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Review Sessions

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SYMMY2
Advanced Risk and Portfolio Management®

Review Session 1

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Quick introduction to Matlab

Quest for invariance

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3.2.1 Equity

Consider any of the daily time series P_t of the stock prices in the database DB_Equities. Consider the variables

$$X_t \equiv \frac{P_t}{P_{t-1}} \quad (122)$$

$$Y_t \equiv P_t - P_{t-1} \quad (123)$$

$$Z_t \equiv \left(\frac{P_t}{P_{t-1}} \right)^2 \quad (124)$$

$$W_t \equiv P_{t+1} - 2P_t + P_{t-1} \quad (125)$$

Determine which among X_t , Y_t , Z_t , W_t , can potentially be an invariant and which certainly cannot be an invariant, by computing the histogram from two sub-samples and by plotting the location-dispersion ellipsoid of a variable with its lagged value.

IID Analysis on
↑
ELLIPSOID + HIST
TESTS
(NECESSARY CONDITIONS)

PRICES	P
TOTAL RETURNS	X
PRICE CHANGES	Y
(TOT RETS) ²	Z = X ²
P _{t+1} - 2P _t + P _{t-1}	W

• TOTAL RETURN COMPUTATION IN MATLAB

$$X_t = \frac{P_t}{P_{t-1}}$$

$$P = \begin{bmatrix} P_1 \\ P_2 \\ \vdots \\ P_T \end{bmatrix}$$

$$X = \begin{bmatrix} P_2/P_1 \\ P_3/P_2 \\ \vdots \\ P_T/P_{T-1} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} P_2 \\ P_3 \\ \vdots \\ P_T \end{bmatrix} \odot / \begin{bmatrix} P_1 \\ P_2 \\ \vdots \\ P_{T-1} \end{bmatrix}$$

ENTRY BY ENTRY

$$= P(2:\text{end}) ./ P(1:\text{end}-1)$$

length(X)
is T-1

• PRICE CHANGES $Y_t = P_t - P_{t-1}$

$$Y = P(2:\text{end}) - P(1:\text{end}-1)$$

$$= \text{diff}(P)$$

length(Y)
is T-1

- $(\text{TOT RETS})^2 \quad Z_t = X_t^2 \quad \rightarrow \quad Z = X.^2$

- $W_t = P_{t+1} - 2P_t + P_{t-1}$

$$W = \begin{bmatrix} P_3 \\ \vdots \\ P_T \end{bmatrix} - 2 \begin{bmatrix} P_2 \\ \vdots \\ P_{T-1} \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} P_1 \\ \vdots \\ P_{T-2} \end{bmatrix} = P(3:\text{end}) - 2P(2:\text{end}-1) + P(1:\text{end}-2)$$

length(w) is T-2

3.2.2 Fixed income

Consider the time series of realizations of the yield curve in DB_FixedIncome.

Check whether the changes in yield curve for a given time to maturity are invariants using IIDAnalysis.

Check whether the changes in the logarithm of the yield curve for a given time to maturity are invariants using IIDAnalysis.

- TIME TO MAT. (INTERVAL) EXPIRY (DATE)

$$Y_t^{(u)} = -\frac{1}{u} \ln \left(Z_t^{(t+u)} \right)$$

ZCB price

← YIELD TO MATURITY



FIX \bar{u} .
FOLLOW THIS POINT THROUGH TIME : RANDOM WALK?

IIDAnalysis on the increments.

CHANGES IN YIELD TO MAT:

$$Y_t^{(u)} - Y_{t-1}^{(u)} = -\frac{1}{u} \ln \left(\frac{Z_t^{(t+u)}}{Z_{t-1}^{(t-1+u)}} \right)$$

TOTAL "RETURN" TO MATURITY
RATIO OF PRICES OF TWO \neq
BONDS (\neq EXPIRY DATES)

- Same for $\ln Y_t^{(u)} \rightarrow$ IIDAnalysis on $\Delta \ln Y_t^{(u)}$

3.2.3 Derivatives

Consider the time series of daily realizations of the implied volatility surface in DB_Derivatives.

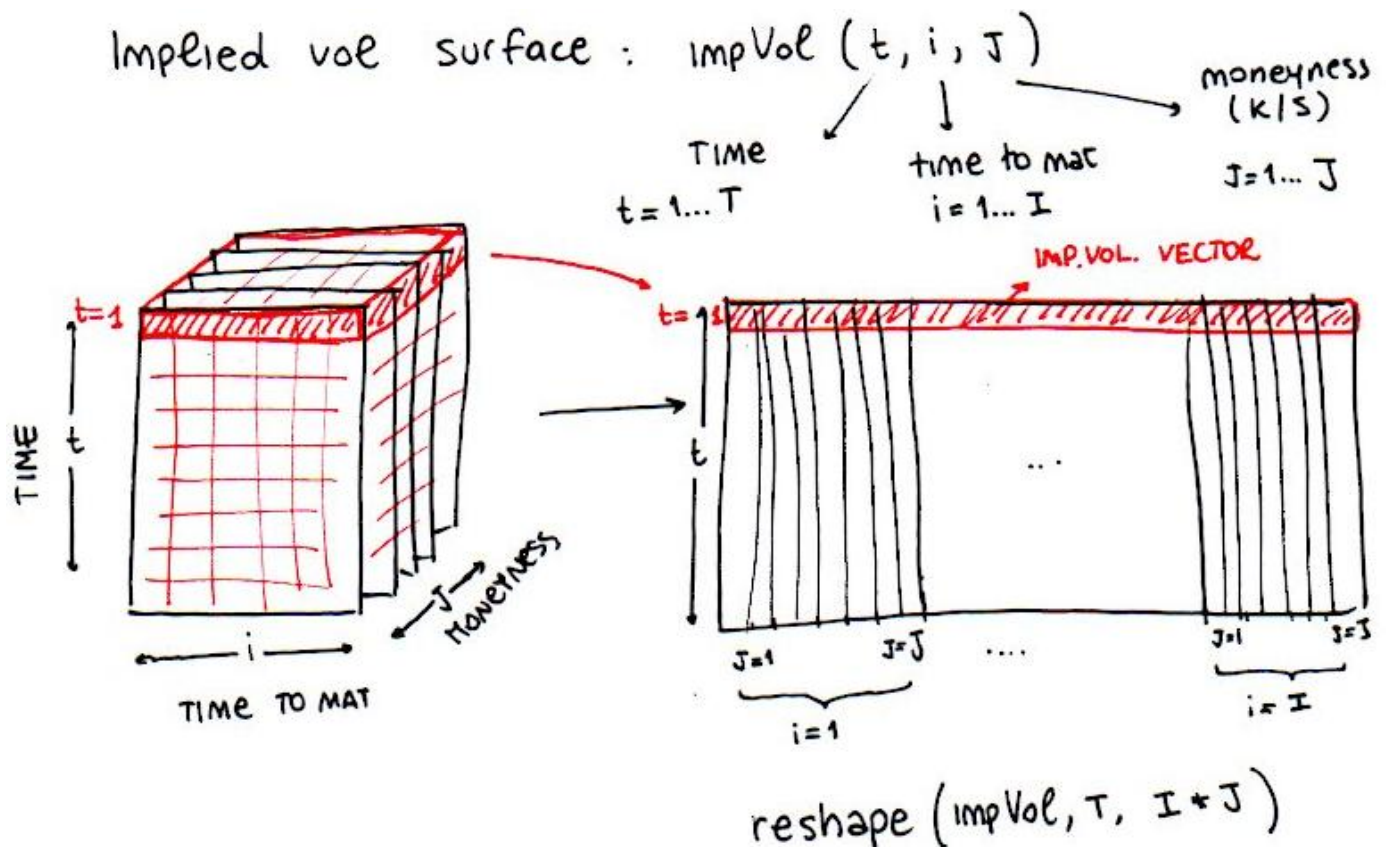
Check whether the weekly changes in implied volatility for a given level of moneyness and time to maturity are invariants using IIDAnalysis.

Check whether the weekly changes in the logarithm of the implied volatility for a given level of moneyness and time to maturity are invariants using IIDAnalysis.

Define the vector \mathbf{Z}_t as the juxtaposition of all the entries of the logarithm of the implied volatility surface at time t . Fit the implied volatility data to a multivariate autoregressive process of order one:

$$\mathbf{Z}_{t+1} \equiv \hat{\mathbf{a}} + \hat{\mathbf{B}}\mathbf{Z}_t + \hat{\epsilon}_{t+1}, \quad (126)$$

where time is measured in weeks. Check whether the weekly residuals $\hat{\epsilon}_t$ are invariants using IIDAnalysis.



$$\mathbf{Z} = \text{reshape}(\log(\text{ImpVol}(1:5:\text{end}, :, :)), T, \underbrace{I * J}_N)$$

weekly obs.

- FIT THE WHOLE SURFACE TO A VAR(1) MODEL

$$Z_t = \alpha + \beta Z_{t-1} + \varepsilon_t \quad t=1 \dots T$$

→ ESTIMATION OF A REGRESSION LFM



$$X = \alpha + \beta F + \varepsilon$$

- F: EXOGENOUS (full rank)

- α, β TO BE DETERMINED

→ Maximize $R^2 \{ \alpha + \beta F | X \}$

under the constraint $E[\varepsilon] = 0 \Rightarrow \alpha = E[X] - \beta E[F]$

SOLUTION:

$$\beta = \text{Cov}\{X, F\} \cdot \text{Cov}\{F\}^{-1}$$

$$\alpha = E\{X\} - \beta E\{F\}$$

$$\begin{matrix} \text{dim} \\ \left\{ \begin{array}{l} X : N \times 1 \\ \alpha : N \times 1 \\ \beta : N \times K \\ F : K \times 1 \\ \varepsilon : N \times 1 \end{array} \right. \end{matrix}$$

OLS ESTIMATION
(time series)

$$\begin{cases} \hat{\beta} = \hat{\Sigma}_{XF} \hat{\Sigma}_{FF}^{-1} \\ \hat{\alpha} = \hat{\mu}_X - \hat{\beta} \hat{\mu}_F \end{cases}$$

$\hat{\Sigma}$: sample cov
 $\hat{\mu}$: sample mean

CODE:
$$\begin{matrix} X & = & \alpha & + & \beta & F & + & \varepsilon \\ N \times T & & N \times T & & N \times K & K \times T & & N \times T \end{matrix}$$

$$\mu_X = \text{mean}(X, 2) \quad [N \times 1]$$

$$\hat{\mu}_F = \text{mean}(F, 2) \quad [K \times 1]$$

$$\tilde{X} = X - \text{repmat}(\mu_X, 1, T) \quad [N \times T]$$

$$\tilde{F} = F - \text{repmat}(\mu_F, 1, T) \quad [K \times T]$$

In our example
F is $N \times T$
(lagged X)

$$\hat{\Sigma}_{XF} = \frac{1}{T} \tilde{X} \tilde{F}'$$

$$\hat{\Sigma}_{FF} = \frac{1}{T} \tilde{F} \tilde{F}'$$

$$\hat{\beta} = \hat{\Sigma}_{XF} / \hat{\Sigma}_{FF}$$

$$\hat{\alpha} = \hat{\mu}_X - \hat{\beta} \hat{\mu}_F \quad [N \times 1]$$

$$\left[\begin{array}{l} \text{IN MATLAB} \\ A/B \equiv A * \text{inv}(B) \\ A \setminus B \equiv \text{inv}(A) * B \end{array} \right.$$

$$\hat{\varepsilon} = X - \text{repmat}(\hat{\alpha}, 1, T) - \hat{\beta} F$$

↑

iid Analysis on $\hat{\varepsilon}$ (residuals)

REGRESSION LFM'S are SYSTEMATIC: $\text{Cov}\{F_n, \varepsilon_n\} = 0 \quad \forall n$

Then, an alternative way to proceed is:

$$Z_t = a + b Z_{t-1} + \varepsilon_t \rightarrow Z_t = [a \ b] \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ Z_{t-1} \end{bmatrix} + \varepsilon_t$$

\downarrow
 X
 $N \times 1$

\downarrow
 B
 $N \times K$

\downarrow
 F
 $K \times 1$

\downarrow
 ε
 $N \times 1$

in our case
($K = N+1$)

$$X = BF + \varepsilon$$

↓ multiply by F' and take the expectation

$$E[XF'] = B \underbrace{E[FF']}_{\text{INVERTIBLE}} + \cancel{E[\varepsilon F']} = 0 \quad (\text{SYSTEMATIC})$$

$$B = E[XF'] (E[FF'])^{-1}$$

REGRESSION: $\hat{B} = \frac{XF'}{T} \cdot \left(\frac{FF'}{T} \right)^{-1} = \frac{XF'}{T} \cdot T (FF')^{-1} = (XF') / (FF')$

$\hat{\varepsilon} = X - \hat{B}F \rightarrow$ iid Analysis

5.3 Stable invariants

Assume that the distribution of the market invariants at the estimation horizon $\tilde{\tau}$ is multivariate Cauchy

$$\mathbf{X}_{\tilde{\tau}} \sim \text{Ca}(\boldsymbol{\mu}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}). \quad (298)$$

Assume that the invariants satisfy the "accordion" property (3.60) in Meucci (2005).

Prove that the distribution of the market invariants at *any* generic investment horizon τ is Cauchy.

Hint. Like the normal distribution, the Cauchy distribution is stable. Use the characteristic function (2.210) in Meucci (2005) to represent this distribution at any horizon.

Draw your conclusions on the propagation law of risk in terms of the modal dispersion (2.212) in Meucci (2005).

Hint. Notice that the covariance is not defined.

$$\mathbf{X}_{\tilde{\tau}} \sim \text{Ca}(\boldsymbol{\mu}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}) \quad \text{multivariate Cauchy}$$

↑
invariants

$\tilde{\tau}$: ESTIMATION STEP

$$\phi_{\mathbf{X}_{\tau}} = \left(\phi_{\mathbf{X}_{\tilde{\tau}}} \right)^{\frac{\tau}{\tilde{\tau}}}$$

CF Cauchy:

$$\phi_{\mathbf{X}_{\tilde{\tau}}}(\boldsymbol{\omega}) = e^{i\boldsymbol{\omega}'\boldsymbol{\mu} - \sqrt{\boldsymbol{\omega}'\boldsymbol{\Sigma}\boldsymbol{\omega}}}$$

$$\phi_{\mathbf{X}_{\tau}} = e^{i\boldsymbol{\omega}'\boldsymbol{\mu} \frac{\tau}{\tilde{\tau}} - \sqrt{\boldsymbol{\omega}'\boldsymbol{\Sigma} \left(\frac{\tau}{\tilde{\tau}}\right)^2 \boldsymbol{\omega}}}$$

$$\rightarrow \mathbf{X}_{\tau} \sim \text{Ca} \left(\boldsymbol{\mu} \cdot \frac{\tau}{\tilde{\tau}}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma} \left(\frac{\tau}{\tilde{\tau}} \right)^2 \right)$$

$$\text{MDis}(X_{\tilde{\tau}}) = \frac{1}{N+1} \sum$$

$$\text{MDis}(X_{\tau}) = \frac{1}{N+1} \left(\frac{\tau}{\tilde{\tau}}\right)^2 \sum = \left(\frac{\tau}{\tilde{\tau}}\right)^2 \cdot \text{MDis}(X_{\tilde{\tau}})$$

↓
THE PROPAGATION OF RISK
IS LINEAR

NORMAL CASE

$$Y_{\tilde{\tau}} \sim N(\mu, \Sigma) \rightarrow \phi_{Y_{\tilde{\tau}}}(\omega) = e^{+i\omega'\mu - \frac{1}{2}\omega'\Sigma\omega}$$

$$Y_{\tau} \sim N\left(\mu \frac{\tau}{\tilde{\tau}}, \Sigma \cdot \frac{\tau}{\tilde{\tau}}\right) \leftarrow \phi_{Y_{\tau}}(\omega) = \left(\phi_{Y_{\tilde{\tau}}}\right)^{\frac{\tau}{\tilde{\tau}}} = e^{i\omega'\mu \frac{\tau}{\tilde{\tau}} - \frac{1}{2}\omega'\Sigma \frac{\tau}{\tilde{\tau}}\omega}$$

$$\text{UNIVariate case} \rightarrow Y_{\tau} \sim N\left(\mu \frac{\tau}{\tilde{\tau}}, \sigma^2 \frac{\tau}{\tilde{\tau}}\right)$$

C.I.T. APPLIES TO
RANDOM WALKS WITH
FINITE VARIANCE

(NOT THE CASE FOR THE
CAUCHY DIST.)

$$\text{Std}\{Y_{\tau}\} = \sigma \cdot \sqrt{\frac{\tau}{\tilde{\tau}}}$$

SQUARE ROOT RULE
PROPAGATION OF RISK

5.4.1 Random walk (linear vs. compounded returns)

This exercise is discussed in greater depth and placed into a broader context in Meucci (2010d), freely available online at ssrn.com.

Assume that the compounded returns (3.11) in Meucci (2005) of a given stock are market invariants, i.e. they are i.i.d. across time. Consider an estimation interval of one week $\tilde{\tau} \equiv 1/52$ (time is measured in years). Assume that the distribution of the returns is normal:

$$C_{t,\tilde{\tau}} \sim N(0, \sigma^2 \tilde{\tau}), \quad (302)$$

where $\sqrt{\sigma^2} \equiv 0.4$. Assume that the stock currently trades at the price $P_T \equiv 1$. Fix a generic horizon τ .

Compute and plot the analytical pdf of the price $P_{T+\tau}$.

Simulate the compounded return at the investment horizon and map these simulations into simulations of the price $P_{T+\tau}$ at the generic horizon τ .

Superimpose the rescaled histogram from the simulations of $P_{T+\tau}$ to show that they coincide.

Hint. Use (T1.43) in the technical appendix at symmys.com > Book > Downloads for the rescaling.

Compute analytically the distribution of the first-order Taylor approximation of the pricing function around zero and superimpose this pdf to the above plots. Notice how the approximation is good for short horizons and bad for long horizons.

$$C_{\tilde{\tau}} \sim N(0, \sigma^2 \tilde{\tau})$$

$$\text{Invariants : } C_{\tilde{\tau}} = \ln \left(\frac{P_{t+\tilde{\tau}}}{P_t} \right)$$

$$\tilde{\tau} = \frac{1}{52} \text{ (years)}$$

$$t=1 \dots T$$

$$\sigma = 0.4$$

$$P_T = 1$$

$\tau \rightarrow$ GENERIC INVESTMENT HORIZON

• ANALYTICAL PDF of $P_{T+\tau}$

$$\begin{aligned} P_{T+\tau} &= P_T \cdot e^{C_{\tau}} \\ &= e^{\log P_T + C_{\tau}} \end{aligned}$$

$$C_{\tilde{\tau}} \sim N(0, \sigma^2 \tilde{\tau}) \rightarrow C_{\tau} \sim N\left(0 \cdot \frac{\tau}{\tilde{\tau}}, \sigma^2 \cancel{\tilde{\tau}} \cdot \frac{\tau}{\tilde{\tau}}\right)$$

$$\underbrace{N(0, \sigma^2 \tau)}$$

$$\rightarrow P_{T+\tau} \sim \log N\left(\overset{=1}{\log P_T} + 0, \sigma^2 \tau\right)$$

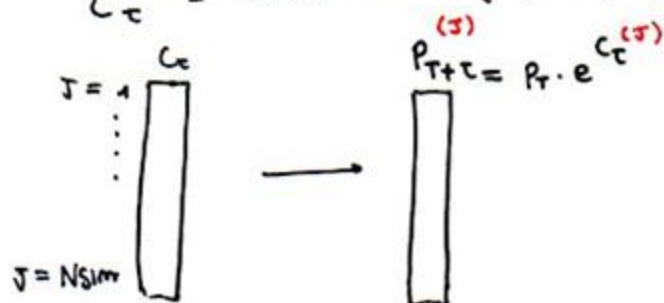
$$\underbrace{\log N(0, \sigma^2 \tau)}$$

$$f_{\log N}^{\log N}(x) = \frac{1}{x \sqrt{2\pi \sigma^2 \tau}} \cdot e^{-\frac{1}{2} \frac{\ln(x)^2}{\sigma^2 \tau}}$$

MATLAB:
 $\rightarrow f = \text{lognpdf}$
 $(x, 0, \sigma \sqrt{\tau})$
 grid

• SIMULATION

$$C_{\tau} = \text{normrnd}(0, \sigma \sqrt{\tau}, [N_{\text{sim}}, 1])$$



hist($P_{T+\tau}$, Nbins)

\rightarrow NORMALIZE TO MAKE IT COMPARABLE WITH THE PDF

• TAYLOR APPROX (1st ORDER)

$$P_{T+\tau} = P_T \cdot e^{C_{\tau}} = P_T \cdot \left(\underbrace{1 + C_{\tau}}_{1^{\text{st}} \text{ ORDER}} + \frac{C_{\tau}^2}{2} + \frac{C_{\tau}^3}{3!} + \dots \right)$$

$$\approx P_T \cdot (1 + C_{\tau}) \sim N(P_T, P_T^2 \cdot \sigma^2 \tau)$$

\downarrow
 MATLAB: $f = \text{normpdf}(x, \mu, \sigma)$
 grid

```
% SCRIPTS used during the class
```

```
%S_QuestForInvariance
```

```
%% EQUITY
```

```
clear; clc;
```

```
load DB_Equities
```

```
pick=20; %consider the 20th stock
```

```
%Prices
```

```
P=Prices(end-599:end,pick);
```

```
IIDAnalysis(P)
```

```
%Total returns
```

```
X=P(2:end)./P(1:end-1);
```

```
IIDAnalysis(X)
```

```
%Price increments
```

```
Y=P(2:end)-P(1:end-1); %or Y=diff(P)
```

```
IIDAnalysis(Y)
```

```
%Squared total returns
```

```
Z=X.^2;
```

```
IIDAnalysis(Z)
```

```
%W
```

```
W=P(3:end)-2*P(2:end-1)+P(1:end-2);
```

```
IIDAnalysis(W)
```

```
%%FIXED INCOME
```

```
clear;close all; clc;
```

```
load DB_FixedIncome
```

```
t2m=ycMaturityYrs;
```

```
yields=ycYieldPercent/100;
```

```
clear ycMaturityYrs ycYieldPercent
```

```
line(t2m,yields(1,:))
```

```
line(t2m,yields(2,:), 'color','r')
```

```
line(t2m,yields(end,:), 'color','g')
```

```
xlabel('time to maturity')
```

```
ylabel('yield to maturity')
```

```
%changes in the yield for a specific time to mat
```

```
Y=yields(:,t2m==5);
```

```
dY=diff(Y);
```

```
IIDAnalysis(dY)
```

```
%changes in the log-yield for a specific time to mat
```

```
X=log(Y);
```

```
dX=diff(X);
```

```
IIDAnalysis(dX)
```

```
perm_idx=randperm(length(dX));
```

```
dX1=dX(perm_idx);
```

```
sample1=dX1(1:length(dX1)/2);
```

```
sample2=dX1(length(dX1)/2+1:end);
```

```
subplot(1,2,1)
```

```
hist(sample1)
```

```
subplot(1,2,2)
```

```
hist(sample2)
```

```
figure()
```

```

[f,x]=ecdf(sample1);
plot(x,f)
[f,x]=ecdf(sample2);
hold on
plot(x,f,'r')

%% DERIVATIVES

clear;close all; clc;
load DB_Derivatives

colormap(bone)
surf(moneyness,days2Maturity,squeeze(impVol(1,:,:)))
xlabel('moneyness (K/S)')
ylabel('time to mat (days)')
zlabel('implied vol.')

pick_t2m=1;
pick_mon=find(moneyness==1);

%weekly changes in implied volatility
X_daily=impVol(:,pick_t2m,pick_mon); %daily time series of imp. vol. for fixed time to
mat and moneyness
X_weekly=X_daily(1:5:end);%weekly time series of imp. vol. for fixed time to mat and
moneyness
dX_weekly=diff(X_weekly);
IIDAnalysis(dX_weekly)

%weekly changes in log-implied volatility
Y=log(X_weekly);
dY=diff(Y);
IIDAnalysis(dY)

%define variable Z
[T,Mat,Mon]=size(impVol(1:5:end,:,:));
Z=reshape(log(impVol(1:5:end,:,:)),T,Mat*Mon);

% VAR(1) model estimation
X=Z(2:end,:); %dependent variables time series (N x T)
F=Z(1:end-1,:); %factors time series (K x T) --> VAR(1): N=K

T=size(X,2);

mean_X=mean(X,2); %
mean_F=mean(F,2);

Xcent=X-repmat(mean_X,1,size(X,2));
Fcent=F-repmat(mean_F,1,size(F,2));

cov_XF=(1/T)*(Xcent)*(Fcent)';
cov_F=(1/T)*(Fcent)*(Fcent)';

b=cov_XF/cov_F; % loadings
a=mean_X-b*mean_F; %shift (set such that residuals have zero mean)

% residuals
eps=X-repmat(a,1,T)-b*F; %residuals (N x T)

pick=Mon*(pick_t2m-1)+pick_mon;
IIDAnalysis(eps(pick,:))

```


% S_EquityProjectionPricing

```
clc; clear; close all;
```

```
% inputs
```

```
tau_tilde=1/52; % estimation period expressed in years
```

```
sig=.4;
```

```
P_T=1;
```

```
Nsim=10^5;
```

```
%tau=1/252; tauName = '1 day'; % times to horizon expressed in years
```

```
% tau=1/52; tauName = '1 week';
```

```
%tau= 1/12; tauName = '1 month';
```

```
% tau=1; tauName = '1 year';
```

```
tau=2; tauName = '2 years';
```

```
% exact simulation of horizon prices
```

```
C_tau=normrnd(0,sig*sqrt(tau),Nsim,1);
```

```
P_Ttau=P_T*exp(C_tau);
```

```
% compute analytical pdf
```

```
p_lo=min(P_Ttau);
```

```
p_hi=max(P_Ttau);
```

```
p=p_lo : (p_hi-p_lo)/1000 : p_hi;
```

```
%p=linspace(p_lo,p_hi,1000);
```

```
m=log(P_T);
```

```
s=sig*sqrt(tau);
```

```
f=lognpdf(p,m,s);
```

```
% compute approximate pdf
```

```
f_approx=normpdf(p,P_T,P_T*sig*sqrt(tau));
```

```
% plots
```

```
figure
```

```
Nbins=round(10*log(Nsim));
```

```
[f_hist,p_hist]=hist(P_Ttau,Nbins);
```

```
f_hist=f_hist/sum((p_hist(2)-p_hist(1))*f_hist); %normalize area under the hist to 1,  
to make it comparable with a pdf
```

```
bar(p_hist,f_hist,'Facecolor',[.7 .7 .7],'Edgecolor',[.5 .5 .5])
```

```
hold on
```

```
plot(p,f,'r','linewidth',1.5)
```

```
hold on
```

```
plot(p,f_approx,'b','linewidth',1.5)
```

```
xlabel('Price at the horizon')
```

```
ylabel('pdf')
```

```
title(['Time to horizon \tau = ' tauName])
```

```
legend('full Monte Carlo','analytical','Taylor approx')
```