sim \chi^2 \left(\theta_2\right)$$

then the variable Z defined by

$$Z = \frac{X/\theta_1}{Y/\theta_2}$$

has a Fisher distribution with  $\theta_1$  and  $\theta_2$  degrees of freedom

$$Z \sim F_{(\theta_1,\theta_2)}$$

#### Intuition of the Proof

We can base the test of  $H_0$  on the Wald criterion:

$$\begin{array}{lll} & \mathcal{W} & = & \mathbf{m}^{\top}_{(1 \times 1)} \; (\mathbb{V} \left( \mathbf{m} \right))^{-1} \; \mathbf{m}_{p \times p} \\ & = & \left( \mathbf{R} \widehat{\boldsymbol{\beta}} - \mathbf{q} \right)^{\top} \left( \sigma^2 \mathbf{R} \left( \mathbf{X}^{\top} \mathbf{X} \right)^{-1} \mathbf{R}^{\top} \right)^{-1} \left( \mathbf{R} \widehat{\boldsymbol{\beta}} - \mathbf{q} \right) \end{array}$$

Under assumption A6 (normality)

$$W \underset{\mathsf{H}_0}{\sim} \chi^2 \left( p \right)$$

$$\frac{\widehat{\sigma}^2}{\sigma^2} (T - K) \sim \chi^2 (T - K)$$

These two variables are independent.

### Intuition of the Proof (cont'd)

$$W \underset{\mathsf{H}_0}{\sim} \chi^2 \left( p \right)$$

$$\frac{\widehat{\sigma}^2}{\sigma^2} (T - K) \sim \chi^2 (T - K)$$

These two variables are independent. So, their ratio has a Fisher distribution

$$\mathsf{F} = \frac{\frac{W}{p}}{\frac{\widehat{\sigma}^2}{\sigma^2} \frac{(T-K)}{(T-K)}} \underset{\mathsf{H}_0}{\sim} F_{(p,T-K)}$$

$$\mathsf{F} = \frac{1}{\rho} \left( \mathsf{R} \widehat{\boldsymbol{\beta}} - \mathsf{q} \right)^\top \left( \widehat{\sigma}^2 \mathsf{R} \left( \mathsf{X}^\top \mathsf{X} \right)^{-1} \mathsf{R}^\top \right)^{-1} \left( \mathsf{R} \widehat{\boldsymbol{\beta}} - \mathsf{q} \right)$$

### Definition (Fisher test-statistic)

Under assumptions A1-A6 (cf. chapter 3), the **Fisher test-statistic** can be defined as a function of the SSR of the constrained  $(H_0)$  and unconstrained model  $(H_1)$ :

$$\mathsf{F} = \left(\frac{\mathit{SSR}_0 - \mathit{SSR}_1}{\mathit{SSR}_1}\right) \left(\frac{\mathit{T} - \mathit{K}}{\mathit{p}}\right)$$

where  $SSR_0$  denotes the sum of squared residuals of the constrained model estimated under  $H_0$  and  $SSR_1$  denotes the sum of squared residuals of the unconstrained model estimated under  $H_1$ .

# Example (Fisher test and CAPM model)

Consider the extended CAPM model for Microsoft:

$$r_{MSFT,t} = \beta_1 + \beta_2 r_{SP500,t} + \beta_3 r_{Ford,t} + \beta_4 r_{GE,t} + \varepsilon_t$$

where  $r_{MSFT,t}$  is the excess return for Microsoft,  $r_{SP500,t}$  for the SP500,  $r_{Ford,t}$  for Ford and  $r_{GE,t}$  for general electric. We want to test the following linear constraints:

$$H_0:eta_2=1$$
 and  $eta_3=eta_4$ 

**Question:** write a Matlab code to compute the F-statistic.

Note: the data are available in Data\_CAPM\_Microsoft.xlsx.

#### Solution

In this problem, the null  $H_0: \beta_2 = 1$  and  $\beta_3 = \beta_4$  can be written as:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathbf{R} & \boldsymbol{\beta} & = & \mathbf{q} \\ ^{(2\times4)} & ^{(4,1)} & & ^{(2\times1)} \end{array}$$

$$\left( egin{array}{cccc} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \ 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 \end{array} 
ight) \left( egin{array}{c} eta_1 \ eta_2 \ eta_3 \ eta_4 \end{array} 
ight) = \left( egin{array}{c} 1 \ 0 \end{array} 
ight)$$

#### Figure: Matlab code to compute the F-statistic

```
clear ; clc ; close all
data=xlsread('Data CAPM Microsoft.xls');
r MSFT=data(:,1);
                                         % Excess return for MSFT
r SP500=data(:,2);
                                         % Excess return for SP500
r Ford=data(:,3);
                                         % Excess return for Ford
r GE=data(:,4);
                                         % Excess return for GE
T=length(r MSFT);
                                         % Sample size
% Estimation under H1
X=[ones(T,1) r SP500 r Ford r GE];
                                         % Matrix of explicative variables
y=r MSFT;
                                         % Dependent variable
beta=pinv(X'*X)*X'*y;
                                         % OLS estimator (H1)
res=y-X*beta;
SSR1=sum(res.^2);
                                         % SSR of unconstrained model
var eps=SSR1/(T-4);
                                         % Estimated variance
disp(' '), disp('beta under H1'), disp(beta')
% Fisher test statistic
R=[0 1 0 0 ; 0 0 1 -1];
                                         % Matrix R
q=[1;0];
disp('R'), disp(R)
disp('q'), disp(q)
F=(1/2)*(R*beta-q)'*pinv(var eps*R*pinv(X'*X)*R')*(R*beta-q);
disp('Fisher test statistics')
disp(F)
```

### Figure: Matlab output (F-statistic)

# Definition (Rejection region of a Fisher test)

The **critical region** of the Fisher test  $H_0: \mathbf{R}\boldsymbol{\beta} = \mathbf{q}$  against  $H_1: \mathbf{R}\boldsymbol{\beta} \neq \mathbf{q}$  at the  $\alpha\%$  (say, 5%) is defined as:

$$W = \{y : F(y) > d_{1-\alpha}\}$$

where  $d_{1-\alpha}$  is the  $1-\alpha$  critical value (say 95%) of the Fisher distribution with p and T-K degrees of freedom and  $\mathsf{F}_k\left(y\right)$  is the realization of the Fisher test-statistic.

### Example (Fisher test and CAPM model)

Consider the extended CAPM model for Microsoft:

$$r_{MSFT,t} = \beta_1 + \beta_2 r_{SP500,t} + \beta_3 r_{Ford,t} + \beta_4 r_{GE,t} + \varepsilon_t$$
  $t = 1, \dots, 24$ 

where  $r_{MSFT,t}$  is the excess return for Microsoft,  $r_{SP500,t}$  for the SP500,  $r_{Ford,t}$  for Ford and  $r_{GE,t}$  for general electric. We want to test the following linear constraints:

$$H_0:eta_2=1$$
 and  $eta_3=eta_4$ 

**Question:** given the realization of the Fisher test-statistic (cf. previous example), conclude for a significance level  $\alpha=5\%$ .

Note: the data are available in Data\_CAPM\_Microsoft.xlsx.

#### Solution

**Step 1:** compute the F-statistic (cf. Matlab code)

$$F(y) = 4.3406$$

**Step 2:** Determine the rejection region for a nominal size  $\alpha=5\%$  for T=24, K=4 and p=2

$$F \underset{H_0}{\sim} F_{(2,20)} \quad c_{0.95} = 3.4928$$

$$W = \{y : F(y) > 3.4928\}$$

**Conclusion:** for a significance level of 5%, we reject the null  $H_0: \mathbf{R}\boldsymbol{\beta} = \mathbf{q}$  against

 $\mathsf{H}_1:\mathsf{R}oldsymbol{eta}\neq\mathsf{q}$   $\Box$ 

# Corollary (Student test-statistic and Fisher test-statistic )

Consider the test

$$H_0: \beta_k = a_k$$
 versus  $H_1: \beta_k \neq a_k$ 

the Fisher test-statistic corresponds to the squared of the corresponding Student's test-statistic

$$F = T_k^2$$

# Definition (p-value)

The **p-value** of the F-test is equal to:

$$\mathsf{p\text{-}value} = 1 - \mathit{F}_{\mathit{p},\mathit{T}-\mathit{K}}\left(\mathsf{F}\left(\mathit{y}\right)\right)$$

where F(y) is the realization of the F-statistic and  $F_{p,T-K}$  (.) the cdf of the Fisher distribution with p and T-K degrees of freedom.

### Definition (Global F-test)

In a multiple linear regression model with a constant term

$$y_i = \beta_1 + \sum_{k=2}^K \beta_k x_{ik} + \varepsilon_i$$

the **global F-test** corresponds to the test of significance of all the explicative variables:

$$\mathsf{H}_0:\beta_2=\ldots=\beta_K=0$$

Under the assumption A6 (normality), the global F-test-statistic satisfies:

$$\mathsf{global\text{-}F} \underset{\mathsf{H}_0}{\sim} \mathit{F}_{(K-1,T-K)}$$

#### Remarks

- The global F-test is a test designed to see if the model is useful overall. This test statistic is displayed in all the regression analysis tools (R, Stata, Matlab, Python, Excel, etc.)
- ② The null  $H_0: \beta_2 = \ldots = \beta_K = 0$  can be written as:

$$\mathbf{R} \quad \boldsymbol{\beta} = \mathbf{q} \\
(K-1\times K) \quad (K,1) \quad (K-1\times 1)$$

$$\left( \begin{array}{cccccc} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ \dots & \dots & 0 & 1 & \dots & \dots \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 & \dots & 1 \end{array} \right) \left( \begin{array}{c} \beta_1 \\ \dots \\ \dots \\ \beta_K \end{array} \right) = \left( \begin{array}{c} 0 \\ \dots \\ \dots \\ 0 \end{array} \right)$$

Figure: Excel output (global F-test and corresponding p-value)

1	A	В	C	D	E	F	G	Н	1
1	RAPPORT DÉTAILLÉ								
2									
3	Statistiques de la régression	7							
4	Coefficient de détermination multiple	0,6489074							
5	Coefficient de détermination R^2	0,42108081							
6	Coefficient de détermination R^2	0,41874646							
7	Erreur-type	0,01433559							
8	Observations	250							
9									
10	ANALYSE DE VARIANCE								
11		Degré de liberté	Somme des carrés	Moyenne des carrés	F	Valeur critique de F			
12	Régression	1	0,03707066	0,03707066	180,384488	2,8468E-31			
13	Résidus	248	0,05096626	0,00020551					
14	Total	249	0,08803692						
15									
		Coefficients	Erreur-type	Statistique t	Probabilité	Limite inférieure pour seuil de	Limite supérieure pour seuil de	Limite inférieure pour seuil de	Limite supérieure pour seuil de
16						confiance = 95%	confiance = 95%	confiance = 95,0%	confiance = 95,0%
17	Constante	0,00022961	0,00090928	0,25251848	0,8008495	-0,0015613	0,0020205	-0,0015613	0,0020205
18	Variable X 1	1,54515835	0,1150465	13,4307293	2,8468E-31	1,31856557	1,77175113	1,31856557	1,77175113

### Corollary (Global F-test)

In a multiple linear regression model with a constant term

$$y_i = \beta_1 + \sum_{k=2}^K \beta_k x_{ik} + \varepsilon_i$$

the global F-test-statistic can also be defined as:

$$F = \left(\frac{R^2}{1 - R^2}\right) \left(\frac{T - K}{K - 1}\right)$$

where  $R^2$  denotes the (unadjusted) coefficient of determination.

### Example (Global F-test and CAPM model)

Consider the extended CAPM model for Microsoft:

$$r_{MSFT,t} = \beta_1 + \beta_2 r_{SP500,t} + \beta_3 r_{Ford,t} + \beta_4 r_{GE,t} + \varepsilon_t$$

**Question:** Given the elements reported by Eviews, compute the global F-test, its critical region for  $\alpha=5\%$ , the p-value and conclude about the overall significance of the model.

Figure: Eviews estimation output

Dependent Variable: R\_MSFT Method: Least Squares Date: 11/30/13 Time: 22:37 Sample: 2 25 Included observations: 24

Variable	Coefficient	Std. Error	t-Statistic	Prob.
C R_SP500 R_FORD R_GE	0.001219 2.761927 0.313054 -0.139065	0.000974 0.629752 0.174803 0.287520	1.250453 4.385734 1.790895 -0.483672	0.2256 0.0003 0.0885 0.6339
R-squared Adjusted R-squared S.E. of regression Sum squared resid Log likelihood Durbin-Watson stat	0.722707 0.681113 0.004694 0.000441 96.81044 2.036200	Mean dependent var S.D. dependent var Akaike info criterion Schwarz criterion F-statistic Prob(F-statistic)		0.000978 0.008312 -7.734203 -7.537861

Solution: critical value approach

$$r_{MSFT,t} = \beta_1 + \beta_2 r_{SP500,t} + \beta_3 r_{Ford,t} + \beta_4 r_{GE,t} + \varepsilon_t$$

The null hypothesis considered for global F-test is (p = 3):

$$\mathsf{H}_0:\beta_2=\beta_3=\beta_4=0$$

The realization of the global F-test statistic is equal to:

global-F 
$$= \left(\frac{\mathsf{R}^2}{1-\mathsf{R}^2}\right) \left(\frac{T-\mathsf{K}}{\mathsf{K}-1}\right)$$
$$= \left(\frac{0.722707}{1-0.722707}\right) \times \left(\frac{24-4}{4-1}\right)$$
$$= 17.3753$$

Solution: critical value approach (cont'd)

The critical rejection region for a nominal size  $\alpha=5\%$ , T=24, K=4 and p=3 is defined as

global-F 
$$\sim_{H_0} F_{(3,20)}$$
  $c_{0.95} = 3.0984$ 

$$W = \{y : global-F(y) > 3.0984\}$$

So, the realization of global-F test statistic belongs to the critical region.

$$\mathsf{global}\text{-}\mathsf{F}\left(y\right)=17.3753\in\mathsf{W}$$

**Conclusion:** for a significance level of 5%, we reject the null  $H_0$ :  $\beta_2 = \beta_3 = \beta_4 = 0$ . All the variables of the model are significant.

Solution: p-value approach

The realization of the global F-test statistic is equal to (cf. infra) :

$$\mathsf{global}\text{-}\mathsf{F} = 17.3753$$

The p-value is equal to

p-value = 
$$1 - F_{p,T-K}(F(y)) = 1 - F_{3,20}(17.3753) = 8.5997e^{-06}$$

where  $F_{3,20}$  (.) the cdf of the Fisher distribution with p=3 and T-K=20 degrees of freedom. The p-value is smaller than the significance level  $\alpha=5\%$ .

**Conclusion:** for a significance level of 5%, we reject the null  $H_0: \beta_2 = \beta_3 = \beta_4 = 0$ . The model is "significant".

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Figure: Eviews output (F-test statistic and p-value)

Dependent Variable: R\_MSFT Method: Least Squares Date: 12/01/13 Time: 00:03 Sample: 2 25 Included observations: 24

Variable	Coefficient	Std. Error	t-Statistic	Prob.
C R_SP500 R_FORD R_GE	0.001219 2.761927 0.313054 -0.139065	0.000974 0.629752 0.174803 0.287520	1.250453 4.385734 1.790895 -0.483672	0.2256 0.0003 0.0885 0.6339
R-squared Adjusted R-squared S.E. of regression Sum squared resid Log likelihood Durbin-Watson stat	0.722707 0.681113 0.004694 0.000441 96.81044 2.036200	Mean depen S.D. depend Akaike info Schwarz crit F-statistic Prob(F-statis	lent var criterion terion	0.000978 0.008312 -7.734203 -7.537861 17.37532 0.000009

# 4. Individual and global significance tests

### **Key Concepts**

- One-sided and two-sided tests
- Student t-test statistic
- Unear restrictions on the parameters
- Fisher F-test statistic
- Oritical value or p-value based decision rules
- Global F test

# Section 5

Misspecification Tests

### **Objectives**

- Testing the main assumptions A1-A6 of the multiple linear model
- Introducing the main visual procedures and testing procedures
- Understand the consequences of the perfect and imperfect multi-collinearity
- Understand the consequences of the heteroscedasticity and autocorrelation
- Introduce the White, Breusch-Pagan, Jarque Bera and Lilliefors tests
- Introduce the QQ-plots

#### **Overview**

- If the model is well-specified: there should be no information contained in the error term (residuals).
- If this condition is not satisfied, this does represent a violation of assumptions underlying the MLR model (Assumptions A1-A6).
- This leads to different problems: inappropriateness of the OLS estimator, misinterpretation of statistical tests, misinterpretation of results...
- This also means that there exist some "arbitrage opportunities" that can be used in order to improve the knowledge (inference, predictions) of the dependent variable.

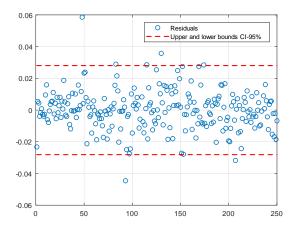
To avoid such situations you have to apply misspecification tests

- Visual procedures using residuals: outliers, qq-plots, residual vs fitted values, and residuals vs explanatory variables.
- Testing procedures using residuals (misspecification tests): Among others,
  - ► Heteroscedasticity
  - Autocorrelation
  - Non-normality of the error terms
  - Parameter instability

General methodology of misspecification tests:

Starting point is to plot residuals!

Figure: OLS-based residuals of CAPM model for Intel Corp (Aug 2017 - Aug 2018)



### General methodology of misspecification tests (cont'd):

- **Step 1:** OLS estimation of the initial model and computation of residuals  $\hat{\varepsilon}_t = y_t \hat{y}_t$ ,  $t = 1, \dots, T$ .
- Step 2: OLS estimation of an auxiliary regression for the residuals (or a transformation of the residuals).
- Step 3: Computation of the coefficient of determination, R<sup>2</sup>, and then of the test statistic.
- **Step 4:** Decision using a critical value approach or the p-value approach.

**Note**: These misspecification tests are generally upper-tailed tests.

# Subsection 5.1

Identification Assumption

## 5.2. Identification assumption

Reminder (ch. chapter 1)

# Definition (Assumption 2: Full column rank)

**X** is an  $T \times K$  matrix with rank K.

- **Perfect multicollinearity:** The correlation coefficient between two explanatory variables is -1 or +1.
- Imperfect or near multicollinearity: It occurs when high positive or negative (linear) correlation coefficients among the explanatory variables.

### 5.2. Identification assumption

#### **Remarks**

- Perfect multi-collinearity is generally not difficult to spot and is signalled by most statistical software.
- Imperfect multi-collinearity is a more serious issue.

#### Example (Perfect multi-collinearity)

We consider the following extended CAPM model

$$z_{\texttt{intel},t} = \beta_1 + \beta_2 z_{\texttt{market},t} + \beta_3 x_t + \varepsilon_t$$

where the variable  $x_t$  is defined as

$$x_t = 2 \times z_{\mathtt{market},t}$$

**Question:** What is output from Excel's Regression command when you try to estimate  $\beta_1, \beta_2$ , and  $\beta_3$ ?

**Note**: the data are available within the file Data\_CAPM\_returns.xlsx.

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Figure: Data exemple (perfect multi-collinearity)

4	А	В	С	D
1	date	r_Intel_ex	r_SP500_ex	r_SP500*2
2	22-Aug-17	-0,00778902	0,00986457	0,01972914
3	23-Aug-17	0,00026178	-0,00348629	-0,00697258
4	24-Aug-17	0,00141431	-0,00210382	-0,00420765
5	25-Aug-17	-0,00118022	0,00164435	0,00328869
6	28-Aug-17	-0,00060432	0,00045956	0,00091911
7	29-Aug-17	0,00227855	0,00081493	0,00162987
8	30-Aug-17	0,00456915	0,00457732	0,00915465
9	31-Aug-17	0,00511917	0,00567801	0,01135602
10	1-Sep-17	0,00054327	0,00195372	0,00390745
11	5-Sep-17	-0,00202366	-0,00760626	-0,01521252
12	6-Sep-17	0,02088228	0,00309555	0,0061911
13	7-Sep-17	-0,00619893	-0,00020634	-0,00041267
14	8-Sep-17	-0,00992473	-0,00151776	-0,00303553
15	11-Sep-17	0,01631983	0,01075317	0,02150634
16	12-Sep-17	0,00887852	0,00333055	0,00666111
17	13-Sep-17	0,00660033	0,00072908	0,00145817
18	14-Sep-17	0,00409224	-0,00112934	-0,00225869
19	15-Sep-17	0,01412621	0,00181794	0,00363589
20	18-Sep-17	-2,7262E-05	0,0014276	0,0028552
21	19-Sep-17	0,00616923	0,00108183	0,00216366
22	20-Sep-17	-0,00433467	0,00060634	0,00121269
23	21-Sep-17	0,00347329	-0,00307804	-0,00615609
24	22-Sep-17	-0,00056515	0,00062024	0,00124048
25	25-Sep-17	-0,00056528	-0,00225173	-0,00450346

Figure: Excel output in case of perfect multi-collinearity

4	A	В	С	D	E	F	G	Н	1
1	RAPPORT DÉTAILLÉ								
2									
3	Statistiques de la régression	)							
4	Coefficient de détermination multiple	0,6489074							
5	Coefficient de détermination R^2	0,42108081							
6	Coefficient de détermination R^2	0,4147142							
7	Erreur-type	0,01433559							
8	Observations	250							
9									
10	ANALYSE DE VARIANCE								
11		Degré de liberté	Somme des	Moyenne des carrés	F	Valeur critique de F			
12	Régression	2	0.03707066	0,01853533	180.384488				
	Résidus	248	0,05096626						
14	Total	250	0,08803692						
15									
16		Coefficients	Erreur-type	Statistique t	Probabilité	pour seuil de	pour seuil de	our seuil de c	our seuil de c
17	Constante	0,00022961	0,00090928	0,25251848	0,8008495	-0,00156128	0,0020205	-0,00156128	0,0020205
18	Variable X 1	0	0	65535	#NOMBRE!	0	0	0	0
19	Variable X 2	0,77257917	0,05752325	13,4307293	#NOMBRE!	0,65928279	0,88587556	0,65928279	0,88587556

#### Patterns of near multicollinearity

- The coefficient of determination is large;
- Individual coefficients have high standard errors;
- Confidence intervals are quite wide;
- The regression is quite sensitive to small changes in the specification.

#### Example (Perfect multi-collinearity)

We consider the following extended CAPM model

$$z_{\texttt{intel},t} = \beta_1 + \beta_2 z_{\texttt{market},t} + \beta_3 x_t + \varepsilon_t$$

where the variable  $x_t$  is defined as

$$x_t = I_t \times z_{\mathtt{market},t}$$

$$I_t \sim U_{[a,b]}$$

**Question:** What is output from Excel's Regression command when [a, b] = [0.990; 1.01] and [a, b] = [0.999; 1.001] ?

Note: the data are available within the file "Chapter2 Exercice3.xlsx".

Figure: Near multi-collinearity (case [a, b] = [0.990; 1.1010])

4	A	В	С	D	Е	F	G	Н	1
1	RAPPORT DÉTAILLÉ								
2									
3	Statistiques de la régression	1			a	0,990			
4	Coefficient de détermination multiple	0,64922717			b	1,010			
5	Coefficient de détermination R^2	0,42149592			corr(X1,X2)	0,99996571			
6	Coefficient de détermination R^2	0,41681168							
7	Erreur-type	0,01435943							
8	Observations	250							
9									
10	ANALYSE DE VARIANCE								
11	L.	egré de libert	mme des can	yenne des ca	F	leur critique d	e F		
12	Régression	2	0,0371072	0,0185536	89,9816418	4,4141E-30			
13	Résidus	247	0,05092972	0,00020619					
14	Total	249	0,08803692						
15									
16		Coefficients	Erreur-type	Statistique t	Probabilité	pour seuil de	pour seuil de	our seuil de c	our seuil de c
17	Constante	0,00021425	0,00091152	0,23504691	0,81436707	-0,0015811	0,0020096	-0,0015811	0,0020096
18	Variable X 1	-4,57139541	14,5292442	-0,31463408	0,75330511	-33,1884091	24,0456183	-33,1884091	24,0456183
19	Variable X 2	61,2849704	145,571563	0,42099548	0,67412447	-225,434928	348,004869	-225,434928	348,004869

Figure: Near multi-collinearity (case [a, b] = [0.999; 1.1001])

$\Delta$	А	В	С	D	E	F	G	Н	1
1	RAPPORT DÉTAILLÉ								
2									
3	Statistiques de la régression				a	0,999			
4	Coefficient de détermination multiple	0,65083346			b	1,001			
5	Coefficient de détermination R^2	0,42358419			corr(X1,X2)	0,99999963			
6	Coefficient de détermination R^2	0,41891685							
7	Erreur-type	0,01433349							
8	Observations	250							
9									
10	ANALYSE DE VARIANCE								
11	E	egré de libert	mme des cari	yenne des cai	F	leur critique d	le F		
12	Régression	2	0,03729105	0,01864552	90,7550522	2,8241E-30			
13	Résidus	247	0,05074587	0,00020545					
14	Total	249	0,08803692						
15									
16		Coefficients	Erreur-type	Statistique t	Probabilité	pour seuil de	pour seuil de	our seuil de c	our seuil de co
17	Constante	0,00024272	0,00090923	0,26695269	0,78972833	-0,00154812	0,00203356	-0,00154812	0,00203356
18	Variable X 1	151,600909	144,88029	1,04638739	0,29640511	-133,757448	436,959266	-133,757448	436,959266
19	Variable X 2	-150,038311	144,863407	-1,03572265	0,30134448	-435,363414	135,286792	-435,363414	135,286792

Remedies: near multicollinearity can be tackled (to some extent) by

- Penalized regressions (e.g., Ridge, Lasso, Elastic-net regressions),
- Principal components analysis;
- General-to-specific or specific-to-general approach.

## Subsection 5.2

Homoscedasticity Assumption

#### Definition (Heteroscedasticity)

Disturbances  $\varepsilon_t$  are **heteroscedastic** when they have different (conditional) variances:

$$\mathbb{V}\left(\left.\varepsilon_{i}\right|\mathbf{X}\right)\neq\mathbb{V}\left(\left.\varepsilon_{j}\right|\mathbf{X}\right)$$
 for  $i\neq j$ 

or equivalently

$$\sigma_i^2 \neq \sigma_j^2$$
 for  $i \neq j$ 

#### Example (Heteroscedasticity)

If the disturbances are **heteroscedastic** but they are still assumed to be uncorrelated across observations, so  $\mathbb{V}\left(\varepsilon\middle|\mathbf{X}\right)$  is defined as:

$$\mathbb{V}\left(\left.\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}\right|\mathbf{X}\right) = \left(\begin{array}{cccc} \sigma_{1}^{2} & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & \sigma_{2}^{2} & \dots & 0 \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ 0 & \dots & \dots & \sigma_{T}^{2} \end{array}\right)$$

#### Remarks

- Heteroscedasticity often arises in volatile high-frequency time-series data such as daily observations in financial markets.
- Heteroscedasticity often arises in cross-section data where the scale of the dependent variable and the explanatory power of the model tend to vary across observations. Microeconomic data such as expenditure surveys are typical

#### What are the consequences of the heteroscedasticity?

The OLS estimator is unbiased



The OLS estimator is (weakly) consistent



The OLS estimator is asymptotically normally distributed



But...

 $\textbf{ The inference based on the estimator } \widehat{\mathbb{V}}\left(\widehat{\pmb{\beta}}_{OLS}\right) = \widehat{\sigma}^2\left(\mathbf{X}^{\top}\mathbf{X}\right)^{-1} \text{ is } \mathbf{misleading.}$ 



The OLS is inefficient.

$$\mathbb{V}\left(\widehat{oldsymbol{eta}}_{OLS}
ight)-I_{T}^{-1}\left(oldsymbol{eta}_{0}
ight)$$
 is a positive definite matrix

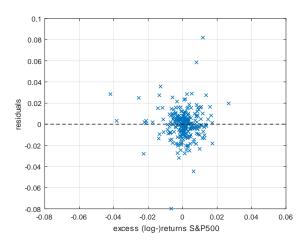


**Consequence:** standard errors are generally inappropriate and thus inference and interpretation might be misleading.

#### How to detect the heteroscedasticity?

- Visual procedure: look at residuals vs each explanatory variable and detect if there any specific pattern.
- **Testing procedure:** use a White test to detect the heteroscedasticity

Figure: CAPM-based residuals vs S&P500



#### Definition (White test for heteroscedasticity)

The White test for heteroscedasticity is based on the auxiliary regression:

$$\widehat{\varepsilon}_t^2 = \gamma_0 + \sum_{k=2}^K \gamma_k x_{t,k} + \sum_{k=2}^K \sum_{j \geq k}^K \gamma_{k,j} x_{t,k} x_{t,j} + v_t$$

where  $\widehat{\varepsilon}_t$  denotes the OLS residual at time t. The test is

$$\mathsf{H}_0: \gamma_k = \mathsf{0} \ \mathsf{and} \ \gamma_{k,j} = \mathsf{0} \ \forall \, (k,j) \quad \ => \ \mathsf{Homoscedasticity}$$

$$\mathsf{H}_1:\exists k:\gamma_k
eq 0 \;\; \mathsf{or}\; \gamma_{k,j}
eq 0 => \;\; \mathsf{Heteroscedasticity}$$

White (1980) proposes the following procedure and test-statistic:

- **1** Step 1: Estimation of the model using the OLS estimator of  $\beta$ .
- **3 Step 2:** Determine the residuals  $\hat{\varepsilon}_i = y_i \mathbf{x}_i^{\top} \hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}_{OLS}$ .
- **Step 3 (auxiliary regression):** Regress  $\widehat{\varepsilon_i^2}$  on a constant and all unique columns vectors contained in **X** and all the squares and cross-products of the column vectors in **X**.
- Step 4: Determine the coefficient of determination, R<sup>2</sup>, of the previous regression.
   The White test-statistic is defined as

$$T_{\rm W} = T \times R^2$$

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#### Definition (White test for heteroscedasticity)

Under the null, the White test-statistic converges:

$$T_{\mathsf{W}} = T \times \mathsf{R}^2 \stackrel{d}{\underset{\mathsf{H}_0}{\longrightarrow}} \chi^2 \ (m-1)$$

where m is the number of explanatory variables in the regression of  $\hat{\epsilon}_i^2$ . The critical region of size  $\alpha$  is

$$W = \left\{ y : T_{W}\left(y\right) > \chi_{1-\alpha}^{2} \right\}$$

where  $\chi^2_{1-lpha}$  denotes the 1-lpha critical value of the chi-squared distribution  $\chi^2\left(m-1
ight)$  .

## Example (extended CAPM)

We want to estimate by OLS the parameters of the extended CAPM model given by

$$z_{\mathtt{intel},t} = \beta_1 + \beta_2 z_{\mathtt{market},t} + \beta_3 \mathsf{inflation}_t + \varepsilon_t$$

**Question:** Compute the white test statistic and conclude about the homoscedasticity of  $\varepsilon_t$  at a 5% significance level.

Note: the data are available in Data\_CAPM\_extended.xlsx.

#### Solution

**Step 1:** Estimation of the model using the OLS estimator of  $\pmb{\beta}=\left(\beta_1,\beta_2,\beta_3\right)'$ 

$$z_{\texttt{intel},t} = \beta_1 + \beta_2 z_{\texttt{market},t} + \beta_3 \text{inflation}_t + \varepsilon_t$$

**Step 2:** Determine the residuals

$$\widehat{arepsilon}_t = z_{\mathtt{intel},t} - \widehat{eta}_1 - \widehat{eta}_2 z_{\mathtt{market},t} - \widehat{eta}_3$$
inflation $_t$ 

Step 3 (auxiliary regression): Regress  $\hat{\epsilon}_i^2$  on a constant and all unique columns vectors contained in  $\mathbf{X}$  and all the squares and cross-products of the column vectors in  $\mathbf{X}$ .

$$\begin{array}{lll} \widehat{\varepsilon}_t^2 & = & \gamma_1 + \gamma_2 \mathbf{z}_{\mathtt{market},t} + \gamma_3 \mathrm{inflation}_t \\ & & + \gamma_4 \mathbf{z}_{\mathtt{market},t}^2 + \gamma_5 \mathrm{inflation}_t^2 + \gamma_6 \mathbf{z}_{\mathtt{market},t} \times \mathrm{inflation}_t + \mathbf{v}_t \end{array}$$

**Step 4:** Determine the coefficient of determination, R<sup>2</sup>, of the previous regression.

Table 3: OLS estimation of the auxiliary regression (White test)

Variable	Estimate	Standard error	t-stat	p-value
Intercept	-0.011784	0.011377	-1.0358	0.3025
SP500	0.15217	0.18193	0.83642	0.40467
Inflation	-0.09595	1.8622	-0.051525	0.959
SP500×Inflation	-44.587	37.024	-1.2043	0.23097
SP500 <sup>2</sup>	3.7512	2.397	1.5649	0.12037
Inflation <sup>2</sup>	169.58	214.55	0.79042	0.43093

**Note:** R-squared is **0.0262** and the number of observations is **120**.

Solution (cont'd)

The realization of White test statistic is equal to:

$$T_W = T \times R^2 = 120 \times 0.0262 = 3.1391$$

Critical value approach: The critical region is defined by

$$T_{\text{W}} \xrightarrow{d}_{H_0} \chi^2 (6-1) \qquad \chi^2_{0.95,5} \simeq 11.07$$

$$W = \{y : T_{W}(y) > 11.07\}$$

So, the White test statistic does not belongs to the critical region for a level  $\alpha=5\%$ .

**Conclusion:** For a significance level of 5%, we fail to reject the null  $H_0: \gamma_2 = \ldots = \gamma_6$ , i.e. the homoscedasticity assumption.

Solution (cont'd)

p-value approach: the p-value is equal to

$$\operatorname{p-value} = 1 - \mathit{G}_{m-1}\left(\mathit{T}_{\mathsf{W}}\left(\mathit{y}\right)\right)$$

where  $G_{m-1}\left(.\right)$  is the cdf of the chi-squared distribution  $\chi^{2}\left(m-1\right)$ . Since  $T_{W}=3.1391$  and m=6, we have

$$p$$
-value =  $1 - G_5 (3.1391) = 1 - 0.3214 = 0.6786$ 

The p-value is larger than the risk level  $\alpha = 5\%$ .

**Conclusion:** For a significance level of 5%, we fail to reject the null  $H_0: \sigma_t^2 = \sigma^2$ , i.e. the homoscedasticity assumption.

**Remark:** All the econometric software (R, Stata, Excel) have a command to compute the White test statistic and its p-value.

#### Example (White's (1980) test for heteroscedasticity)

Consider the generalized linear regression model:

$$\mathsf{AVGEXP}_i = \beta_1 + \beta_2 \mathsf{AGE}_i + \beta_3 \mathsf{Ownrent}_i + \beta_4 \mathsf{Income}_i + \beta_5 \mathsf{Income}_i^2 + \varepsilon_i$$

where AVGEXP denotes the Avg. monthly credit card expenditure, Ownrent denotes a binary variable (individual owns (1) or rents (0) home), Age denotes the age in years, Income denotes the income divided by 10,000. Eviews computes the White test statistic and reports the results of the auxiliary regression.

Note: the data are available in file Data\_White\_Test.xls.

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Figure: White test with Eviews

White Heteroskedasticity Test:

F-statistic	1.244819	Probability	0.266541
Obs*R-squared	14.65386	Probability	0.260914

Test Equation: Dependent Variable: RESID\*2 Method: Least Squares Date: 12/14/13 Time: 21:00 Sample: 1 100 Included observations: 100

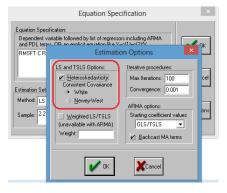
Variable	Coefficient	Std. Error	t-Statistic	Prob.
C AGE AGE-2 AGE-10WIRENT AGE-10COME AGE-10COME OWNRENT INCOME OWNRENT-INCOME INCOME INCOME INCOME-2 INCOME-2 INCOME-2	876511.9 28775.90 -644.2271 5681.491 6853.915 -647.8628 195763.1 -177650.5 11325.35 -1509045. 498964.2 -63934.08 2820.726	913863.8 31660.00 425.9743 8776.134 11227.53 1274.148 474111.1 199416.6 21530.66 778264.9 253154.3 34454.00 1630.189	0.959128 0.908904 -1.512361 0.647380 0.610456 -0.508467 0.412905 -0.890851 0.526010 -1.938986 1.970989 -1.855636 1.730306	0.3402 0.3659 0.1341 0.5191 0.5432 0.6124 0.6807 0.3755 0.6002 0.0557 0.0559 0.0669
R-squared Adjusted R-squared S.E. of regression Sum squared resid Log likelihood Durbin-Watson stat	0.146539 0.028820 283552.9 6.99E+12 -1390.446 1.745177	Mean dependent var S.D. dependent var Akaike info criterion Schwarz criterion F-statistic Prob(F-statistic)		70384.57 287729.4 28.06892 28.40759 1.244819 0.266541

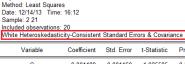
#### To go further...

In the presence of heteroscedasticity,

- Transform the variables into logs or reduce by some other measures of size;
- Compute the White's heteroscedasticity consistent standard error estimates: these standard errors are generally increased with respect to the OLS ones.
- Compute estimators that have better properties (at least, asymptotically) as for instance the generalized least squares estimator (in the presence of known heteroscedasticity).

# Example: Eviews procedure to compute the heteroscedasticity consistent standard error estimates





Dependent Variable: RMSFT

Variable	Coefficient	Std. Error	t-Statistic	Prob.
C RSP500	0.001189 1.989787	0.001160 0.311130	1.025585 6.395357	0.3187 0.0000
R-squared Adjusted R-squared S.E. of regression Sum squared resid Log likelihood Durbin-Watson stat	0.690203 0.672992 0.005302 0.000506 77.46873 1.955366	Mean depen S.D. depend Akaike info Schwarz crit F-statistic Prob(F-statis	lent var criterion terion	-0.000180 0.009272 -7.546873 -7.447300 40.10263 0.000006

## Subsection 5.3

## Autocorrelation Assumption

## Definition (Autocorrelation)

Disturbances are autocorrelated (or correlated) when:

$$\mathbb{C}ov\left(\varepsilon_{i},\varepsilon_{j}\big|\mathbf{X}\right)\neq0$$
 for  $i\neq j$ 

## Example (Autocorrelation)

For instance, time-series data are usually homoscedastic, but autocorrelated, so  $\mathbb{V}\left(\left.\varepsilon\right|\mathbf{X}\right)$  would be:

$$\mathbb{V}\left(\left.\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}\right|\mathbf{X}\right) = \left(\begin{array}{ccccc} \sigma^2 & \sigma_{12} & \dots & \sigma_{1N} \\ \sigma_{21} & \sigma^2 & \dots & \sigma_{2N} \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ \sigma_{N1} & \dots & \dots & \sigma^2 \end{array}\right)$$

#### Causes of autocorrelated (or spatially correlated) errors:

- Business cycle inertia generally causes positive autocorrelation in macroeconomic time series;
- Overlapping effect of shocks: the shock has an effect at time t but also persists at some other periods;
- Model misspecification: Omitted variables which are correlated across time (inertia).

#### What are the consequences of the autocorrelation?

They are similar to those of the heteroscedasticity

- The OLS estimator is unbiased, (weakly) consistent and asymptotically normally distributed
- $\textbf{9} \ \, \text{But, the OLS is } \, \underbrace{\textbf{inefficient}}_{\widehat{\mathbb{V}} \left(\widehat{\pmb{\beta}}_{OLS}\right) = \widehat{\sigma}^2 \left( \mathbf{X}^\top \mathbf{X} \right)^{-1} }_{\text{1}} \, \text{is } \, \underbrace{\textbf{misleading}}_{\text{1}}$

**Consequence:** standard errors are generally inappropriate and thus inference and interpretation might be misleading.

#### How to detect the autocorrelation?

- **0 Visual procedure:** look at residuals vs lagged residuals (e.g.,  $\hat{\varepsilon}_t$  vs  $\hat{\varepsilon}_{t-1}$ )
- Basic statistics: compute the autocorrelations of the residuals
- **Testing procedure:** use a Breush-Pagan test to detect the autocorrelation

Figure: CAPM-based residuals vs rst lag of residuals

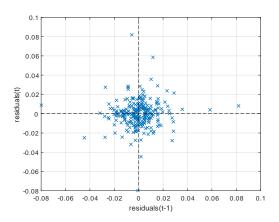
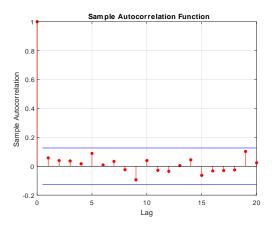


Figure: Autocorrelation function fo the CAPM-based residuals (Matlab function autocorr)



# Definition (Breusch Pagan test for autocorrelation)

The Breusch Pagan test for autocorrelation is based on the auxiliary regression:

$$\widehat{\varepsilon}_t = \gamma_0 + \gamma_1 \widehat{\varepsilon}_{t-1} + \dots + \gamma_p \widehat{\varepsilon}_{t-p} + v_t$$

where  $\widehat{\varepsilon}_t$  denotes the OLS residual at time t. The test is

$$\mathsf{H}_0: \gamma_1 = \ldots = \gamma_p \quad => \; \mathsf{Non} \; \mathsf{autocorrelation}$$

$$H_1: \exists k: \gamma_k \neq 0 => Autocorrelation$$

#### Definition (Breusch Pagan test for autocorrelation)

The Breusch Pagan test statistic is equal to

$$T_{\mathsf{BP}} = T \times \mathsf{R}^2 \overset{d}{\underset{\mathsf{H}_0}{\mapsto}} \chi^2\left( \mathbf{p} \right)$$

where p is the number of lagged residuals introduced in the auxiliary regression. The critical region of size  $\alpha$  is

$$W = \left\{ y : T_{W}(y) > \chi_{1-\alpha}^{2} \right\}$$

where  $\chi^2_{1-lpha}$  denotes the 1-lpha critical value of the  $\chi^2\left(p\right)$  distribution.

# Example (CAPM and Breusch Pagan test)

Consider the CAPM model for Intel Corp.

$$z_{\texttt{intel},t} = \beta_1 + \beta_2 z_{\texttt{market},t} + \varepsilon_t$$

**Question:** Test the autocorrelation of the residuals with a maximum lag order p=5 and a significance level  $\alpha=5\%$ .

**Note**: the data are available within the file Data\_CAPM\_returns.xlsx.

Solution

**Step 1:** Estimate the parameters of the CAPM model for Intel Corp.

$$z_{\mathtt{intel},t} = \beta_1 + \beta_2 z_{\mathtt{market},t} + \varepsilon_t$$

and compute the residuals

$$\widehat{arepsilon}_t = z_{\mathtt{intel},t} - \widehat{eta}_1 - \widehat{eta}_2 z_{\mathtt{market},t} - \widehat{eta}_3$$
inflation $_t$ 

**Step 2:** Consider the auxiliary regression with p = 5 lags:

$$\widehat{\varepsilon}_t = \gamma_0 + \gamma_1 \widehat{\varepsilon}_{t-1} + \dots + \gamma_5 \widehat{\varepsilon}_{t-5} + v_t$$

Figure: Auxiliary regression for the Breush Pagan test

Linear regression model:  $y \sim 1 + x1 + x2 + x3 + x4 + x5$ 

Estimated Coefficients:

	Estimate	SE	tStat	pValue
(Intercept)	4.2403e-05	0.00092132	0.046024	0.96333
x1	0.055857	0.064459	0.86656	0.38705
x2	0.034393	0.064748	0.53118	0.59579
<b>x</b> 3	0.028113	0.064747	0.43419	0.66454
x4	0.0076935	0.064895	0.11855	0.90573
<b>x</b> 5	0.086472	0.06445	1.3417	0.18097

Number of observations: 245, Error degrees of freedom: 239
Root Mean Squared Error: 0.0144
R-squared: 0.0137, Adjusted R-Squared -0.0069
F-statistic vs. constant model: 0.666, p-value = 0.65

# 5.3. Homoscedasticity assumption

Solution (cont'd)

The realization of Breusch Pagan test statistic is equal to:

$$T_{BP} = T \times R^2 = 245 \times 0.0137 = 3.3565$$

Critical value approach: The critical region is defined by

$$T_{\text{BP}} \xrightarrow{d} \chi^2 (5) \qquad \chi^2_{0.95,5} \simeq 11.07$$

$$\mathsf{W} = \left\{ y : T_{\mathsf{W}}\left(y\right) > 11.07 \right\}$$

So, the Breusch Pagan test statistic does not belongs to the critical region for a level  $\alpha=5\%$ .

**Conclusion:** For a significance level of 5%, we fail to reject the null  $H_0: \gamma_1 = \ldots = \gamma_5$ , i.e. the no-autocorrelation assumption.

# 5.3. Homoscedasticity assumption

Solution (cont'd)

p-value approach: the p-value is equal to

$$\mathsf{p\text{-}value} = 1 - \mathit{G}_{\mathit{p}}\left(\mathit{T}_{\mathsf{BP}}\left(\mathit{y}\right)\right)$$

where  $G_{p}\left(.\right)$  denotes the cdf of the chi-squared distribution  $\chi^{2}\left(p\right)$ . Since  $T_{\mathsf{BP}}=3.3565$  and p=5, we have

$$\mathsf{p\text{-}value} = 1 - \textit{G}_5 \ (3.3565) = 1 - 0.3548 = 0.6452$$

The p-value is larger than the risk level  $\alpha = 5\%$ .

**Conclusion:** For a significance level of 5%, we fail to reject the null  $H_0: \gamma_1 = \ldots = \gamma_5$ , i.e. the no-autocorrelation assumption.

# Subsection 5.4

Normality Assumption

Reminder (ch. Chapter 2)

# Definition (Assumption 6: Normal distribution)

The disturbances are normally distributed.

$$\varepsilon_i | \mathbf{X} \sim \mathcal{N}\left(0, \sigma^2\right)$$

or equivalently

$$arepsilon | \mathbf{X} \sim \mathcal{N}\left(\mathbf{0}_{T imes 1}, \sigma^2 \mathbf{I}_T
ight)$$

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#### How to asses the normality of the residuals?

- **1** Visual procedure: QQ-plot of the residuals  $\widehat{\varepsilon}_t$
- Testing procedure: parametric tests (Jarque-Bera test) or distribution tests (Lilliefors or Anderson-Darling tests)

Visual inspection: QQ-plot

# Definition (QQ-plot)

A Q-Q (quantile-quantile) plot is a graphical method for comparing two probability distributions by plotting their quantiles against each other. It can be used to test the normal distribution of the residuals, and hence of the error terms.

#### Visual inspection: QQ-plot

**Step 1:** From the sequence  $\{\hat{\epsilon}_t, t=1,\cdots,T\}$ , compute the **standardized** residuals

$$\widetilde{arepsilon}_t = rac{\widehat{arepsilon}_t}{\mathtt{se}(\widehat{arepsilon})}, \quad ext{ for } \ t=1,\cdots$$
 ,  $T$ 

Step 2: Rank the standardized series by increasing order

$$\{\widetilde{u}_t^{\star}$$
 ,  $t=1,\cdots$  ,  $T$   $\}$  with  $\widetilde{u}_t^{\star} < \widetilde{u}_{t'}^{\star}$  for  $t < t'$ 

#### Visual inspection: QQ-plot (cont'd)

**Step 3:** Plot the points for  $t = 1, \dots, T$ 

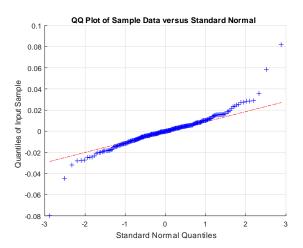
$$\left(\Phi^{-1}\left(rac{t-0.5}{T}
ight)$$
 ,  $\widetilde{u}_t^{\star}
ight)$ 

where  $\Phi\left(.\right)$  is the cdf of the standard normal distribution. Remark: the choice of quantiles for the theoretical distribution depends upon context and purpose. We can also consider the values t/T as these are the quantiles that the sampling distribution realizes. Other choices are the use of  $\left(t-0.5\right)/T$ , or instead to space the points evenly in the uniform distribution.

**Step 4:** By visual inspection (this is not a formal testing procedure), the empirical distribution of the standardized series,  $\{\widetilde{u}_t^\star, t=1,\cdots,T\}$ , is "close" to the (standard) normal distribution if the points  $\left(q_{\frac{t-0.5}{T}}, \widetilde{u}_t^\star\right)$  are "close" to the 45-degree line.

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Figure: QQ-plot of the residuals



#### A parametric test: The Jarque-Bera test

# Definition (Jarque-Bera test)

The **Jarque-Bera** test for the residuals  $\widehat{\varepsilon}_t$  is defined as

$$H_0: S(\widehat{\varepsilon}_t) = 0$$
 and  $\mathbb{K}(\widehat{\varepsilon}_t) = 3$ 

$$\mathsf{H}_1:\mathbb{S}\left(\widehat{\epsilon}_t\right) 
eq 0 \quad \mathsf{and/or} \quad \mathbb{K}\left(\widehat{\epsilon}_t\right) 
eq 3$$

**Note:** If the null is rejected, the distribution of  $\hat{\varepsilon}_t$  is not normal. If the null is not rejected, the distribution of  $\hat{\varepsilon}_t$  is mesokurtic, but not necessarily normal.

#### Definition (Jarque-Bera test statistic)

The Jarque-Bera test statistic for residuals  $\widehat{\epsilon}_t$  is defined as

$$JB = \left(\frac{T - K}{6}\right) \left(\widehat{S}^2 + \frac{1}{4}\left(\widehat{K} - 3\right)^2\right) \underset{\text{H}_0}{\sim} \chi^2(2)$$

where  $\widehat{S}$  and  $\widehat{K}$  respectively denote the sample skewness and kurtosis. The critical region of size  $\alpha$  is

$$W = \left\{ y : JB\left(y\right) > \chi_{1-\alpha,2}^{2} \right\}$$

where  $\chi^2_{1-\alpha,2}$  is the  $1-\alpha$  critical value of the  $\chi^2\left(2\right)$  distribution.

#### A parametric test: The Jarque-Bera test

**Step 1:** Compute the observed test statistic

$$JB = \left(\frac{T - K}{6}\right) \left(\widehat{S}^2 + \frac{1}{4} \left(\widehat{K} - 3\right)^2\right)$$

**Step 1:** Using a critical value approach and taking the significance level  $\alpha$  (e.g.,  $\alpha=0.01,0.05$  or 0.1), reject the null hypothesis if

$$JB \geq \chi^2_{1-\alpha,2}$$

where  $\chi^{2}_{1-\alpha,2}$  denotes the  $1-\alpha$  critical value of the  $\chi^{2}\left(2\right)$  distribution.

#### Distribution tests

Compare the empirical cumulative distribution,  $G_T$ , with the cdf  $\Phi$  (.) of a standard normal distribution. The empirical cdf is defined by:

$$G_T(x) = \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^T \mathbb{I}_{\widetilde{u}_t^* \le x}$$

where

$$\mathbb{I}_{\widetilde{u}_t^\star \leq x} = \left\{ egin{array}{ll} 1 & ext{ if } \widetilde{u}_t^\star \leq x \ 0 & ext{ otherwise.} \end{array} 
ight.$$

**Interpretation:** The value  $G_T(x)$  is the proportion (relative to T) of observations  $\widetilde{u}_t^{\star}$  below x, e.g.

$$G_T(\widetilde{u}_t^{\star}) = \frac{t}{T}$$

#### Definition (Distribution tests)

The Lilliefors test statistic is defined as

$$\mathbf{T}_L = \max_{t=1,\cdots,T} \left| G_T(\widetilde{\boldsymbol{u}}_t^\star) - \Phi(\widetilde{\boldsymbol{u}}_t^\star) \right| = \max_{t=1,\cdots,T} \left| \frac{t}{T} - \Phi(\widetilde{\boldsymbol{u}}_t^\star) \right|$$

The Anderson-Darling test statistic is defined as

$$\mathrm{AD} = -T - \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^{T} \left[ (2t-1) \mathsf{ln} \Phi(\widetilde{u}_t^\star) + (2T+1-2t) \mathsf{ln} \left(1 - \Phi(\widetilde{u}_t^\star)\right) \right]$$

where  $\Phi\left(.\right)$  is the cdf of a standard normal distribution

#### **Decision rule**

- In both cases, reject the null hypothesis of normality if the observed test-statistic is greater than the (tabulated or simulated) critical value(s)
- Lilliefors test:  $0.805/\sqrt{T}$  (10%),  $0.886/\sqrt{T}$  (5%), and  $1.031/\sqrt{T}$  (1%)
- Anderson-Darling: 0.631 (10%), 0.752 (5%), and 1.035 (1%).

Figure: Empirical cdf vs Standard normal cdf

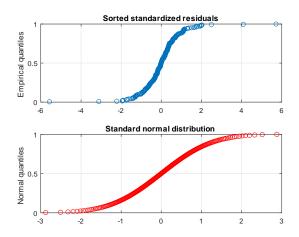


Figure: Empirical cdf vs Standard normal cdf

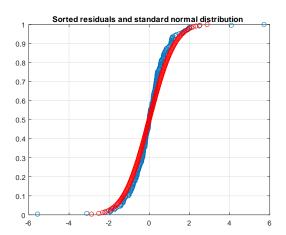
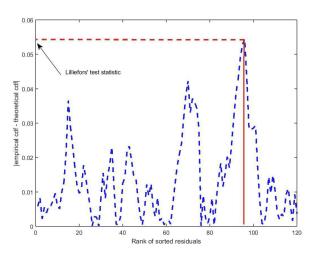


Figure: Lilliefors test statistic



### 5. Misspecification tests

#### Key concepts

- Visual procedures and testing procedures
- Misspecification tests
- Auxiliary regression
- Perfect and imperfect (near) multi-collinearity
- Meteroscedasticity and autocorrelation
- White and Breusch-Pagan tests
- White's heteroscedasticity consistent standard errors
- QQ-plots, Jarque Bera and Lilliefors tests

End of Chapter 3

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