SAN DIEGO AND SACRAMENTO COUNTY HOUSING MARKET ANALYSIS

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A. Overview of the two counties' housing markets

San Diego County

The San Diego County housing market has been experiencing a significant increase in home prices in recent years, which has made it a challenging market for buyers. The median home price in San Diego County in 2022 was around \$825,000, up by over 20% from 2 years ago.

A strong job market, low-interest rates, and limited housing supply have driven the demand for housing in San Diego County. The COVID-19 pandemic has also increased demand for housing as more people seek homes with more space and amenities for remote work and lifestyle changes. The low inventory of available homes in San Diego County has led to intense competition among buyers, with many homes receiving multiple offers and selling above the asking price. This has made it difficult for first-time buyers and those with lower incomes to enter the market. However, the San Diego County housing market is expected to continue to be strong, with low-interest rates and a robust job market continuing to drive demand. New construction of homes has been picking up, which could help alleviate some of the supply constraints in the market. The rental market in San Diego County has also been impacted by the high demand for housing. Rents have been increasing steadily in recent years, with the median rent for a one-bedroom apartment in San Diego County at around \$1,700 per month. The COVID-19 pandemic has also impacted the rental market, with many renters seeking larger units or more desirable locations to accommodate remote work and lifestyle changes. This has further driven up demand for rental properties in San Diego County. Overall, the San Diego County housing market has been vital in recent years, with high demand for buying and renting properties. However, the high prices and low inventory have made it challenging for many buyers and renters to find affordable housing options.

Sacramento County

The Sacramento County housing market has been experiencing a strong seller's market in recent years, with high demand and low inventory leading to rising home prices. The median home price in Sacramento County in 2022 was around \$550,000, up by over 20% from 2020. One of the driving factors behind the strong housing market in Sacramento County is the city's growing job market, which has attracted many new residents in recent years. In addition, the county has a diverse economy, with a strong presence in fields such as healthcare, education, and technology. The low inventory of available homes in Sacramento County has led to intense competition among buyers, with many homes receiving multiple offers and selling above the asking price. This has made it challenging for first-time homebuyers and those with lower incomes to enter the market. The rental market in Sacramento County has also been impacted by the strong housing market, with rents increasing steadily in recent years. The median rent for a one-bedroom apartment in Sacramento County was around \$1,500 monthly. Overall, the Sacramento County housing market has been vital in recent years, driven by a growing economy and a strong

demand for housing. However, the low inventory of available homes for sale and increasing rents have made it challenging for many residents to find affordable housing options. The Sacramento County housing market has seen an increase in new construction in recent years, which could help alleviate some of the supply constraints in the market. The county has also implemented various initiatives to increase the supply of affordable housing, including funding for new developments and incentives for developers to include affordable units in their projects. Another factor that has impacted the Sacramento County housing market is the COVID-19 pandemic, which has led to changes in housing preferences for many residents. More people are looking for homes with extra space for remote work and outdoor amenities, which has increased demand for single-family homes and properties with larger yards.

In summary, the Sacramento County housing market has been vital in recent years, driven by a growing economy and a strong demand for housing. However, the low inventory of available homes for sale and increasing rents have made it challenging for many residents to find affordable housing options. The county has taken steps to increase the supply of affordable housing, and the rising new construction could help alleviate some of the supply constraints in the market.

B. Application

Real estate investors and developers will benefit significantly from the econometric analysis we are building from housing data to identify trends in the market, evaluate potential investment opportunities, and make informed decisions about property acquisitions and development projects. This can help them to optimize their investment strategies and improve their returns. A few areas in which the econometric analysis can help are:

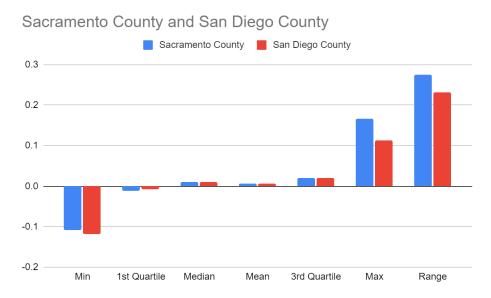
- Forecasting demand: Econometric analysis can help developers and investors forecast
 the market for different housing types in a particular area based on population growth,
 employment trends, and demographic changes. This can help them make more
 informed decisions about where to invest and what properties to build.
- Assessing risk: Econometric analysis can also evaluate the risk of investing in a
 particular area or property. Developers and investors can identify patterns and trends
 that may indicate potential risks or opportunities by analyzing historical data on
 housing prices, vacancy rates, and other factors.
- Identifying market inefficiencies: Econometric analysis can help developers and investors identify market inefficiencies, such as areas where the housing supply is low but demand is high. By recognizing these inefficiencies, developers and investors can make strategic investments that exploit market imbalances.

Overall, econometric analysis can be a powerful tool for real estate developers and investors, enabling them to make more informed decisions and take advantage of opportunities in the local housing market.

C. Properties of the HPI Times Series

Descriptive Statistics

We focus on the percent returns of the San Diego and Sacramento HPI. In order to convert our data to percent returns we first take the log of both indices. This converts the data to percentages. We then apply differencing to the data by subtracting each observation with its observation from the previous period. This means that each observation in our data will now represent the percent change in the county's HPI. The rest of our analysis will be using this percentage return data.



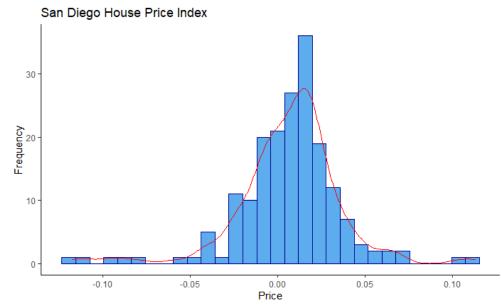
The HPI is a measure of the change in single-family home prices based on a weighted average of price changes across different geographic regions. Here is a breakdown of the descriptive statistics:

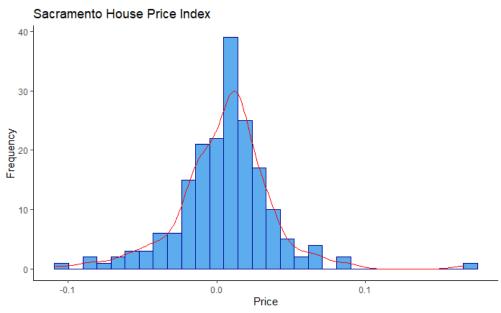
- The minimum HPI for San Diego County is 27.33, while the minimum HPI for Sacramento County is slightly higher at 28.08.
- The first quartile (25th percentile) HPI for Sacramento County is 74.18, while the first quartile HPI for San Diego County is higher at 79.28.
- The median HPI (50th percentile) for Sacramento County is 115.5, while the median HPI for San Diego County is higher at 126.48.
- The mean (average) HPI for Sacramento County is 152.51, while the mean HPI for San Diego County is higher at 178.03.

- The third quartile (75th percentile) HPI for Sacramento County is 214.76, while the third quartile HPI for San Diego County is much higher at 270.86.
- The maximum HPI for Sacramento County is 410.25, while the maximum HPI for San Diego County is significantly higher at 514.18.
- The range for Sacramento County is 382.17, while the range for San Diego County is higher at 486.85.

Visualizations

Histograms and Density Plots for return frequency





- The above visualizations depicts the frequency of the HPI returns for San Diego, and Sacramento.
- Generally, both counties have more positive than negative returns.



• This is a plotted line graph depicting the changes of house prices of both cities over time. San Diego is plotted in blue and Sacramento in red.

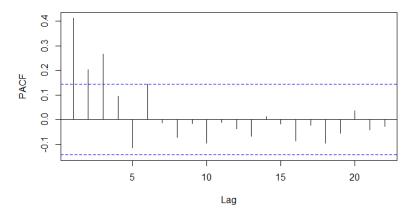
PACF for Sacramento



• Examining the PACF for Sacramento shows there could be 4 relevant lags to include in an AR model.

PACF for San Diego

PACF of San Diego House Price Index

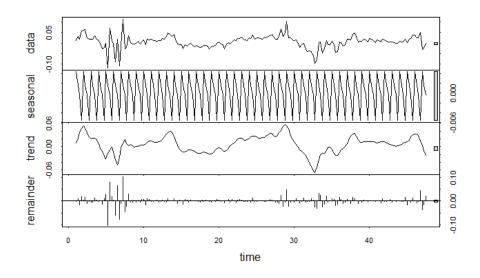


• The PACF for San Diego also shows there could be 3 or 4 relevant lags to include in an AR model of the series.

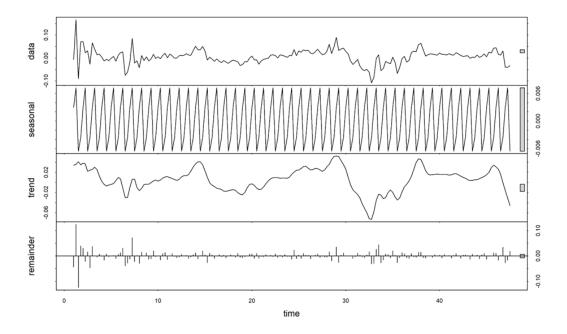
Structural Decomposition

We conducted an STL decomposition to visually confirm the existence of seasonality and trend. We also conducted the Shapiro test to determine whether the residuals are normally distributed or not. The p-values from the Shapiro tests were both near zero, thus we reject the null hypothesis and conclude that the residuals are not normally distributed for San Diego house prices and Sacramento house prices.

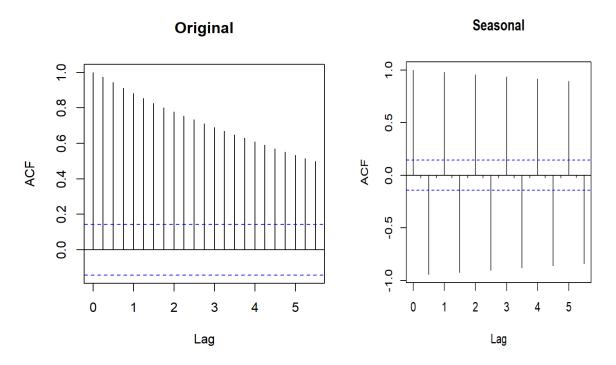
Decomposition for San Diego

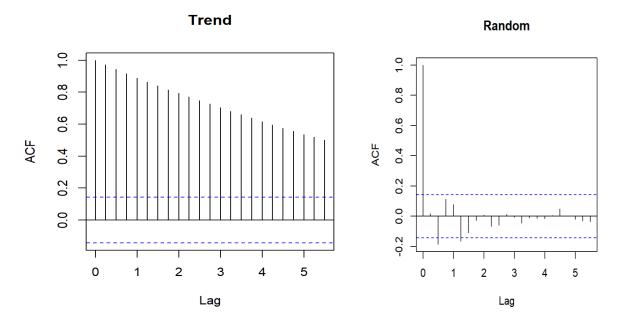


Decomposition for Sacramento



1) San Diego Decomposition Figures:

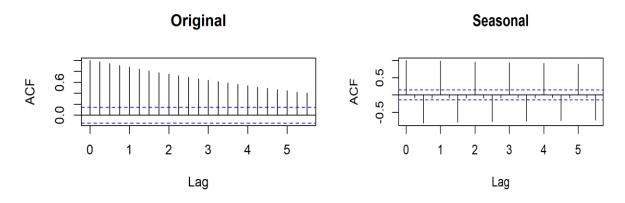


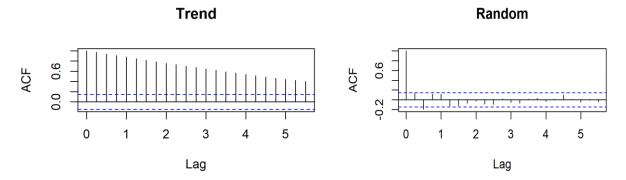


The San Diego output indicates:

- Original: Descending shows that the data are stationary.
- Seasonal: The HHI price is strongly negatively correlated with the price two quarters ago. It is strongly positively correlated with the price one year ago.
- Trend: The ACF confirms the existence of a stationary trend.
- Random: The spike at 0.5 and 1.2 indicates that additional structures may be in the data not captured by our decomposition.

2) Sacramento Decomposition Figures:





The Sacramento output indicates:

- Original: Descending shows that the data are stationary.
- Seasonal: The HHI price is strongly negatively correlated with the price two quarters ago. It is strongly positively correlated with the price one year ago.
- Trend: The ACF confirms the existence of a stationary trend.
- Random: The spike at 0.5 and 1.2 indicates that additional structures may be in the data not captured by our decomposition.

Autocorrelation

We also conducted a Ljung box test to determine if the time series is autocorrelated, which means there is a relationship between its values at different time points. The Ljung-Box test compares the time series's observed autocorrelations to the expected autocorrelations that would be seen in a series of uncorrelated random data points. If the observed autocorrelations are significantly different from the expected ones, then the time series is considered to be autocorrelated. The p-value turned out to be ~0; thus, we reject the null hypothesis and can infer that there is autocorrelation in the time series for San Diego's house prices. We conducted the same tests for Sacramento house prices as well. The p-value was ~0, indicating strong evidence to reject the null hypothesis that the residuals are uncorrelated and hence white noise. In other words, the test suggests significant evidence of autocorrelation in the residuals of our time series model at one or more lags.

1) San Diego Augmented Dicky-Fuller Test:

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At the 5pct level:
The model is of type drift
tau2: The first null hypothesis is rejected, unit root is not present
phil: The second null hypothesis is rejected, unit root is not present
and there is drift.
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- The first null hypothesis, represented by tau3, is that there is a unit root present. This null hypothesis is rejected, indicating no evidence of a unit root stationarity in the San Diego County data.
- The second null hypothesis we tested, represented by phi1, is that no drift is present. This null hypothesis is also rejected, indicating that there is no evidence of a unit root and there is drift in the data.
- We also tested for stationarity with drift and trend, but the test was inconclusive.
- 2) Sacramento Augmented Dicky-Fuller Test:

• All three of the Sacramento County hypotheses were identical to San Diego, and they exhibited that unit root is also present. The Sacramento data exhibits a non-stationary behavior with a unit root present and no evidence of a trend or drift.

Outliers in the Data

We also wanted to check for any outliers in our data set, so we conducted the Grubbs test, which is used to identify outliers in a univariate time series data set like ours. The Grubbs test on the San Diego HPI data resulted in a p-value that was effectively zero (less than any standard significance level like 0.05), so we can reject the null hypothesis and conclude that the highest value (24.7912) in the residuals is an outlier. We ran the same test for the Sacramento HPI data, which again returned a p-value which was functionally zero. Thus, we can conclude that there

are outlier residuals present in the Sacramento data as well. This means we will need to conduct further analysis to account for these outliers in order to improve the accuracy and efficiency of our HPI model.

D) Arima and ARIMA-X Models:

1) San Diego Auto-ARIMA:

Training set error measures:

ME

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Series: AllSan ts
ARIMA(4,0,1)(2,0,0)[12] with zero mean
Coefficients:
       ar1 ar2 ar3 ar4 ma1
                                               sar1
                                                       sar2
     1.2481 -0.1307 0.1626 -0.3047 -0.9615 -0.0135 0.1520
s.e. 0.0741 0.1148 0.1141 0.0707 0.0281 0.0750 0.1007
sigma^2 = 0.0006696: log likelihood = 420.98
AIC=-825.96 AICc=-825.15 BIC=-800.11
  2) Sacramento Auto-ARIMA
> summary(best model no drift)
Series: tstest
ARIMA(5,0,4) with zero mean
Coefficients:
              ar2 ar3 ar4 ar5 ma1
                                              ma2 ma3
      arl
    -0.6002 -0.1517 0.3212 0.3411 0.4594 0.8208 0.5854 0.0252 0.0245
s.e. 0.3536 0.2026 0.1522 0.3933 0.1106 0.3681 0.2746 0.2282 0.3407
sigma^2 = 0.0007389: log likelihood = 412.58
AIC=-805.15 AICc=-803.9 BIC=-772.84
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The first value represents the autoregressive (AR) component (p). Autoregression refers to the use of past observations in the model. An AR(p) model uses p-lagged observations to predict the current value. In this case, it is 4 for San Diego and 5 for Sacramento. That means the auto ARIMA model determined four relevant lags to include in San Diego's model and 5 for Sacramento. The second value, "0" for both, represents the differencing (I) component (d). Differencing removes trend and seasonality from the time series data, making it stationary. In an ARIMA model, the "d" value indicates the number of times differencing has been applied to achieve stationarity. Since it is zero (0), no differencing has been performed by the auto-ARIMA function. The third value, "1", represents the moving average (MA) component (q). The MA component uses the error terms of past observations to predict the current value. An MA(q) model uses q-lagged error terms. Here, we have one lagged error term for San Diego and 4 for Sacramento.

Training set 0.0009735514 0.02652038 0.01725974 107.6074 216.8894 0.9032093 0.01447316

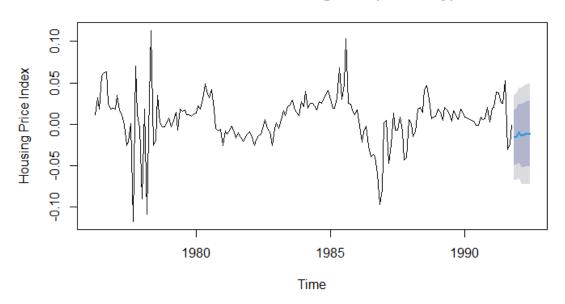
RMSE MAE MPE MAPE

MASE

E) Forecasting power of the ARIMA model(s):

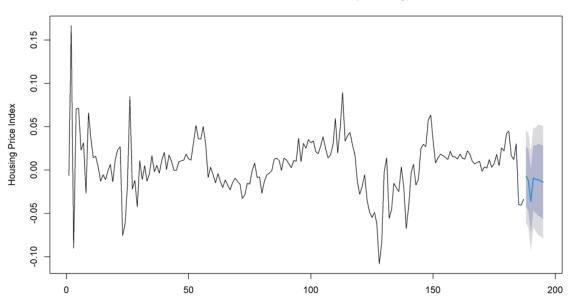
1) Forecast for San Diego HPI returns:

Forecast for San Diego HPI (Quarterly)



2) Forecast for Sacramento HPI returns:

Forecast for Sacramento HPI (Quarterly)



	Intercept	Mortgage Rate	Population	Sentiment	Unemployment Rate
Coefficient	-427.021	-0.021	0.003	-0.385	-3.927
Std Err.	34.906	0.066	0.0001	0.070	0.686

Coefficient Estimates for Sacramento

	Intercept	Mortgage Rate	Population	Sentiment	Unemployment Rate
Coefficient	-454.736	0.003	0.002	0.001	-0.0195
Std Err.	76.600	0.005	0.0003	0.0082	0.1818

^{*}Table is constructed from nominal HPI and not from real returns

Covariates:

- → The above forecasts include the following covariates:
 - I. Mortgage Rate
 - II. Population
 - III. Sentiment
 - IV. Unemployment Rate
 - V. GDP
- → All covariates are not seasonally adjusted and are quarterly data.

F. Analyzing HPI Returns

Granger Causality

The Granger causality test is a statistical test used to determine whether one time series can predict or "Granger-cause" another time series. It helps to assess the causal relationship between variables in an econometric model. The test is based on the idea that if variable X Granger-

causes variable Y, then the past values of X should provide information to predict Y's current and future values beyond what can be predicted using only the past values of Y itself.

To conduct this test, we use the following ARIMA-X variables: Sentiment, Mortgage rate, Unemployment rate, and National population.

We used the "Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers: All Items in U.S. City Average" (CPIAUCNS) to go from nominal to real.

We are indexed to 1995 = 100

Output for Sacramento and San Diego:

```
> causality(var_model, cause = "AllSan")
$Granger
        Granger causality HO: AllSan do not Granger-cause Sac
data: VAR object var_model
F-Test = 4.9515, df1 = 5, df2 = 342, p-value = 0.0002165
$Instant
        HO: No instantaneous causality between: AllSan and Sac
data: VAR object var_model
Chi-squared = 49.453, df = 1, p-value = 2.032e-12
> causality(var_model, cause = "Sac")
$Granger
       Granger causality HO: Sac do not Granger-cause AllSan
data: VAR object var_model
F-Test = 6.0712, df1 = 5, df2 = 342, p-value = 2.109e-05
$Instant
       HO: No instantaneous causality between: Sac and AllSan
data: VAR object var_model
Chi-squared = 49.453, df = 1, p-value = 2.032e-12
```

The results of the Granger Causality Test indicate that San Diego HPI returns Granger cause Sacramento HPI returns and that Sacramento HPI returns also Granger cause San Diego HPI

VAR Model

Because our data are stationary we apply a VAR model. The outputs are as follows:

```
VAR Estimation Results:
Endogenous variables: AllSan, Sac
Deterministic variables: const
Sample size: 182
Log Likelihood: 921.744
Roots of the characteristic polynomial:
0.8873 0.8403 0.8403 0.6993 0.6986 0.6986 0.6799 0.6799 0.4464 0.2549
VAR(y = data, p = 5)
Estimation results for equation AllSan:
AllSan = AllSan.l1 + Sac.l1 + AllSan.l2 + Sac.l2 + AllSan.l3 + Sac.l3 + AllSan.l4 + Sac.l4 + AllSan.l5 + Sac.l5 + const
           Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
                      AllSan.ll 0.051884
Sac.ll
           0.434332
AllSan.12 0.160398
                       0.094288
                                1.701 0.090733
                       0.109359 -2.451 0.015242 *
0.091544 3.552 0.000495 ***
         -0.268068
Sac.12
AllSan.13 0.325127
          -0.078921
                       0.098622 -0.800 0.424681
Sac.13
AllSan.14 -0.008977
                       0.095346
                                -0.094 0.925095
                       0.085684
                                 2.140 0.033771
Sac.14
           0.183366
AllSan.15 -0.167138
                       0.093535
                                 -1.787 0.075726
Sac.15
           0.052127
                       0.082475
                                  0.632 0.528212
const
           0.001700 0.001869
                                  0.910 0.364157
Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
Residual standard error: 0.02398 on 171 degrees of freedom
Multiple R-Squared: 0.3834, Adjusted R-squared: 0.347
F-statistic: 10.63 on 10 and 171 DF, p-value: 6.437e-14
                                Adjusted R-squared: 0.3474
Estimation results for equation Sac:
Sac = AllSan.l1 + Sac.l1 + AllSan.l2 + Sac.l2 + AllSan.l3 + Sac.l3 + AllSan.l4 + Sac.l4 + AllSan.l5 + Sac.l5 + const
            Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
Allsan.ll 0.2422974 0.0800668 3.026 0.00286 **
sac.ll 0.4168503 0.0925219 4.505 1.22e-05 ***
Allsan.12 -0.0007800 0.0815450 -0.010 0.99238
          -0.1816299 0.0945789
                                -1.920 0.05647
Allsan.13 0.1499158 0.0791718
                                 1.894 0.05997
          0.0984374
                     0.0852930
                                 1.154
                                        0.25007
Sac.13
AllSan.14 -0.2206787
                      0.0824596
                                 -2.676
                                        0.00817 **
Sac.14
          0.1913915
                     0.0741036
                                 2.583
                                         0.01064 *
Allsan.15 0.1265126 0.0808936
                                 1.564
                                        0.11968
                                 0.390
          0.0278283
                      0.0713282
Sac.15
                                        0.69692
          -0.0003901 0.0016161 -0.241 0.80953
const
Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
Residual standard error: 0.02074 on 171 degrees of freedom
Multiple R-Squared: 0.511,
                               Adjusted R-squared: 0.4824
F-statistic: 17.87 on 10 and 171 DF, p-value: < 2.2e-16
Covariance matrix of residuals:
Allsan Sac
Allsan 0.0005749 0.0003037
      0.0003037 0.0004300
Sac
Correlation matrix of residuals:
      Allsan
Allsan 1.0000 0.6108
      0.6108 1.0000
```

We also conducted the Johansen Procedure as well:

```
#########################
# Johansen-Procedure #
#######################
Test type: trace statistic, with linear trend
Eigenvalues (lambda):
[1] 0.3990047 0.1499946
Values of teststatistic and critical values of test:
r = 0 \mid 124.26 \mid 15.66 \mid 17.95 \mid 23.52
Eigenvectors, normalised to first column:
(These are the cointegration relations)
                       Sac.12
          AllSan.12
AllSan.12 1.0000000 1.0000000
Sac.12 -0.9513085 0.8072617
Weights W:
(This is the loading matrix)
         Allsan.12
                       Sac.12
Allsan.d -0.5314340 -0.2266696
Sac.d 0.6810322 -0.2012124
```

G. Conditional Variance Analysis: Testing Various GARCH models

Because the returns data for both counties were stationary, we ran a VAR analysis instead of a VECM. The GJR-GARCH model, also known as the Glosten-Jagannathan-Runkle Generalized Autoregressive Conditional Heteroskedasticity model, is a type of GARCH model that is able to account for an empirical phenomenon known as the leverage effect by incorporating an additional parameter. The leverage effect refers to the phenomenon where negative shocks or returns have a stronger impact on volatility compared to positive shocks or returns of the same magnitude. In traditional GARCH models, the conditional variance is modeled as a function of lagged squared returns and lagged conditional variances. However, the GJR-GARCH model introduces an extra term that considers the lagged squared returns with a specific condition related to the sign of the return. This additional term allows for capturing the asymmetry in the response of volatility to positive and negative shocks.

The leverage effect is observed in various financial markets, such as stocks, where negative news or events tend to have a more pronounced impact on market volatility compared to positive news

or events. By incorporating the leverage effect, the GJR-GARCH model provides a more accurate representation of the volatility dynamics and improves the model's ability to capture the asymmetry in financial data.

Functional Form:

$$\sigma^2(t) = \omega + \alpha \epsilon^2(t-1) + \gamma \epsilon^2(t-1) [\epsilon(t-1) < 0] + \beta \sigma^2(t-1)$$

Where:

- $\sigma^2(t)$ represents the conditional variance at time t.
- ω is the constant term, which represents the baseline level of volatility.
- α is the coefficient associated with the lagged squared residuals, representing the impact of past volatility on current volatility.
- γ is the coefficient associated with the term capturing the leverage effect. It quantifies the additional impact of negative returns on volatility.
- ϵ (t-1) is the lagged standardized residual, representing the deviation of the return from its expected value.
- I[ϵ (t-1) < 0] is an indicator function that takes the value 1 if the lagged standardized residual ϵ (t-1) is negative, and 0 otherwise.
- β is the coefficient associated with the lagged conditional variance, representing the persistence of volatility.

This simplified GJR-GARCH(1,1) model allows you to estimate the conditional variance based on the lagged squared residuals, capturing both the general autoregressive behavior of volatility (with α) and the leverage effect (with γ). It is a popular choice for modeling and forecasting financial time series data due to its ability to capture volatility clustering and asymmetric responses to market shocks.

In addition to the GJR-GARCH model, we also run sGARCH, iGARCH and eGARCH models to determine which performs the best. The results are as follows:

Sacramento County sGARCH (1,1)

Nyblom stability test

Weighted Ljung-Box Test on Standardized Residuals	Joint Statistic: 2.9255 Individual Statistics: mu 0.019068
statistic p-value Lag[1] 2.316 0.1280160 Lag[2*(p+q)+(p+q)-1][26] 15.564 0.0003918 Lag[4*(p+q)+(p+q)-1][44] 22.769 0.4489726 d.o.f=9 H0: No serial correlation	ar1 0.009590 ar2 0.009484 ar3 0.019058 ar4 0.011303 ar5 0.012950 ma1 0.019054 ma2 0.009210 ma3 0.019013 ma4 0.009229
Weighted Ljung-Box Test on Standardized Squared Residuals	ma4 0.009229 omega 0.093730
statistic p-value Lag[1] 7.917 0.004898 Lag[2*(p+q)+(p+q)-1][5] 11.347 0.004127 Lag[4*(p+q)+(p+q)-1][9] 12.177 0.016529 d.o.f=2	alphal 0.090051 betal 0.082040 Asymptotic Critical Values (10% 5% 1%) Joint Statistic: 2.89 3.15 3.69 Individual Statistic: 0.35 0.47 0.75
Weighted ARCH LM Tests	Sign Bias Test
Statistic Shape Scale P-Value ARCH Lag[3] 2.698 0.500 2.000 0.1004 ARCH Lag[5] 2.799 1.440 1.667 0.3203 ARCH Lag[7] 2.902 2.315 1.543 0.5322	t-value prob sig Sign Bias 1.43045 0.154302 Negative Sign Bias 0.03176 0.974700 Positive Sign Bias 2.63329 0.009054 *** Joint Effect 7.06776 0.069769 *

Adjusted Pearson Goodness-of-Fit Test:

	group	statistic	p-value(g-1)
-	0.0	00 10	0 00145

	9 - 0 01		P (a = a = (9 = 7)
1	20	33.43	0.02145
2	30	43.53	0.04060
3	40	54.50	0.05070
4	50	62.47	0.09368

Elapsed time : 0.589426

Sacramento County iGARCH

```
        Robust
        Standard Errors:
        Estimate
        Std. Error
        t value
        Pr(>|t|)

        mu
        0.014853
        0.030151
        0.492614
        0.622286

        ar1
        -0.432205
        0.372659
        -1.159787
        0.246136

        ar2
        0.371043
        0.904565
        0.410189
        0.681667

        ar3
        0.559565
        0.598837
        0.934419
        0.350088

        ar4
        -0.068140
        0.424508
        -0.160514
        0.872476

        ar5
        0.121780
        0.891193
        0.136648
        0.891309

        ma1
        1.191246
        0.300164
        3.968656
        0.000072

        ma2
        0.599276
        0.871898
        0.687323
        0.491879

        ma3
        -0.066734
        1.488773
        -0.044825
        0.964247

        ma4
        0.104580
        1.002536
        0.104316
        0.916919

        omega
        0.000030
        0.000017
        1.838974
        0.065919

        alphal
        0.474354
        0.141508
        3.352134
        0.000802

        betal
        0.525646
        NA
        NA
        NA
    </
                                                                                                            Robust Standard Errors:
                  GARCH Model Fit
 Conditional Variance Dynamics
 -----
GARCH Model : iGARCH(1,1)
Mean Model : ARFIMA(5,0,4)
 Distribution : norm
 Optimal Parameters
               Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
          mu
 ar1
 ar2
 ar3
                                                                                                             LogLikelihood: 456.9579
 ar4
ars 0.121/80 0.297354 0.40954 0.682140 mal 1.191246 0.49959 2.38445 0.017105 ma2 0.599276 0.379501 1.57911 0.114310 ma3 -0.066734 0.566483 -0.11780 0.906224 ma4 0.104580 0.320238 0.32657 0.743993 omega 0.000030 0.000012 2.44961 0.014301 alphal 0.474354 0.100314 4.72869 0.000002 betal 0.525646 NA NA NA
 ar5
                                                                                                             Information Criteria
                                                                                                             Akaike -4.7589
Bayes -4.5516
Shibata -4.7665
                                                                                                             Hannan-Quinn -4.6749
                                                                                                               Nyblom stability test
                                                                                                               Joint Statistic: 1.9313
                                                                                                               Individual Statistics:
                                                                                                               mu 0.14979
                                                                                                               ar1
                                                                                                                            0.17165
                                                                                                               ar2 0.16353
                                                                                                                          0.07696
0.03812
                                                                                                               ar3
Weighted Ljung-Box Test on Standardized Residuals
                                                                                                             ar4
                                                                                                                         0.02345
                                                                                                             ar5
                                          statistic p-value
                                                                                                             ma1
Lag[1] 4.60 3.196e-02
Lag[2*(p+q)+(p+q)-1][26] 18.48 1.255e-14
                                                                                                                          0.14706
                                                                                                             ma2
                                                                                                             ma3
                                                                                                                            0.18911
Lag[4*(p+q)+(p+q)-1][44] 26.11 1.518e-01
                                                                                                               ma4
                                                                                                                          0.18570
d.o.f=9
                                                                                                               omega 0.08888
HO : No serial correlation
                                                                                                               alpha1 0.14808
Weighted Ljung-Box Test on Standardized Squared Residuals
                                                                                                               Asymptotic Critical Values (10% 5% 1%)
               statistic p-value
                                                                                                               Joint Statistic: 2.69 2.96 3.51
Individual Statistic: 0.35 0.47 0.75
Lag[1] 9.972 0.001589

Lag[2*(p+q)+(p+q)-1][5] 11.143 0.004663

Lag[4*(p+q)+(p+q)-1][9] 11.639 0.021897
                                                                                                               Sign Bias Test
                                                                                                               t-value prob sig
Sign Bias 0.8028 0.423118
Weighted ARCH LM Tests
                                                                                                             Negative Sign Bias 0.2136 0.831068
          Statistic Shape Scale P-Value
                                                                                                              Positive Sign Bias 3.2288 0.001475 ***
Joint Effect 10.8306 0.012678 **
ARCH Lag[3] 1.193 0.500 2.000 0.2747
ARCH Lag[5] 1.227 1.440 1.667 0.6670
ARCH Lag[7] 1.408 2.315 1.543 0.8396
 Adjusted Pearson Goodness-of-Fit Test:
 _____
      group statistic p-value(g-1)
1 20 15.67 0.67892
2 30 40.01 0.08385
3 40 40.38 0.40914
4 50 51.77 0.36625
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Elapsed time : 0.2632942

Sacramento County eGARCH

```
Robust Standard Errors:
                                                                                              Estimate Std. Error
                                                                                                                                                  t value Pr(>|t|)
                                                                                       mu 0.004465 0.000073 6.1275e+01 0.000000
ar1 0.740321 0.005532 1.3382e+02 0.000000
ar2 0.849692 0.002174 3.9081e+02 0.000000
ar3 0.010295 0.000016 6.3334e+02 0.000000
ar4 -0.886455 0.000742 -1.1941e+03 0.000000
     GARCH Model Fit
Conditional Variance Dynamics
GARCH Model : eGARCH(1,1)
                                                                                        mal -0.198525 0.002426 1.0657e+02 0.000000
ma2 -0.959399 0.000259 -3.7056e+03 0.000000
                        : ARFIMA(5,0,4)
: norm
Mean Model
Distribution
                                                                                        ma3 -0.518080 0.007351 -7.0481e+01 0.000000
ma4 0.624430 0.000895 6.9757e+02 0.000000
omega -0.796144 5.973520 -1.3328e-01 0.893973
Optimal Parameters
 _____
           Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
                                                                                       alpha1 0.038405 2.128653 1.8042e-02 0.985605
beta1 0.898254 0.710026 1.2651e+00 0.205835
gamma1 0.698361 0.176440 3.9581e+00 0.000076
            ar1
ar1 0.740321 0.000272 2722.9206 0.0000000 ar2 0.849692 0.000260 3272.0506 0.000000 ar3 0.010295 0.00031 328.2335 0.000000 ar4 -0.886455 0.000249 -3561.9476 0.000000 ar5 0.258568 0.000104 2478.9554 0.000000 ma1 -0.198525 0.000143 -1392.0723 0.000000 ma2 -0.959399 0.000342 -2808.3341 0.000000
                                                                                        LogLikelihood: 467.8996

    ma1
    -0.198525
    0.000143
    -1392.0723
    0.000000

    ma2
    -0.959399
    0.000342
    -2808.3341
    0.000000

    ma3
    -0.518080
    0.000365
    -1420.8184
    0.000000

    ma4
    0.624430
    0.000205
    3040.2287
    0.000000

    omega
    -0.796144
    0.324638
    -2.4524
    0.014190
    Akaike
    -4.8545

    alphal
    0.038405
    0.049472
    0.7763
    0.437570
    Bayes
    -4.6126

    betal
    0.898254
    0.039436
    22.7777
    0.000000
    Shibata
    -4.8647

    gammal
    0.698361
    0.145147
    4.8114
    0.000001
    Hannan-Quinn
    -4.7565

                                                                                       Information Criteria
                                                                                      Nvblom stability test
                                                                                       Joint Statistic: 3.6077
                                                                                       Individual Statistics:
                                                                                                 0.01491
                                                                                                  0.01443
                                                                                       ar1
                                                                                                 0.01268
                                                                                       ar3
                                                                                      ar4
                                                                                                 0.01488
                                                                                      ar5
                                                                                                 0.01482
Weighted Ljung-Box Test on Standardized Residuals
                                                                                      ma1
                                                                                      ma2
                                                                                                 0.01285
                                                                                                0.01475
                                 statistic p-value
                                                                                     ma3
Lag[1] 1.81 0.1785

Lag[2*(p+q)+(p+q)-1][26] 12.73 0.9073

Lag[4*(p+q)+(p+q)-1][44] 19.91 0.7630
                                                                                     ma4 0.01288
omega 0.05697
                                                                                     ma4
                                                                                      alpha1 0.07275
                                                                                      betal 0.05664
HO : No serial correlation
                                                                                      gamma1 0.05286
Weighted Ljung-Box Test on Standardized Squared Residuals
                                                                Asymptotic Critical Values (10% 5% 1%)
           statistic p-value
                                                                                     Joint Statistic: 3.08 3.34 3.9
Individual Statistic: 0.35 0.47 0.75
Lag[1] 8.387 0.003779

Lag[2*(p+q)+(p+q)-1][5] 11.741 0.003257

Lag[4*(p+q)+(p+q)-1][9] 12.523 0.013767
                                                                                     Sign Bias Test
                                                                                      -----
                                                                                     t-value prob sig
Sign Bias 1.3722 0.17169
Negative Sign Bias 0.1263 0.89963
Weighted ARCH LM Tests
                                                                                Sign Bias
                Statistic Shape Scale P-Value
ARCH Lag[3] 2.495 0.500 2.000 0.1142
ARCH Lag[5] 2.643 1.440 1.667 0.3460
ARCH Lag[7] 2.724 2.315 1.543 0.5672
                                                                                     Positive Sign Bias 2.5718 0.01092 **
                                                                                      Joint Effect 6.7408 0.08064 *
Adjusted Pearson Goodness-of-Fit Test:
_____
    group statistic p-value(g-1)
     20 55.46 1.976e-05
30 57.33 1.311e-03
40 76.74 2.920e-04
50 82.79 1.817e-03
1
3
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Elapsed time: 1.221735

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Sacramento County GJR-GARCH

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*____*
           GARCH Model Fit *
Conditional Variance Dynamics
                                                      Robust Standard Errors:
GARCH Model : gjrGARCH(1,1)
Mean Model : ARFIMA(5,0,4)
Distribution : norm
                                                           Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
                                                              0.050913 0.148392 0.343099 0.731524
                                                       ar1 -0.039129
ar2 0.085516
                                                                         0.935169 -0.041841 0.966625
2.033562 0.042052 0.966457
                                                                         0.341677 0.359435 0.719270
                                                       ar3
                                                             0.122810
Optimal Parameters
                                                                          1.218411 0.090069 0.928232
                                                              0.109741
                                                       ar4
        Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|) ma1 0.973185 0.050913 0.025173 2.02254 0.043120 ma2 0.909654 0.039129 0.150830 -0.25942 0.795310 ma3 0.637066
                                                                         1.120901 0.561912 0.574176
1.323859 0.735112 0.462271
_____
       3.142880 0.289433 0.772250
3.034994 0.209907 0.833740
      -0.039129 0.150830 -0.25942 0.795310 ma3
ar1
ma1
ma2
ma3
ma4
Nyblom stability test
                                                    Joint Statistic: 2.4936
                                                    Individual Statistics:
                                                        0.005933
                                                    m11
                                                    ar1
                                                          0.109067
                                                         0.082604
                                                    ar2
                                                    ar3
                                                         0.020798
Weighted Ljung-Box Test on Standardized Residuals
             statistic p-value
Lag[1] 10.61 0.0011271
Lag[2*(p+q)+(p+q)-1][26] 29.62 0.0000000
Lag[4*(p+q)+(p+q)-1][44]
                       37.65 0.0001277
                                                   omega 0.144816
d.o.f=9
                                                   alpha1 0.239816
HO : No serial correlation
                                                   betal 0.148726
Weighted Ljung-Box Test on Standardized Squared Residuals gammal 0.169677
             statistic p-value
                                                   Asymptotic Critical Values (10% 5% 1%)
Lag[1] 14.61 0.0001322

Lag[2*(p+q)+(p+q)-1][5] 15.31 0.0003672

Lag[4*(p+q)+(p+q)-1][9] 15.91 0.0021511
                                                  Joint Statistic: 3.08 3.34 3.9
Individual Statistic: 0.35 0.47 0.75
d.o.f=2
                                                  Sign Bias Test
Weighted ARCH LM Tests
                                                   _____
                                                                t-value prob sig
1.5022 1.348e-01
                                               Sign Bias 1.5022 1.3400-01
Negative Sign Bias 0.4892 6.253e-01
Positive Sign Bias 5.2284 4.661e-07 ***
Toint Effect 28.1727 3.341e-06 ***
          Statistic Shape Scale P-Value
ARCH Lag[3] 0.0002983 0.500 2.000 0.9862
ARCH Lag[5] 0.1227163 1.440 1.667 0.9825
ARCH Lag[7] 0.4095681 2.315 1.543 0.9858
                                  Adjusted Pearson Goodness-of-Fit Test:
                                  _____
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group statistic p-value(g-1)
1 20 12.68 0.8546
2 30 28.45 0.4937
3 40 39.95 0.4277
4 50 72.63 0.0158

Elapsed time : 1.434166

The eGARCH model has the best performance among all four models for Sacramento HPI returns. The eGARCH model has a slightly higher log-likelihood (467.90) than the sGARCH model (466.51), while also having a slightly lower AIC, (-4.8545) as compared to (-4.8504). This would suggest that the eGARCH model might fit the data better than sGARCH. But both models have similar p-values for the Ljung-Box test on standardized residuals, which suggests that they both fit the data quite well. A notable difference between the models is that the parameter estimates of the sGARCH model seem to be more significant compared to the eGARCH model, but this might not translate to better prediction accuracy.

San Diego County sGARCH (1,1)

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Weighted Liung-Box Test on Standardized Residuals
        GARCH Model Fit
                                                         -----
                                                                              statistic p-value
                                                                               0.2456 0.62016
3.9785 0.07027
                                                      Lag[1]
                                                      Lag[2*(p+q)+(p+q)-1][5]
Conditional Variance Dynamics
                                                      Lag[4*(p+q)+(p+q)-1][9] 6.6663 0.16345
                                                      d.o.f=2
GARCH Model
               : sGARCH(1.1)
                                                      HO: No serial correlation
               : ARFIMA(1.0.1)
Mean Model
Distribution
              : norm
                                                      Weighted Ljung-Box Test on Standardized Squared Residuals
Optimal Parameters
                                                                             statistic p-value
                                                                                  0.326 0.5680
1.825 0.6602
        Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
                                                      Lag[2*(p+q)+(p+q)-1][5]
Lag[4*(p+q)+(p+q)-1][9]
                   0.011463 0.82666 0.408428
        0.009476
mu
ar1
                   0.040021 23.44723 0.000000
                                                                                  2.322 0.8632
       0.938372
                                                      d.o.f=2
                    0.098323 -3.26709 0.001087
      -0.321229
omega 0.000035
alpha1 0.521609
                   0.000022 1.61103 0.107173
                                                      Weighted ARCH LM Tests
                   0.111850 4.66348 0.000003
                   0.095981 4.97379 0.000001
beta1 0.477391
                                                      Robust Standard Errors:
        Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
                                                      ARCH Lag[5]
                                                                    1.691 2.315 1.543 0.7823
                                                      ARCH Lag[7]
        0.009476
                   0.014592
                               0.6494 0.516078
ar1
        0.938372
                    0.079415 11.8160 0.000000
                                                      Nyblom stability test
      -0.321229
ma1
                   0.140557 -2.2854 0.022290
                   0.000047 0.7362 0.461608
omega 0.000035
                   0.162314 3.2136 0.001311
0.172495 2.7676 0.005648
alpha1 0.521609
                                                      Joint Statistic: 2.1641
                                                      Individual Statistics:
beta1
       0.477391
                                                             0.1239
                                                      mu
                                                             0.1972
                                                      ar1
LogLikelihood: 480.4385
                                                      ma1
                                                             0.1107
                                                      omega 0.1350
Information Criteria
                                                      alpha1 0.4470
                                                      beta1 0.2154
             -5.0742
                                                      Asymptotic Critical Values (10% 5% 1%)
             -4.9705
                                                      Joint Statistic: 1.49 1.68 2.12
Individual Statistic: 0.35 0.47 0.75
Shibata
            -5.0762
Hannan-Quinn -5.0322
                                         Sign Bias Test
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Adjusted Pearson Goodness-of-Fit Test:

group statistic p-value(g-1)
1 20 24.02 0.1955
2 30 38.08 0.1206
3 40 37.39 0.5436
4 50 59.79 0.1389

San Diego County iGARCH

```
GARCH Model Fit *
Conditional Variance Dynamics
 GARCH Model : iGARCH(1,1)
Mean Model : ARFIMA(1,0,1)
                                                        Weighted Ljung-Box Test on Standardized Residuals
Mean Model : ARFIMA(1,0,1)
Distribution : norm
                                                                statistic p-value
                                                        Lag[1] 0.2439 0.62138

Lag[2*(p+q)+(p+q)-1][5] 3.9697 0.07185

Lag[4*(p+q)+(p+q)-1][9] 6.6564 0.16461
Optimal Parameters
                                                        d.o.f=2
        Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|) 0.009495 0.011245 0.84441 0.398441
                                                        HO: No serial correlation
ar1 0.938481 0.038429 24.42105 0.000000
                                                        Weighted Ljung-Box Test on Standardized Squared Residuals
statistic p-value
                                                                               0.3251 0.5686
1.8263 0.6600
                                                        Lag[1]
                                                        Lag[2*(p+q)+(p+q)-1][5]
                                                        Lag[4*(p+q)+(p+q)-1][9] 2.3236 0.8631
                                                        d.o.f=2
Robust Standard Errors:
                                                        Weighted ARCH LM Tests
         Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
         Statistic Shape Scale P-Value
        0.938481 0.064021 14.65904 0.000000
                                                       ARCH Lag[3] 1.152 0.500 2.000 0.2832
ARCH Lag[5] 1.618 1.440 1.667 0.5618
ARCH Lag[7] 1.690 2.315 1.543 0.7825

    ma1
    -0.321393
    0.130027
    -2.47175
    0.013445

    omega
    0.000034
    0.000021
    1.67376
    0.094177

    alpha1
    0.522240
    0.119390
    4.37423
    0.000012

                                                        Nyblom stability test
beta1 0.477760
                                       NA
                                                        Joint Statistic: 0.9898
LogLikelihood: 480.4662
                                                        Individual Statistics:
                                                        mu 0.1235
                                                        ar1
                                                             0.1971
Information Criteria
                                                        ma1
                                                             0.1110
                                                        omega 0.1345
                                                        alpha1 0.1716
              -5.0852
Akaike
Baves
              -4.9988
                                                        Asymptotic Critical Values (10% 5% 1%)
                                                        Joint Statistic: 1.28 1.47 1.88 Individual Statistic: 0.35 0.47 0.75
            -5.0866
Shibata
Hannan-Quinn -5.0502
                            Sign Bias Test
                            _____
                            Adjusted Pearson Goodness-of-Fit Test:
                               group statistic p-value(g-1)
                               20 24.02 0.1955
                            1
                            2
                                   30
                                             38.08
                                                              0.1206
                            3
                                   40
                                             37.39
                                                               0.5436
                            4
                                   50
                                             59.79
                                                               0.1389
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* GARCH Model Fit *
                                                               Information Criteria
Conditional Variance Dynamics
-----
GARCH Model : eGARCH(1,1)
Mean Model : ARFIMA(1,0,1)
                                                               Akaike
                                                                             -5.1361
                                                                          -5.0152
-5.1388
                                                               Bayes
Distribution : norm
                                                               Shibata
                                                               Hannan-Quinn -5.0871
Optimal Parameters
                                                               Weighted Ljung-Box Test on Standardized Residuals
                                                               Lag[1] statistic p-value
Lag[2*(p+q)+(p+q)-1][5] 3.87598 0.09042
Lag[4*(p+q)+(p+q)-1][9] 6.93337 0.13455
d.o.f=2
        Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
       mu
ar1
ma1
                                                               d.o.f=2

        omega
        -0.803317
        0.336264
        -2.3889
        0.016897

        alphal
        0.110213
        0.103325
        1.0667
        0.286125

        betal
        0.890237
        0.041843
        21.2756
        0.000000

        gammal
        1.022967
        0.168715
        6.0633
        0.000000

                                                               HO: No serial correlation
                                                               Weighted Ljung-Box Test on Standardized Squared Residuals
                                                                                      statistic p-value
                                                               Lag[1] 0.07638 0.7823

Lag[2*(p+q)+(p+q)-1][5] 1.63678 0.7063

Lag[4*(p+q)+(p+q)-1][9] 2.29811 0.8666
Robust Standard Errors:
          Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|) 0.019703 0.013043 1.51066 0.130876
          0.019703
                                                               d.o.f=2
         0.931559 0.054997 16.93845 0.000000
ar1
                                                               Weighted ARCH LM Tests
ma1 -0.281084 0.118683 -2.36837 0.017867
omega -0.803317 0.424518 -1.89230 0.058450
                                                               alpha1 0.110213 0.156561 0.70396 0.481458
betal 0.890237 0.050639 17.58001 0.000000
                        0.219582 4.65870 0.000003
                                                               ARCH Lag[7]
                                                                             1.6262 2.315 1.543 0.7957
gamma1 1.022967
                                                               Nyblom stability test
LogLikelihood: 487.2268
                                                                                        -----
                                                               Joint Statistic: 0.9968
Information Criteria
                                                               Individual Statistics:
                                                                    0.16074
                                                               mu
                                                                     0.33506
                                                               ar1
                                                                     0.06913
                                                               ma1
Akaike
                -5.1361
                                                               omega 0.11857
Bayes -5.0152
Shibata -5.1388
                -5.0152
                                                               alpha1 0.18264
                                                               betal 0.12367
gammal 0.07414
Hannan-Quinn -5.0871
                                  Asymptotic Critical Values (10% 5% 1%)
                                  Joint Statistic: 1.69 1.9 2.35
                                  Individual Statistic: 0.35 0.47 0.75
                                  Sign Bias Test
                                  Adjusted Pearson Goodness-of-Fit Test:
                                  -----
                                     group statistic p-value(g-1)
                                                  30.01 0.05173
32.95 0.27990
                                         20
                                  1
                                  2
                                         30
                                                  40.81
51.24
                                  3
                                         40
                                                                   0.39094
                                  4
                                         50
                                                                   0.38606
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GARCH Model Fit
Conditional Variance Dynamics
GARCH Model : gjrGARCH(1,1)
Mean Model : ARFIMA(1,0,1)
Distribution : norm
                                                           Weighted Ljung-Box Test on Standardized Residuals
Optimal Parameters
                                                                               statistic p-value
                                                                                    0.3859 0.53444
         Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
                                                           Lag[2*(p+q)+(p+q)-1][5] 4.4284 0.02051
Lag[4*(p+q)+(p+q)-1][9] 7.2693 0.10425
         mu
ar1
                                                            HO: No serial correlation
        ma1

        omega
        0.000037
        0.000026
        1.44047
        0.149735

        alpha1
        0.606940
        0.207601
        2.92359
        0.003460

        beta1
        0.450855
        0.114531
        3.93653
        0.000083

                                                            Weighted Ljung-Box Test on Standardized Squared Residuals
                                                                                 statistic p-value
                                                                                   0.4194 0.5173
1.8868 0.6454
gamma1 -0.117591 0.249458 -0.47139 0.637364
                                                           Lag[2*(p+q)+(p+q)-1][5]
                                                            Lag[4*(p+q)+(p+q)-1][9]
                                                                                    2.4154 0.8501
Robust Standard Errors:
         Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
                                                            Weighted ARCH LM Tests
                       0.014409 0.63622 0.52463
         0.009167
ar1
         0.935789
                      0.086364 10.83546 0.00000
                                                           ARCH Lag[3] 1.192 0.500 2.000 0.2749
ARCH Lag[5] 1.717 1.440 1.667 0.5372
ARCH Lag[7] 1.811 2.315 1.543 0.7573
                       0.201994 -1.46482 0.14297
ma1
        -0.295883
omega 0.000037
                       0.000064 0.57344 0.56635
alpha1 0.606940 0.430165 1.41095 0.15826
beta1 0.450855
                       0.276170 1.63253 0.10257
                                                           Nyblom stability test
Joint Statistic: 2.3644
                                                           Individual Statistics:
LogLikelihood: 480.5473
                                                                  0.2070
Information Criteria
                                                           ma1
                                                                  0.1066
                                                           omega 0.1447
                                                           alpha1 0.5134
                                                           beta1 0.2202
Akaike
              -5.0647
                                                           gamma1 0.5764
Baves
              -4.9437
                                                           Asymptotic Critical Values (10% 5% 1%)
Shibata
              -5.0673
                                                           Joint Statistic: 1.69 1.9 2.35
Individual Statistic: 0.35 0.47 0.75
Hannan-Quinn -5.0157
                         Sign Bias Test
                         Adjusted Pearson Goodness-of-Fit Test:
                                 -----
                             group statistic p-value(g-1)
                                  20
                                               22.95
                                                                    0.2397
                         1
                         2
                                  30
                                               36.16
                                                                    0.1691
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The GJR-GARCH model seems well specified after examining the Ljung-Box and ARCH tests. However, the asymmetry parameter 'gamma1' is not statistically significant, suggesting that the leverage effect may not be present in the data. We will examine how it compares to the other

0.2750

0.1016

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GARCH models regarding information criteria, residuals, and out-of-sample forecasting performance.

Looking at the optimal parameters and robust standard errors across the models, we find that they are fairly similar among the four. In terms of goodness-of-fit, the eGARCH model also has lowest AIC and highest log-likelihood, which indicates that this model performs better than the others. All models seem to have no significant serial correlation in the residuals, as indicated by the high p-values in the Ljung-Box tests. This would indicate that all three models have captured most of the dependencies in the data. The Nyblom stability test results indicate that all three models appear relatively stable, with their joint statistics being smaller than their critical values.

Overall, the eGARCH model for San Diego County performs slightly better than the other two in terms of fitting the data, as indicated by higher log-likelihood and lower information criteria. Even when comparing to GJR-GARCH, the eGARCH model is a better choice when taking into account AIC and BIC, while having parameters that are generally more statistically significant. It also doesn't appear to have autocorrelation in the residuals.

H. Value-at-Risk Analysis

San Diego GARCH				
Probability	VaR	ES		
0.95	0.0744	0.0901		
0.99	0.1	0.1128		
0.999	0.1287	0.1391		
0.9999	0.1523	0.1613		

San Diego 1 Year Forcast				
Probability	VaR	ES		
0.95	0.1469	0.1809		
0.99	0.2025	0.2301		
0.999	0.2648	0.2874		
0.9999	0.3161	0.3357		

Sacramento GARCH				
Probability	VaR	ES		
0.95	0.0964	0.1186		
0.99	0.1326	0.1506		
0.999	0.1731	0.1878		
0.9999	0.2065	0.2192		

Sacramento 1 Year Forcast				
Probability	VaR	ES		
0.95	0.2203	0.2739		
0.99	0.3077	0.3512		
0.999	0.4058	0.4413		
0.9999	0.4865	0.5172		

San Diego Empirical Quantile VaR				
0.95 0.99 0.999				
0.0611	0.0974	0.1142		

Sacramento Empirical Quantile VaR			
0.95	0.99	0.999	
0.0511	0.0856	0.1653	

J. Managerial Implications of VaR

We can see from the value-at-risk analysis that the Sacramento housing market tends to carry more risk compared to San Diego, at all confidence levels. For San Diego, there is a 5% chance of experiencing a loss greater than about 7.4% and a 1% chance of a loss greater than 10%. Looking at the one year (4 period) forecast for San Diego, there is a 5% chance of experiencing a loss greater than 14.7% and a 1% chance of incurring a loss greater than 20%. Alternatively, when investing in Sacramento's housing market, there is a 5% chance of a loss greater than 9.6% in one period (1 quarter) and a 1% chance of taking a loss greater than 13%. If the investment is held for 4 periods (1 year) then there is a 5% chance of seeing a loss greater than 22% of your principle and a 1% chance of a loss greater than 30%. Additionally, the worst case scenario (about a 0.00001% chance) for a one year investment in Sacramento is a 48% loss, whereas in San Diego your worst case scenario is about a 31% loss. The expected shortfall in this worst case scenario is 51% and 34% for Sacramento and San Diego respectively. The Empirical Quantile value at risk suggests that, historically, San Diego has carried more risk at the lower probability levels and that it's only in the worst case scenario that the Sacramento investment market carries more risk.

Seeing as how real estate requires a large principal investment, minimizing loss should be a priority. Taking these risk metrics into consideration, all else equal, San Diego would likely be a more favorable investment environment than Sacramento. This is particularly true for any investor who is highly risk averse, as the losses in a worst case scenario situation could be substantially larger in Sacramento county compared to San Diego county.