

# MDSV: An R package for estimating and forecasting financial data with MDSV model

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## 1 Introduction

Regime-switching processes are popular tools to interpret, model and forecast financial data. The Markov-switching multifractal (MSM) model of [Calvet and Fisher \(2004\)](#) has proved to be a strong competitor to the GARCH class of models for modeling the volatility of returns. In this model, volatility dynamics are driven by a latent high-dimensional Markov chain constructed by multiplying independent two-state Markov chains. We propose the multifractal discrete stochastic volatility (MDSV) model as a generalization of the MSM process and of other related high-dimensional hidden Markov models ([Fleming and Kirby, 2013](#); [Cordis and Kirby, 2014](#); [Augustyniak et al., 2019](#)). Our model is intended to model financial returns and realized volatilities jointly or uniquely, and therefore also extends existing high-dimensional Markov-switching processes to the joint setting. Our approach consists in building a highdimensional Markov chain by the product of lower-dimensional Markov chains which have a discrete stochastic volatility representation.

We also present an easy-to-use R package—named **MDSV**—for implementing the model. This note is a supplement for the package manual. We provide examples with data from [Oxford-Man institute](#). The package is located on GitHub at [github.com/Abdoulhaki/MDSV](https://github.com/Abdoulhaki/MDSV). All the results of the note can be replicated following the code provided.

## 2 Model

Let  $r_t$  and  $RV_t$  denote, respectively, the demeaned log-return and realized variance of a financial asset from time  $t - 1$  to  $t$ , for  $t = 1, \dots, T$ . Our proposed MDSV model postulates that the univariate series  $\{r_t\}$  or  $\{RV_t\}$  or the joint time series  $\{(r_t, RV_t)\}$  is driven by a MDSV process denoted by  $\{V_t\}$ . This process is a latent variance process constructed from the product of a high-dimensional Markov chain  $\{C_t\}$  governing volatility persistence and of a data-driven component  $\{L_t\}$  capturing the leverage effect, that is

$$V_t = C_t L_t.$$

To relate the univariate series  $r_t$  to this process, we assume that

$$r_t = \sqrt{V_t} \epsilon_t, \tag{1}$$

where  $\{\epsilon_t\}$  is a serially independent normal innovation processes with mean 0 and variance 1. For the univariate series  $RV_t$ , we assume that

$$RV_t = V_t \eta_t, \tag{2}$$

where  $\{\eta_t\}$  is a serially independent gamma innovation processes with mean 1 (shape  $\gamma$  and scale  $1/\gamma$ ). In the case of the joint framework, to relate  $(r_t, RV_t)$  to the latent process, we assume that

$$r_t = \sqrt{V_t} \epsilon_t, \tag{3}$$

$$\log RV_t = \xi + \varphi \log V_t + \delta_1 \epsilon_t + \delta_2 (\epsilon_t^2 - 1) + \gamma \varepsilon_t, \tag{4}$$

where  $\xi \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $\varphi \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $\delta_1 \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $\delta_2 \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $\gamma \in (0, \infty)$  are parameters, and  $\{\epsilon_t\}$  and  $\{\varepsilon_t\}$  are mutually and serially independent normal innovation processes with mean 0 and variance 1.

## 2.1 Volatility persistence component

The Volatility persistence component  $\{C_t\}$  is constructed from the product of  $N$  independent Markov chains with dimension  $K$ , denoted by  $\{C_t^{(i)}\}$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, N$ , that is,

$$C_t = \frac{\sigma^2}{c_0} \prod_{i=1}^N C_t^{(i)}, \quad (5)$$

where  $\sigma \in (0, \infty)$  is a parameter and the constant  $c_0 = \mathbb{E} \left[ \prod_{i=1}^N C_t^{(i)} \right] = \prod_{i=1}^N \mathbb{E} [C_t^{(i)}]$  is defined such that  $\sigma^2 = \mathbb{E}[C_t]$ .

Each component  $\{C_t^{(i)}\}$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, N$  is a Markov chain with  $K \times K$  transition matrix  $\mathbf{P}^{(i)}$  defined by

$$\mathbf{P}^{(i)} = \phi^{(i)} \mathbf{I}_K + (1 - \phi^{(i)}) \mathbf{1}_K \boldsymbol{\pi}^{(i)'} , \quad (6)$$

where  $\mathbf{I}_K$  is the  $K \times K$  identity matrix,  $\mathbf{1}_K$  is a vector of size  $K$  composed of ones,  $\phi^{(i)} \in [0, 1]$  is a parameter, and  $\boldsymbol{\pi}^{(i)}$  is a parameter vector of probabilities corresponding to the stationary distribution of  $\{C_t^{(i)}\}$ . The state space of  $\{C_t^{(i)}\}$  is denoted by the parameter vector  $\boldsymbol{\nu}^{(i)}$ .

For tractability and to avoid over-parametrization, we further impose the following constraints on the model parameters, for  $i = 1, \dots, N$ , and  $j = 1, \dots, K$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \phi^{(i)} &= a^{b^{i-1}}, \\ \boldsymbol{\nu}^{(i)} &= \boldsymbol{\nu}^{(1)} = \begin{pmatrix} \nu_1^{(1)} & \nu_2^{(1)} & \dots & \nu_K^{(1)} \end{pmatrix}' \\ \nu_j^{(1)} &= \nu_0 \left( \frac{2 - \nu_0}{\nu_0} \right)^{j-1}, \\ \boldsymbol{\pi}^{(i)} &= \boldsymbol{\pi}^{(1)} = (\pi_1^{(1)}, \dots, \pi_K^{(1)})', \\ \pi_j &= \binom{K-1}{j-1} \omega^{j-1} (1 - \omega)^{K-j}, \end{aligned} \quad (7)$$

in which  $\nu_0 \in (0, 1)$ ,  $\omega \in (0, 1)$ ,  $a \in (0, 1)$  and  $b \in [1, +\infty)$ .

We write  $\text{MDSV}(N, K)$  to designate the MDSV model with a Markov chain  $\{C_t\}$  constructed from the product of  $N$  Markov chains with dimension  $K$ . The state space of  $\{C_t\}$ , denoted by  $\boldsymbol{\nu}$ , has dimension  $K^N$  and is given by

$$\boldsymbol{\nu} = \frac{\sigma^2}{c_0} \left[ \otimes_{i=1}^N \left( \boldsymbol{\nu}^{(i)} \right) \right] = \frac{\sigma^2}{c_0} \left( \boldsymbol{\nu}^{(1)} \right)^{\otimes N}.$$

The transition matrix of  $\{C_t\}$ , denoted by  $\mathbf{P}$ , is given by

$$\mathbf{P} = \otimes_{i=1}^N \left( \mathbf{P}^{(i)} \right).$$

Finally, the stationary distribution of  $\{C_t\}$ , denoted by  $\boldsymbol{\pi}$ , is given by

$$\boldsymbol{\pi} = \otimes_{i=1}^N \left( \boldsymbol{\pi}^{(i)} \right) = \left( \boldsymbol{\pi}^{(1)} \right)^{\otimes N}.$$

## 2.2 Leverage effect component

A process  $\{L_t\}$  to capture a time-varying leverage effect is add in the latent volatility process  $\{V_t\}$ . This approach of capturing leverage effect is a very perfromant way introduced by <sup>1</sup>. The leverage effect is defined as :

$$L_t = \prod_{i=1}^{N_L} \left( 1 + l_i \frac{|r_{t-i}|}{\sqrt{L_{t-i}}} \mathbf{1}_{\{r_{t-i} < 0\}} \right), \quad \text{where} \quad l_i = \theta_l^{i-1} l_1 \quad \text{and} \quad l_1 > 0, \theta_l \in [0, 1].$$

This specification of the leverage process is give the propriety to this component to be a predictable process as for each  $t$ , it value is fully determined by the  $N_L$  previous obseved log-return (up to the date  $t - 1$ ).

Moreover, this specification has a nice interpretation. In fact a negative past log-return add an additional volatility of intensity related to magnitude of log-return and a parameter  $l_i$  structured such as to give less and less importance to the most distant log-returns.

## 3 Presentation of the package

In this section, we present each function of the package and some examples to show how to use it. The package MDSV can be loaded as a common package in R.

```
library(MDSV)
```

The parameters that specify a model in the contexte of MDSV package are :

- **N** : The number of components for the MDSV process.
- **K** : The number of states of each MDSV process component.
- **ModelType** : An integer designing the type of model to be fit. 0 for univariate log-returns, 1 for univariate realized variances and 2 for joint log-return and realized variances.
- **LEVIER** : A logical designing if the MDSV model take leverage effect into account or not.

### 3.1 Fitting

The `MDSVfit` method fit the MDSV model on log-retruns and realized variances (uniquely or jointly). It takes the following arguments:

```
args(MDSVfit)
```

```
## function (N, K, data, ModelType = 0, LEVIER = FALSE, ...)
## NULL
```

The MDSV optimization routine set of feasible starting points which are used to initiate the MDSV recursion. The likelihood calculation is performed in C++ through the `Rcpp` package. The optimization is perform using the `solnp` solver of the `Rsolnp` package and additional options can be supply to the fonction. While fitting an univariate realized variances data, log-returns are required to add leverage effect. Information criterias *AIC* and *BIC* are computed using the formulas :

- $AIC = \mathcal{L} - k,$
- $BIC = \mathcal{L} - (k/2) * \log(T),$

where  $\mathcal{L}$  is the log-likelihood,  $k$  is the number of parameters and  $T$  the number of observations in the dataset. The fitted object is of class `MDSVfit` which can be passed to a variety of other methods such as `summary`, `plot`, `MDSVboot`. The following examples illustrate its use, but the interested reader should consult the documentation on the methods available for the returned class.

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<sup>1</sup>Augustyaniak et al. (2019)

```

data(sp500)
N      <- 2
K      <- 3
LEVIER <- TRUE

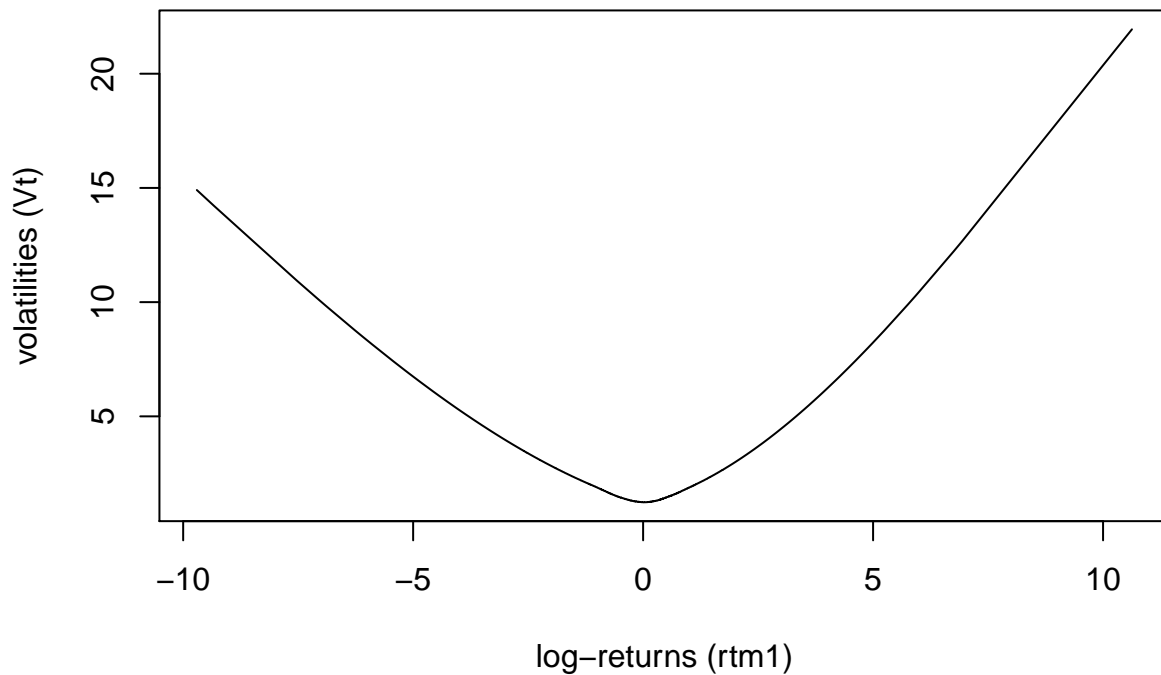
# Model estimation : univariate log-returns (ModelType = 0)
out    <- MDSVfit(K = K, N = N, data = sp500, ModelType = 0, LEVIER = LEVIER)
# Summary
summary(out)

## =====
## ===== MDSV fitting =====
## =====
##
## Model   : MDSV(2,3)
## Data    : Univariate log-return
## Leverage: TRUE
##
## Optimal Parameters
## -----
## omega    : 0.527421
## a        : 0.998252
## b        : 11.151284
## sigma    : 0.385522
## v0       : 0.599255
## l        : 0.495977
## theta    : 0.882139
##
## LogLikelihood : -6547.82
##
## Information Criteria
## -----
## AIC   : -6554.82
## BIC   : -6577.58

# Plot
plot(out, c("nic"))

```

## New Impact Curve

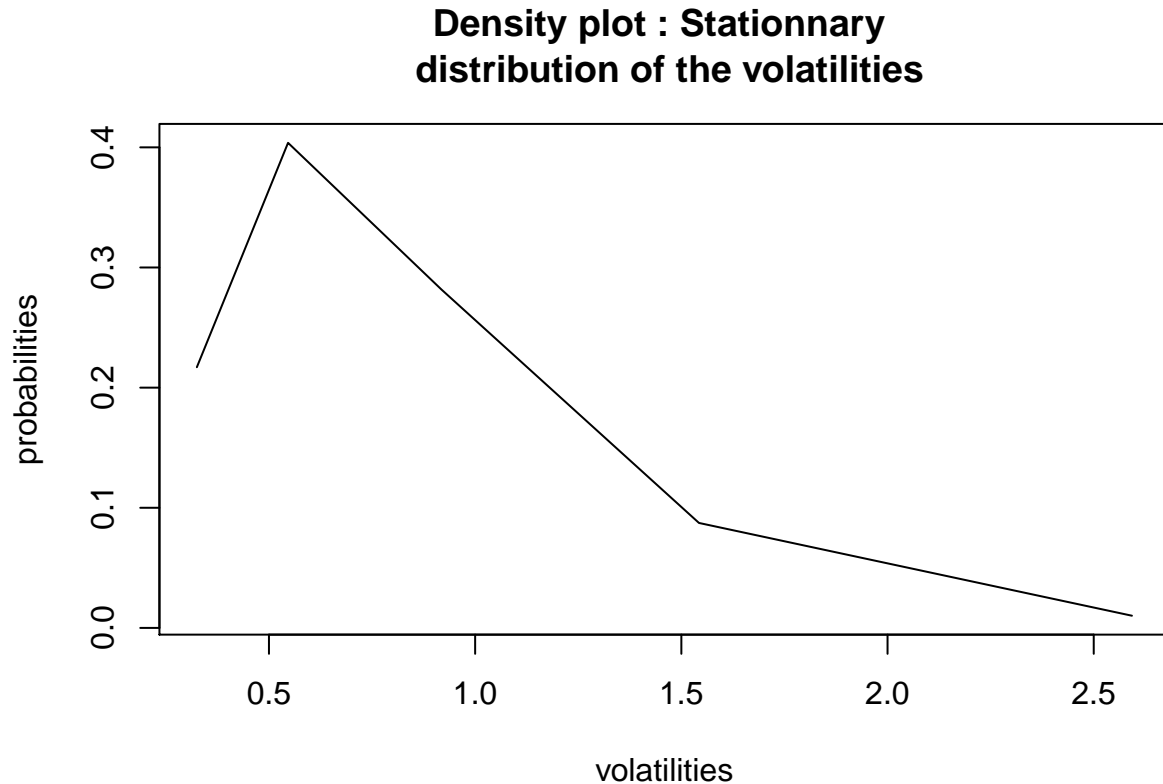


```
# Model estimation : univariate realized variances (ModelType = 1) without leverage
out <- MDSVfit(K = K, N = N, data = sp500, ModelType = 1, LEVIER = FALSE)
# Summary
summary(out)
```

```
## =====
## ===== MDSV fitting =====
## =====
##
## Model    : MDSV(2,3)
## Data     : Univariate realized variances
## Leverage: FALSE
##
## Optimal Parameters
## -----
## omega    : 0.317485
## a        : 0.989743
## b        : 12.0391
## sigma    : 0.657177
## v0       : 0.523017
## shape    : 3.893613
##
## LogLikelihood : -1481.25
##
## Information Criteria
## -----
```

```
## AIC : -1487.25
## BIC : -1506.76
```

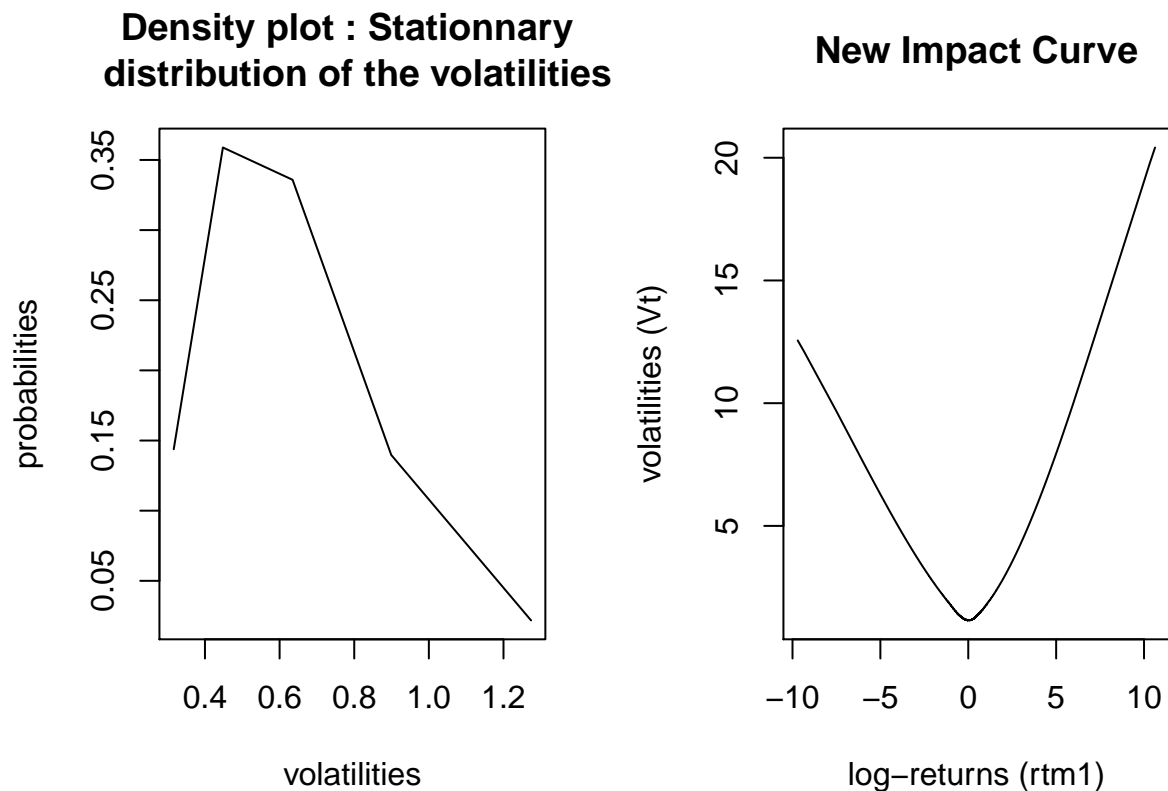
```
# Plot
plot(out, c("dis"))
```



```
# Model estimation : joint model (ModelType = 2)
out <- MDSVfit(K = K, N = N, data = sp500, ModelType = 2, LEVIER = LEVIER)
# Summary
summary(out)
```

```
## =====
## ===== MDSV fitting =====
## =====
##
## Model : MDSV(2,3)
## Data : Joint log-return and realized variances
## Leverage: TRUE
##
## Optimal Parameters
## -----
## omega : 0.38421
## a : 0.992536
## b : 14.627296
## sigma : 0.370109
## v0 : 0.665167
## xi : -0.414122
```

```
## varphi    : 0.968392
## delta1    : -0.104965
## delta2    : 0.110062
## shape     : 0.203648
## l         : 0.566524
## theta     : 0.841908
##
## LogLikelihood : -6833.83
##
## Information Criteria
## -----
## AIC      : -6845.83
## BIC      : -6884.86
# Plot
plot(out,c("dis","nic"))
```



### 3.2 Filtering

Sometimes it is desirable to simply filter a set of data with a predefined set of parameters. This may for example be the case when new data has arrived and one might not wish to re-fit. The `MDSVfilter` method does exactly that, filter the MDSV model on log-retruns and realized variances (uniquely or jointly) data with a predefined set of parameters. The examples which follow explain how:

```
data(sp500)
N      <- 3
K      <- 3
```

```

LEVIER    <- TRUE
para      <- c(omega = 0.52, a = 0.99, b = 2.77, sigma = 1.95, v0 = 0.72,
              l = 0.78, theta = 0.876)

# Model filtering : univariate log-returns (ModelType = 0)
out       <- MDSVfilter(K = K, N = N, data = sp500, para = para, ModelType = 0, LEVIER = LEVIER)
# Summary
summary(out)

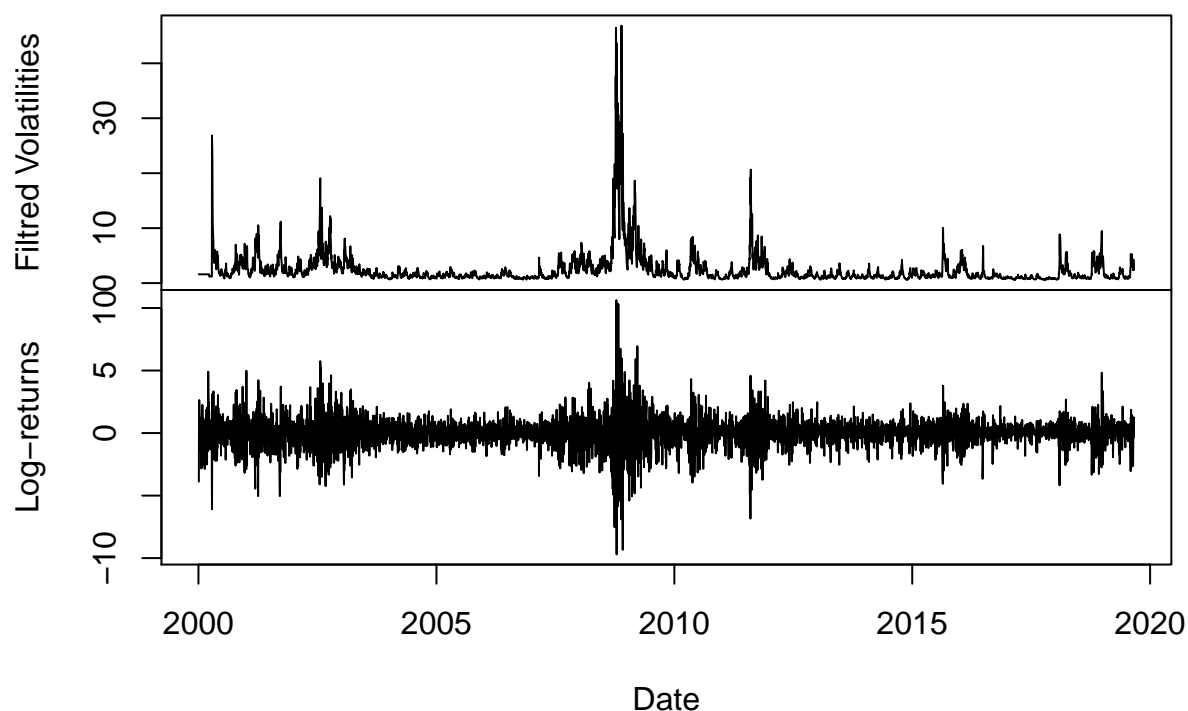
## =====
## ===== MDSV Filtering =====
## =====
##
## Model    : MDSV(3,3)
## Data     : Univariate log-return
## Leverage: TRUE
##
## Optimal Parameters
## -----
## omega    : 0.52
## a        : 0.99
## b        : 2.77
## sigma    : 1.95
## v0       : 0.72
## l        : 0.78
## theta    : 0.876
##
## LogLikelihood : -6861.92
##
## Information Criteria
## -----
## AIC      : -6868.92
## BIC      : -6891.69
##
## Value at Risk
## -----
## 95%      : -5.39164
## 99%      : -8.145567

# Plot
plot(out)

```



## Filtred Volatilities



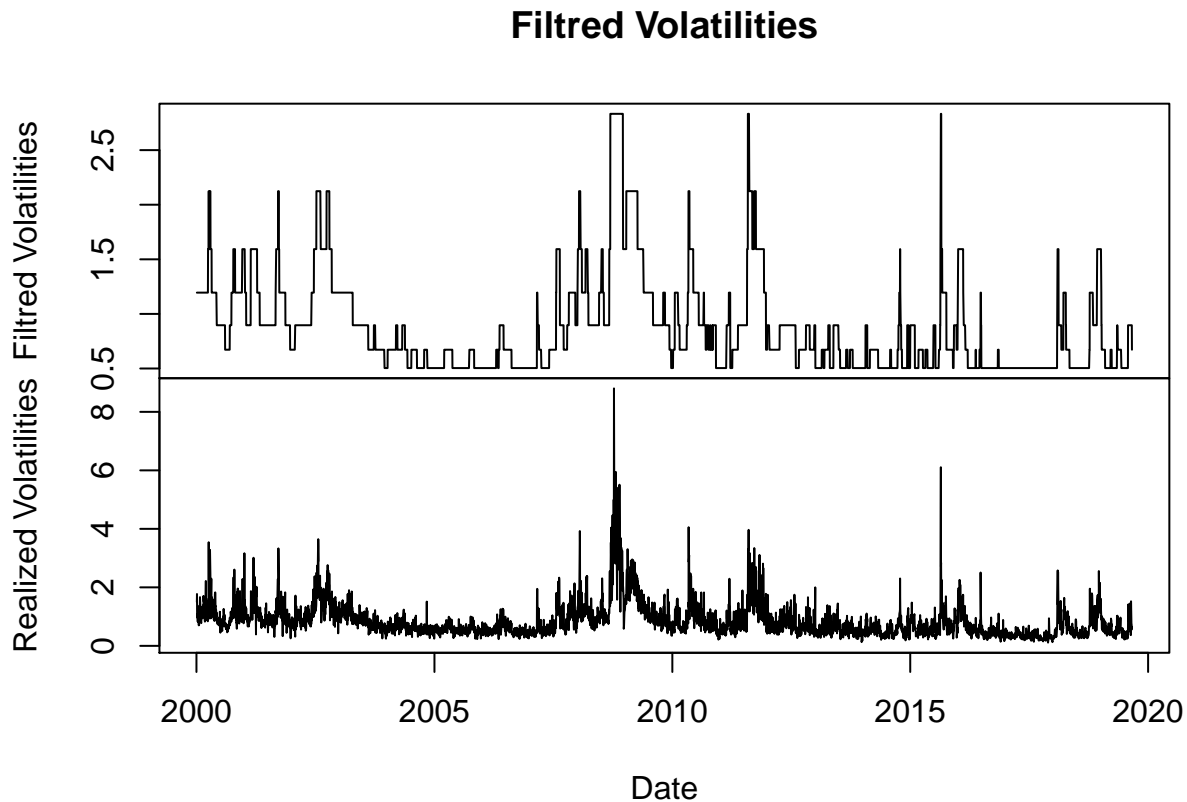
```
para      <- c(omega = 0.52, a = 0.99, b = 2.77, sigma = 1.95, v0 = 0.72, shape = 2.10)

# Model filtering : univariate realized variances (ModelType = 1) without leverage
out       <- MDSVfilter(K = K, N = N, data = sp500, para = para, ModelType = 1, LEVIER = FALSE)
# Summary
summary(out)

## =====
## ===== MDSV Filtering =====
## =====
##
## Model    : MDSV(3,3)
## Data     : Univariate realized variances
## Leverage: FALSE
##
## Optimal Parameters
## -----
## omega    : 0.52
## a        : 0.99
## b        : 2.77
## sigma    : 1.95
## v0       : 0.72
## shape    : 2.1
##
## LogLikelihood : -1921.72
##
```

```
## Information Criteria
## -----
## AIC : -1927.72
## BIC : -1947.23
```

```
# Plot
plot(out)
```



```
para      <- c(omega = 0.52, a = 0.99, b = 2.77, sigma = 1.95, v0 = 0.72,
               xi = -0.5, varphi = 0.93, delta1 = 0.93, delta2 = 0.04, shape = 2.10,
               l = 0.78, theta = 0.876)

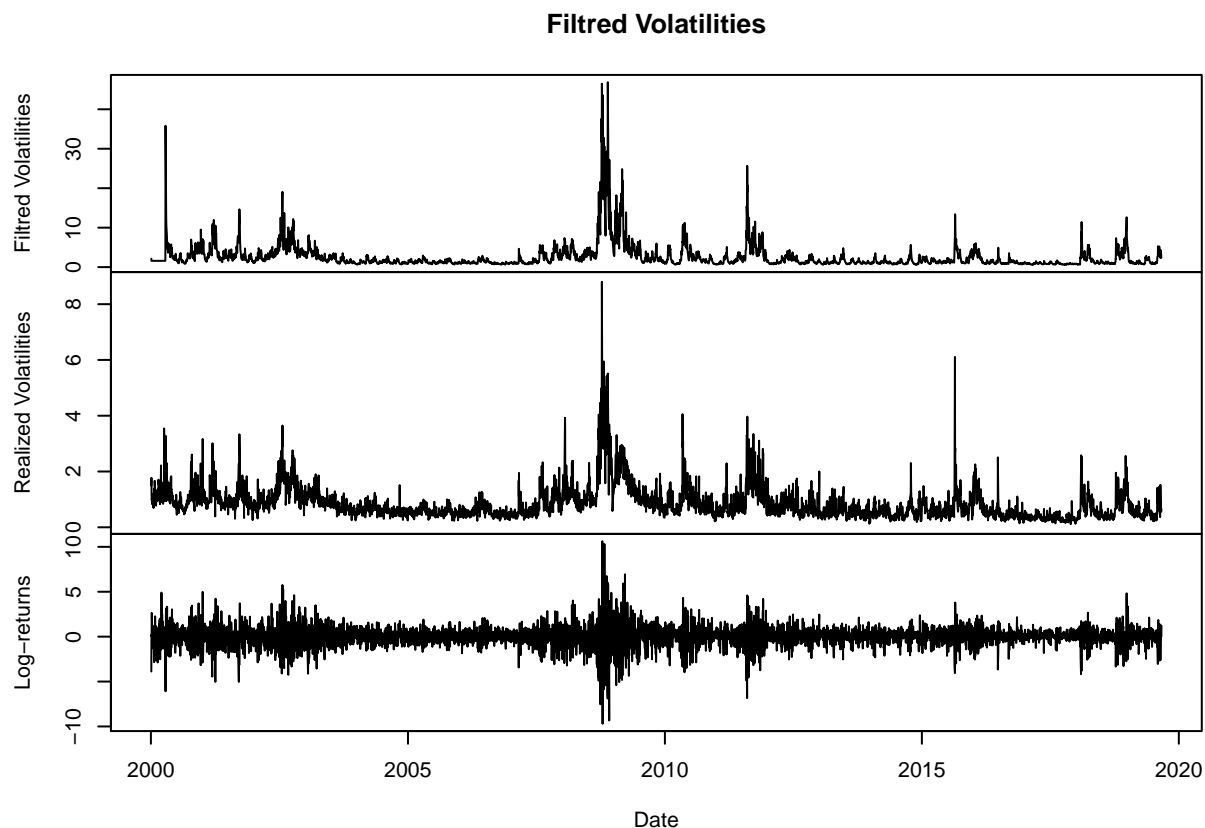
# Model filtering : joint model (ModelType = 2)
out        <- MDSVfilter(K = K, N = N, data = sp500, para = para, ModelType = 2, LEVIER = LEVIER)
# Summary
summary(out)
```

```
## =====
## ===== MDSV Filtering =====
## =====
##
## Model   : MDSV(3,3)
## Data    : Joint log-return and realized variances
## Leverage: TRUE
##
## Optimal Parameters
## -----
```

```

## omega      : 0.52
## a          : 0.99
## b          : 2.77
## sigma      : 1.95
## v0         : 0.72
## xi         : -0.5
## varphi     : 0.93
## delta1     : 0.93
## delta2     : 0.04
## shape      : 2.1
## l          : 0.78
## theta      : 0.876
##
## LogLikelihood      : -11409.42
## Marginal LogLikelihood : -6650.71
##
## Information Criteria
## -----
## AIC   : -11421.42
## BIC   : -11460.45
##
## Value at Risk
## -----
## 95%      : -6.140707
## 99%      : -9.120355
# Plot
plot(out)

```



The returned object is of class `uGARCHfilter` and shares many of the methods as the `uGARCHfit` class. Additional arguments to the function are explained in the documentation.

### 3.3 Forecasting and the MDSV Bootstrap

When the MDSV model does not take leverage effect into account, forecasting techniques developed by [Hamilton \(1994\)](#) are applicable in MDSV framework. But, when the MDSV model takes leverage effect into account, it is not possible to have analytic formula for  $h > 1$  ahead forecasts. Thoses forecasts are then performed through bootstrap simulations. The following examples provides for a brief look at the `MDSVboot` method, but the interested reader should consult the more comprehensive examples in the `inst` folder of the package.

```
data(sp500)
N      <- 3
K      <- 3
LEVIER <- TRUE

# Model forecasting : univariate log-returns (ModelType = 0) without leverage
out_fit <- MDSVfit(K = K, N = N, data = sp500, ModelType = 0, LEVIER = FALSE)
out     <- MDSVboot(fit = out_fit, n.ahead = 100, n.bootpred = 10000, rseed = 349)
# Summary
summary(out)

## =====
## =====  MDSV Bootstrap Forecasting  =====
## =====
##
```

```
## Model      : MDSV(3,3)
## Data       : Univariate log-return
## Leverage   : FALSE
## n.ahead    : 100
## Date (T[0]) : 2019-08-30
##
## Sigma (summary) :
##      t+1      t+2      t+3      t+4      t+5      t+6      t+7      t+8      t+9      t+10
## 1.214750 1.213644 1.212619 1.211670 1.210794 1.209988 1.209249 1.208573 1.207959 1.207403
## .....

```

```
# Model forecasting : univariate realized variances (ModelType = 1) without leverage
out_fit <- MDSVfit(K = K, N = N, data = sp500, ModelType = 1, LEVIER = FALSE)
out      <- MDSVboot(fit = out_fit, n.ahead = 100, n.bootpred = 10000, rseed = 349)
# Summary
summary(out)

```

```
## =====
## ===== MDSV Bootstrap Forecasting =====
## =====
##
## Model      : MDSV(3,3)
## Data       : Univariate realized variances
## Leverage   : FALSE
## n.ahead    : 100
## Date (T[0]) : 2019-08-30
##
## Realized Variances (summary) :
##      t+1      t+2      t+3      t+4      t+5      t+6      t+7      t+8      t+9      t+10
## 0.433671 0.488964 0.530670 0.561927 0.585149 0.602200 0.614514 0.623197 0.629102 0.632885
## .....

```

```
# Model bootstrap forecasting : joint model (ModelType = 2) with leverage
out_fit <- MDSVfit(K = K, N = N, data = sp500, ModelType = 2, LEVIER = LEVIER)
out      <- MDSVboot(fit = out_fit, n.ahead = 100, n.bootpred = 10000, rseed = 349)
# Summary
summary(out)

```

```
## =====
## ===== MDSV Bootstrap Forecasting =====
## =====
##
## Model      : MDSV(3,3)
## Data       : Joint log-return and realized variances
## Leverage   : TRUE
## n.ahead    : 100
## Date (T[0]) : 2019-08-30
##
## Log-returns (summary) :
##      min      q.25      mean      median      q.75      max
## t+1 -2.579906 -0.458600 -0.000444  0.002199 0.469759 3.284931
## t+2 -3.286848 -0.475801 -0.006055  0.002306 0.458296 3.966857
## t+3 -3.520474 -0.455125  0.000565 -0.001993 0.460082 2.645691
## t+4 -3.502268 -0.456944 -0.001718  0.004300 0.459538 3.716494
## t+5 -4.388234 -0.453796  0.001908 -0.001797 0.460716 4.334558

```

```
## t+6 -5.661248 -0.461451 0.004154 0.000319 0.457619 3.723692
## t+7 -5.661938 -0.459704 0.000794 0.004042 0.465417 3.676233
## t+8 -6.455706 -0.449200 -0.004686 0.000009 0.433891 5.114501
## t+9 -6.113392 -0.447270 0.010468 0.014989 0.457125 6.272535
## t+10 -4.033362 -0.474319 -0.012215 -0.008298 0.439189 4.234037
## .....
##
## Realized Variances (summary) :
##      min      q.25      mean      median      q.75      max
## t+1      0 0.039127 0.358135 0.166364 0.477826 7.482672
## t+2      0 0.039506 0.362523 0.168887 0.474973 10.795974
## t+3      0 0.038435 0.363465 0.162881 0.464152 8.560609
## t+4      0 0.036613 0.381253 0.162514 0.482798 9.511250
## t+5      0 0.036253 0.383966 0.161763 0.465688 13.136130
## t+6      0 0.035085 0.393456 0.164090 0.469445 21.550266
## t+7      0 0.037907 0.402976 0.166381 0.480851 21.555375
## t+8      0 0.033438 0.402056 0.152027 0.461399 27.815613
## t+9      0 0.037902 0.414336 0.158232 0.482491 26.302359
## t+10     0 0.035166 0.416182 0.160675 0.485151 12.253950
## .....
```

### 3.4 Simulation

The `MDSVsim` method takes the following arguments:

```
args(MDSVsim)
```

```
## function (N, K, para, ModelType = 0, LEVIER = FALSE, n.sim = 1000,
##      n.start = 0, m.sim = 1, rseed = NA)
## NULL
```

where the `n.sim` indicates the length of the simulation while `m.sim` the number of independent simulations. Key to replicating results is the `rseed` argument which is used to pass a user seed to initialize the random number generator, else one will be assigned by the program.

### 3.5 Rolling Estimation

The `MDSVroll` method allows to perform a rolling estimation and forecasting of a model/dataset combination, optionally returning the VaR at specified levels. More importantly, the `MDSVroll` method present the forecasting performance of the model by computing the RMSE, MAE and QLIK loss functions (see [Patton, 2011](#)). The following example illustrates the use of the method where use is also made of the parallel functionality and run on 7 cores. The `MDSVroll` object returned can be passed to the `plot` function. Additional methods, and more importantly extractor functions can be found in the documentation. As the `MDSVroll` method could take a certain time to execute, the package perform a progression bar to inform about the evolution.

```
data(sp500)
N      <- 2
K      <- 3
ModelType <- 2
LEVIER  <- FALSE
n.ahead <- 100
forecast.length <- 756
refit.every <- 63
refit.window <- "recursive"
calculate.VaR <- TRUE
```

```

VaR.alpha      <- c(0.01, 0.05, 0.1)
cluster        <- parallel::makeCluster(7)
rseed          <- 125

# rolling forecasts
out<-MDSVroll(N=N, K=K, data=sp500, ModelType=ModelType, LEVIER=LEVIER, n.ahead = n.ahead,
             forecast.length = forecast.length, refit.every = refit.every,
             refit.window = refit.window, window.size=NULL, calculate.VaR = calculate.VaR,
             VaR.alpha = VaR.alpha, cluster = cluster, rseed = rseed)

```

```

## Estimation step 1:
## |
## Estimation step 2:
## |

```

```

parallel::stopCluster(cluster)
# Summary
summary(out, VaR.test=TRUE, Loss.horizon = c(1,5,10,25,50,75,100), Loss.window = 756)

```

```

## =====
## ===  MDSV Rolling Estimation and Forecasting  ===
## =====
##
## Model           : MDSV(2,3)
## Data            : Joint log-return and realized variances
## Leverage        : FALSE
## No.refit        : 12
## Refit Horizon   : 63
## No.Forecasts    : 756
## n.ahead         : 100
## Date (T[0])     : 2016-08-25
##
## Forecasting performances
## -----
## Predictive density : -730.01
## -----
##
## Cumulative Loss Functions :
## -----
## Log-returns :
##           1      5      10      25      50      75      100
## QLIK 0.190 1.900 2.672 3.691 4.458 4.951 5.283
## RMSE 1.665 0.931 0.811 0.720 0.692 0.746 0.748
## MAE  0.685 0.471 0.466 0.523 0.586 0.643 0.663
##
## Realized Variances :
##           1      5      10      25      50      75      100
## QLIK -0.329 1.418 2.215 3.274 4.071 4.563 4.900
## RMSE  0.517 0.487 0.490 0.489 0.504 0.548 0.562
## MAE   0.245 0.268 0.306 0.379 0.437 0.478 0.497
##
## Marginal Loss Functions :

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## -----
## Log-returns :
##      1      5      10      25      50      75      100
## QLIK 0.190 0.406 0.477 0.588 0.727 0.798 0.808
## RMSE 1.665 0.345 0.175 0.072 0.038 0.026 0.020
## MAE  0.685 0.156 0.086 0.040 0.023 0.016 0.013
##
## Realized Variances :
##      1      5      10      25      50      75      100
## QLIK -0.329 -0.084 0.049 0.194 0.331 0.398 0.417
## RMSE  0.517 0.139 0.073 0.031 0.018 0.012 0.009
## MAE   0.245 0.076 0.045 0.023 0.014 0.010 0.008
##
## VaR Tests
## -----
## alpha          : 0.01%
## Excepted Exceed : 7.6
## Actual VaR Exceed : 18
## Actual %        : 0.02%
##
## Unconditionnal Coverage (Kupiec)
## Null-Hypothesis : Correct exceedances
## LR.uc Statistic : 10.496
## LR.uc Critical   : 6.635
## LR.uc p-value    : 0.001
## Reject Null      : Yes
##
## Independance (Christoffersen)
## Null-Hypothesis : Independance of failures
## LR.ind Statistic : 10.046
## LR.ind Critical   : 6.635
## LR.ind p-value    : 0.002
## Reject Null      : Yes
##
## Conditionnal Coverage (Christoffersen)
## Null-Hypothesis : Correct exceedances and Independance of failures
## LR.cc Statistic  : 20.542
## LR.cc Critical    : 9.21
## LR.cc p-value     : 0
## Reject Null      : Yes
##
## -----
## alpha          : 0.05%
## Excepted Exceed : 37.8
## Actual VaR Exceed : 42
## Actual %        : 0.06%
##
## Unconditionnal Coverage (Kupiec)
## Null-Hypothesis : Correct exceedances
## LR.uc Statistic : 0.475
## LR.uc Critical   : 3.841
## LR.uc p-value    : 0.491
## Reject Null      : No
##

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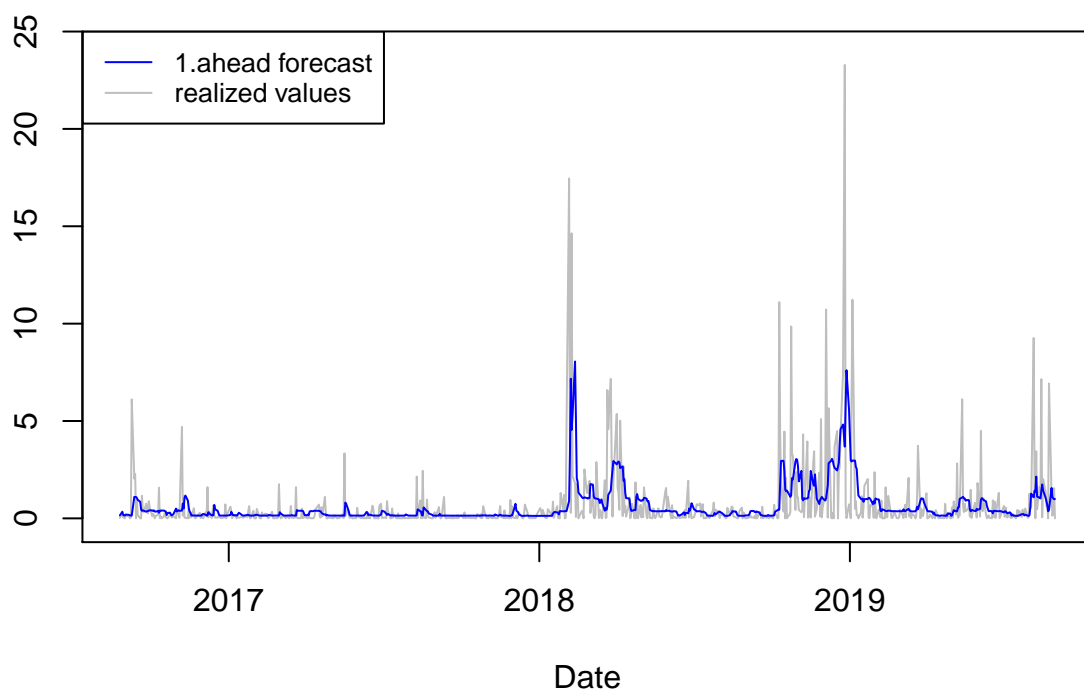


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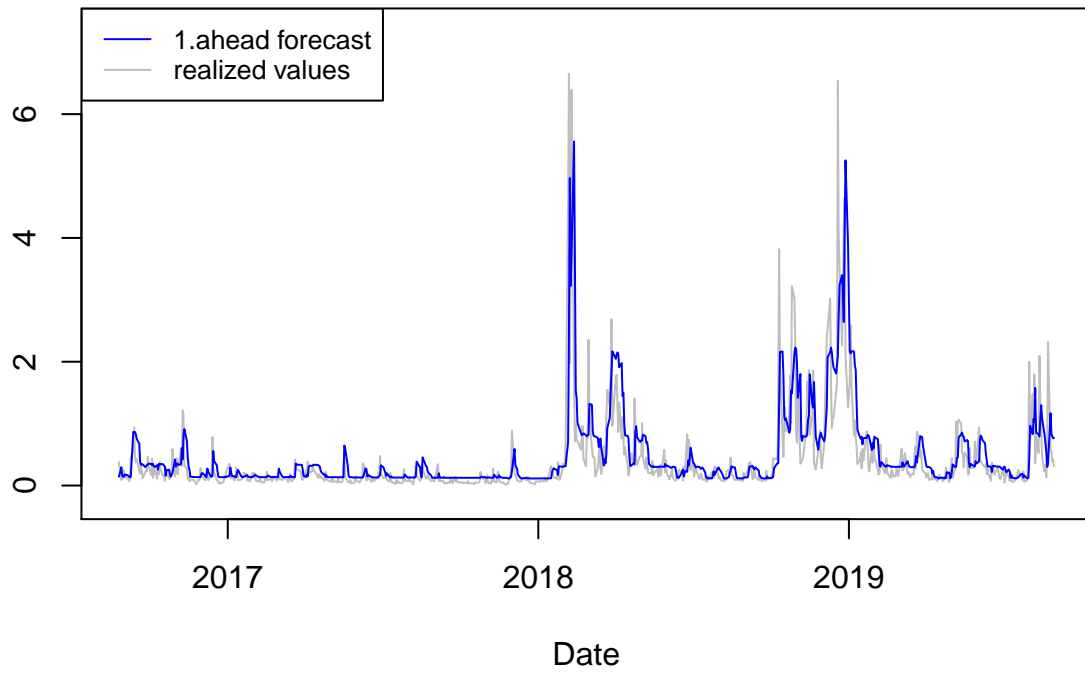
## Independance (Christoffersen)
## Null-Hypothesis : Independance of failures
## LR.ind Statistic : 24.027
## LR.ind Critical : 3.841
## LR.ind p-value : 0
## Reject Null : Yes
##
## Conditionnal Coverage (Christoffersen)
## Null-Hypothesis : Correct exceedances and Independance of failures
## LR.cc Statistic : 24.502
## LR.cc Critical : 5.991
## LR.cc p-value : 0
## Reject Null : Yes
##
## -----
## alpha : 0.1%
## Excepted Exceed : 75.6
## Actual VaR Exceed : 75
## Actual % : 0.1%
##
## Unconditionnal Coverage (Kupiec)
## Null-Hypothesis : Correct exceedances
## LR.uc Statistic : 0.005
## LR.uc Critical : 2.706
## LR.uc p-value : 0.942
## Reject Null : No
##
## Independance (Christoffersen)
## Null-Hypothesis : Independance of failures
## LR.ind Statistic : 44.096
## LR.ind Critical : 2.706
## LR.ind p-value : 0
## Reject Null : Yes
##
## Conditionnal Coverage (Christoffersen)
## Null-Hypothesis : Correct exceedances and Independance of failures
## LR.cc Statistic : 44.102
## LR.cc Critical : 4.605
## LR.cc p-value : 0
## Reject Null : Yes
# plot
plot(out, plot.type=c("VaR", "sigma", "dens"))

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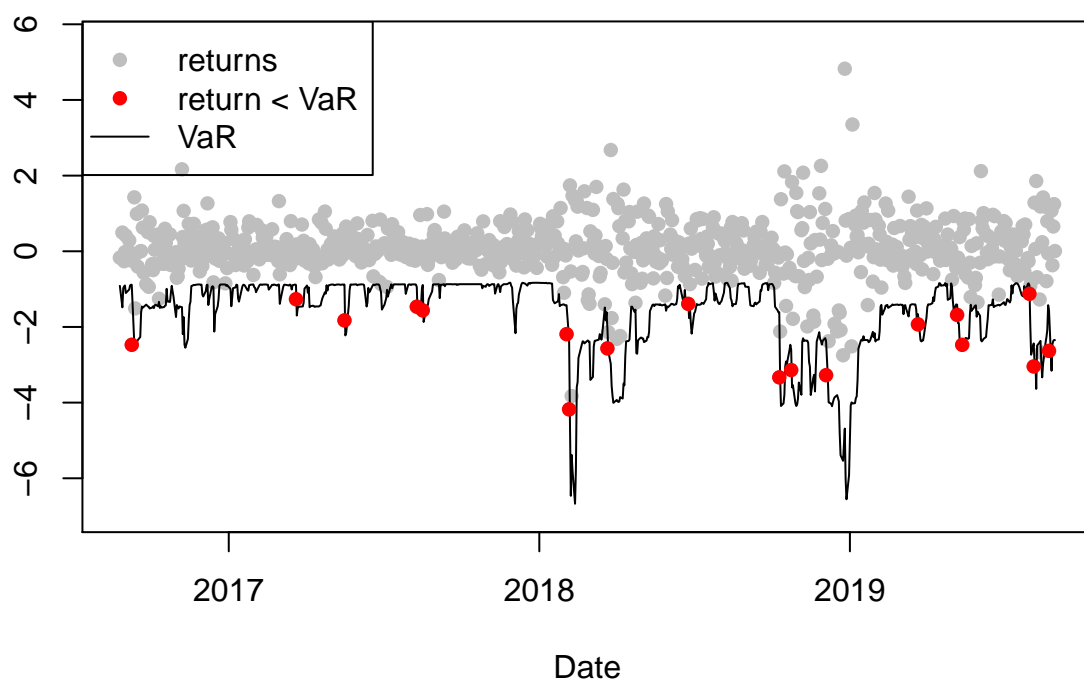
### Log-returns square : 1.ahead forecast vs realized values



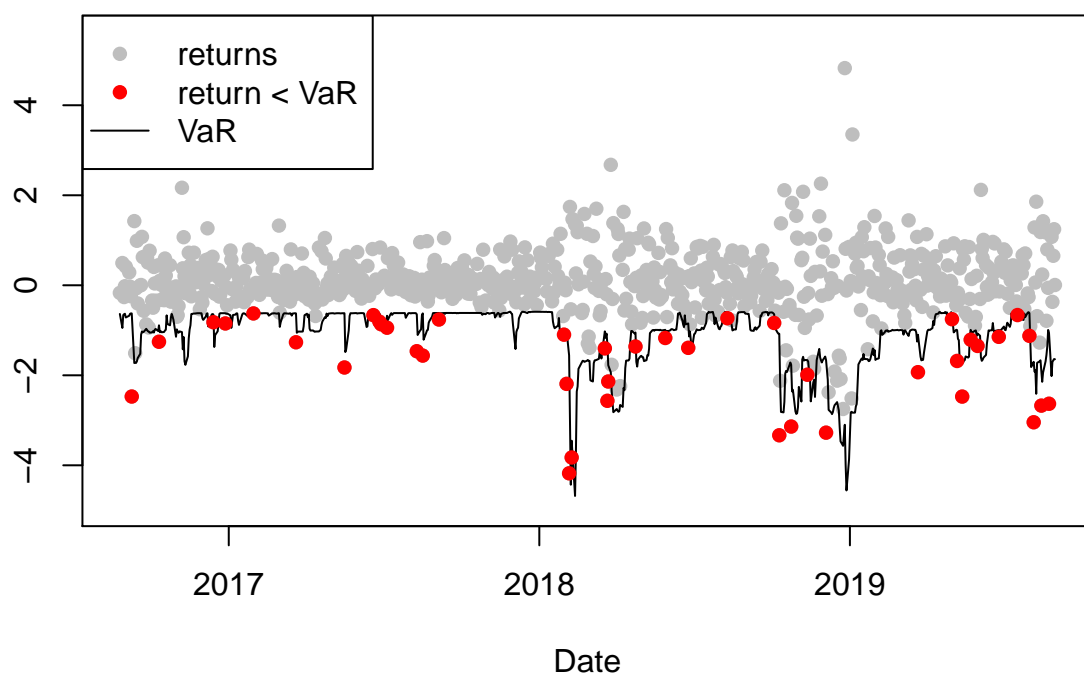
## Realized Variances : 1.ahead forecast vs realized values



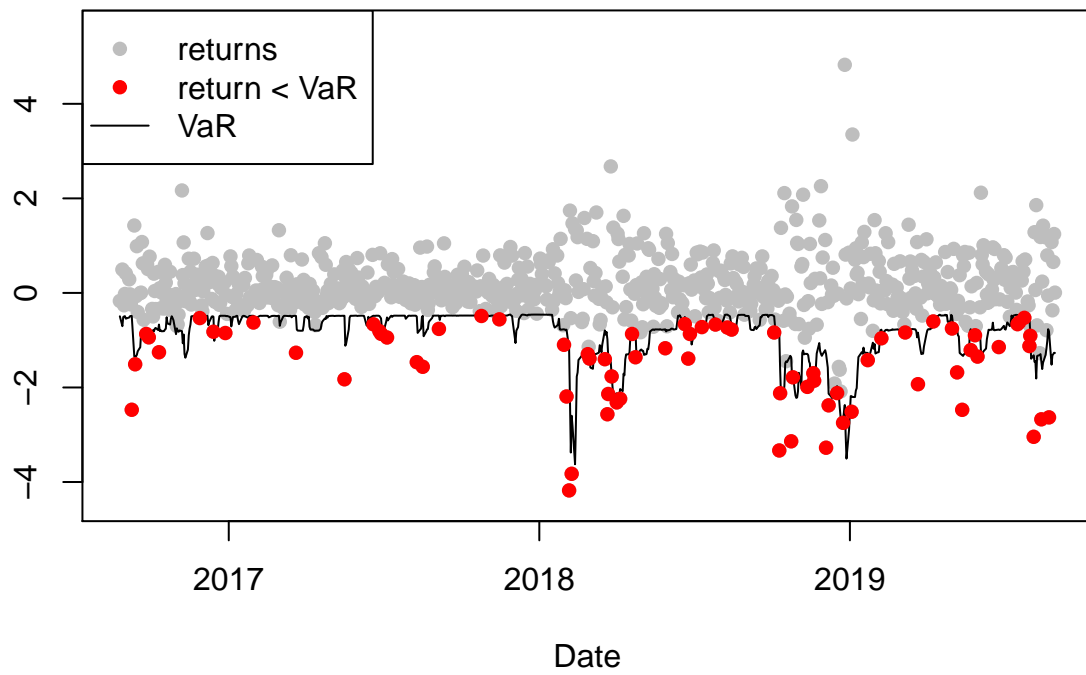
### Log-returns and Value-at-Risk Exceedances (alpha = 0.01)

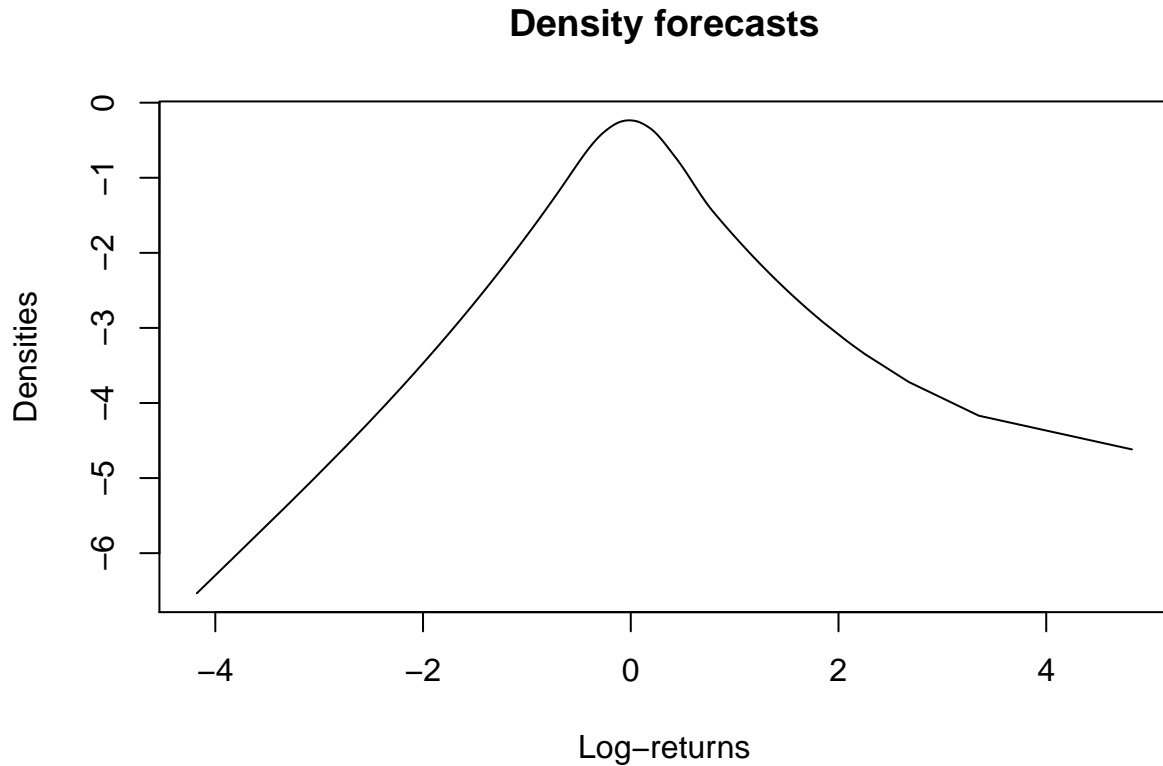


## Log-returns and Value-at-Risk Exceedances (alpha = 0.05)



## Log-returns and Value-at-Risk Exceedances (alpha = 0.1)





## 4 Conclusion

This paper provides technical details on the package **MDSV**. It shows with simple and practical examples how to use the package through each of its functions.

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