

1 Quantities

- $J \in \mathbb{Z}^+ =$ number of scales decomposition
- $T = 2^J =$ number of time periods
- $N \in \mathbb{Z}^+ =$ number of cross-section elements
- $K(\leq N) =$ number of common factors

2 Multivariate Locally Stationary Wavelet process (Park et al. (2014))

The vector $(N \times 1)$ of stochastic processes $\mathbf{X}_{t;T}$ follows the given decomposition :

$$\mathbf{X}_{t;T} = \sum_{j=-J}^{-1} \sum_{k=0}^T \mathbf{W}_j(k/T) \boldsymbol{\xi}_{j,k} \psi_{j,k}(t) \quad (2.1)$$

where

- $\mathbf{W}_j(\mathbf{z})$ is a lower-triangular $(N \times N)$ matrix.
For each (m, n) -element,

$$W_j^{(m,n)}(z) \text{ is a Lipschitz continuous function on } z \in (0, 1) \quad (2.2)$$

$$\sum_{j=-\infty}^{-1} \left| W_j^{(m,n)}(z) \right|^2 < \infty, \quad \forall z \in (0, 1) \quad (\text{finite energy}) \quad (2.3)$$

$$\sum_{j=-\infty}^{-1} 2^{-j} L_j^{(m,n)} < \infty \quad (\text{uniformly bounded Lipschitz constants } L_j) \quad (2.4)$$

- $\boldsymbol{\xi}_{j,k}$ is the vector $(N \times 1)$ of random orthonormal increments.

$$\mathbb{E} \left[\xi_{j,k}^{(u)} \right] = 0, \quad \forall j, k, u \quad (2.5)$$

$$\text{Cov} \left[\xi_{j,k}^{(u)}, \xi_{j',k'}^{(u')} \right] = \delta_{j,j'} \delta_{k,k'} \delta_{u,u'}, \quad \forall j, j', k, k', u, u' \quad (2.6)$$

- $\psi_{j,k}(t) = \psi_{j,k-t}$ is a scalar representing a non-decimated wavelet.

We can define the *Cross-Evolutionary Wavelet Spectrum* $(N \times N)$ matrix : $\mathbf{S}_j(z) = \mathbf{W}_j(z) \mathbf{W}_j(z)'$. This gives us the ability to express the *local autocovariance* : $c^{(u,u')}(z, \tau) = \sum_{j=-\infty}^{-1} S_j^{(u,u')}(z) \boldsymbol{\Psi}_j(\tau)$ where $\boldsymbol{\Psi}_j(\tau) = \sum_k \psi_{j,k}(0) \psi_{j,k}(\tau)$, the *autocorrelation wavelet*. The latter also define the *inner product matrix of discrete autocorrelation wavelets* : $A_{jl} = \sum_{\tau} \boldsymbol{\Psi}_j(\tau) \boldsymbol{\Psi}_l(\tau)$, $A = \{A_{jl}\}_{j,l \in \mathbb{N}}$ and its inverse : $\bar{A} = A^{-1}$. A rather simple extension of the autocorrelation wavelet is the *cross-correlation wavelet* which characterizes the dependence between two wavelets at different scales. The latter wavelet is thus defined as $\boldsymbol{\Psi}_{j,j'}(\tau) = \sum_k \psi_{j,k}(0) \psi_{j',k}(\tau)$.

Each (m, n) -element of the Cross-Evolutionary Wavelet Spectrum can be expressed as

$$S_j^{(m,n)}(k/T) = \sum_{u=1}^N W_j^{(m,u)}(k/T) W_j^{(u,n)}(k/T), \quad \forall j, k$$

From this definition it is not difficult to extend the CEWS to take into account the dependence structure between different scales and through time :

$$S_{j,j'}^{m,n}(k/T, k'/T) = \sum_{u=1}^N W_j^{(m,u)}(k/T) W_{j'}^{(u,n)}(k'/T), \quad \forall j, j', k, k' \quad (2.7)$$

We make the following assumption regarding the latter object,

$$S_{j,j'}^{(m,n)}(k/T, k'/T) = \begin{cases} S_j^{(m,n)}(k/T) & \text{if } j = j' \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \quad (2.8)$$

This assumption (possible improvement : condition similar to Chamberlain ?) imposes no dependence between different scales of decomposition. Notice that we don't restrict the serial dependence.

2.1 Estimation of MvLSW

- $E[\mathbf{I}_{j,k}] = \sum_{l=-J}^{-1} A_{jl} \mathbf{S}_l(k/T) + O(T^{-1})$ (biased estimator)

2.2 Estimation of MvLSW

$$\mathbf{d}_{j,k} = \sum_{t=0}^{T-1} \mathbf{X}_t \psi_{j,k}(t) \quad (\text{empirical wavelet coefficients}) \quad (2.9)$$

$$\mathbf{I}_{j,k} = \mathbf{d}_{j,k} \mathbf{d}_{j,k}' \quad (\text{raw wavelet periodogram}) \quad (2.10)$$

$$\bar{\mathbf{I}}_{j,k} = \sum_{l=-J}^{-1} \bar{A}_{jl} \mathbf{I}_{l,k} \quad (\text{corrected periodogram}) \quad (2.11)$$

$$\tilde{\mathbf{I}}_{j,k} = \frac{1}{2M+1} \sum_{m=-M}^M \mathbf{I}_{j,k+m} \quad (\text{smooth periodogram}) \quad (2.12)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{\mathbf{S}}_j(k/T) &= \sum_{l=-J}^{-1} \bar{A}_{jl} \tilde{\mathbf{I}}_{l,k} \\ &= \frac{1}{2M+1} \sum_{m=-M}^M \bar{\mathbf{I}}_{j,k+m} \\ &= \frac{1}{2M+1} \sum_{m=-M}^M \sum_{l=-J}^{-1} \bar{A}_{jl} \mathbf{I}_{l,k+m} \end{aligned} \quad (\text{final estimator of CEWS}) \quad (2.13)$$

2.3 Notes

- The dependence structure is entirely in $\mathbf{W}_j(z)$, not in $\boldsymbol{\xi}_{j,k}$.
- The lower-triangular form of $\mathbf{W}_j(z)$ allows us to use the Cholesky decomposition on $\mathbf{S}_j(z)$.

3 Factor Model

- The factor structure is imposed on the following :

$$\mathbf{W}_j(k/T) \boldsymbol{\xi}_{j,k} = \boldsymbol{\Lambda}_{j,k} \mathbf{F}_k + \boldsymbol{\epsilon}_{j,k} \quad (3.1)$$

, not only on $\boldsymbol{\xi}_{j,k}$ since they are assumed orthonormal.

- Assumptions :

1. $\mathbf{F}_k \sim (\mathbf{0}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_F)$, where $\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_F$ is a diagonal positive definite $(K \times K)$ matrix.
2. $E[F_k^{(u)4}] < \infty, \forall k, u$
3. $\mathbf{F}_k \perp \boldsymbol{\epsilon}_{j,k'}, \forall j, k, k'$
4. $\boldsymbol{\epsilon}_{j,k} \sim (\mathbf{0}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_\epsilon)$, where $\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_\epsilon$ has bounded eigenvalues. **Note :** make $\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_\epsilon$ dependent on time ? what about serial dependence ?
5. $E[\epsilon_{j,k}^{(u)4}] < \infty \quad \forall j, k, u$
6. $\boldsymbol{\Lambda}_{j,k}' \boldsymbol{\Lambda}_{l,m} = \mathbf{0}, \forall j \neq l, \forall k \neq m$.

- We can then represent the CEWS with the factor structure :

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Var}[\mathbf{W}_j(k/T) \boldsymbol{\xi}_{j,k}] &= \text{Var}[\boldsymbol{\Lambda}_{j,k} \mathbf{F}_k] + \text{Var}[\boldsymbol{\epsilon}_{j,k}] \\ \mathbf{W}_j(k/T) \text{Var}[\boldsymbol{\xi}_{j,k}] \mathbf{W}_j(k/T)' &= \boldsymbol{\Lambda}_{j,k} \text{Var}[\mathbf{F}_k] \boldsymbol{\Lambda}_{j,k}' + \text{Var}[\boldsymbol{\epsilon}_{j,k}] \\ \mathbf{W}_j(k/T) \mathbf{W}_j(k/T)' &= \boldsymbol{\Lambda}_{j,k} \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_F \boldsymbol{\Lambda}_{j,k}' + \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_\epsilon \\ \mathbf{S}_j(k/T) &= \boldsymbol{\Lambda}_{j,k} \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_F \boldsymbol{\Lambda}_{j,k}' + \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_\epsilon \end{aligned} \quad \text{from (2.6)}$$

3.1 Estimation

The estimation of the loadings and common factors is carried out by a non-linear least square procedure in the wavelet domain.

$$\begin{aligned} \min_{\{\bar{\Lambda}_{j,k}\}_{\forall j,k}, \{\bar{\mathbf{F}}_k\}_{\forall k}} \quad & (NT)^{-1} \sum_t \left[\mathbf{X}_{t;T} - \sum_{j=-J}^{-1} \sum_{k=0}^T (\bar{\Lambda}_{j,k} \bar{\mathbf{F}}_k) \psi_{j,k}(t) \right]' \left[\mathbf{X}_{t;T} - \sum_{j=-J}^{-1} \sum_{k=0}^T (\bar{\Lambda}_{j,k} \bar{\mathbf{F}}_k) \psi_{j,k}(t) \right] \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & \frac{\bar{\Lambda}'_{j,k} \bar{\Lambda}_{j,k}}{N} = \mathbf{I}_K \end{aligned} \quad (3.2)$$

After distributing the objective function becomes,

$$\begin{aligned} (NT)^{-1} \sum_t \left[\mathbf{X}'_{t;T} \mathbf{X}_{t;T} - \mathbf{X}'_{t;T} \sum_{j=-J}^{-1} \sum_{k=0}^T \bar{\Lambda}_{j,k} \bar{\mathbf{F}}_k \psi_{j,k}(t) - \sum_{j=-J}^{-1} \sum_{k=0}^T \psi_{j,k}(t) \bar{\mathbf{F}}'_k \bar{\Lambda}'_{j,k} \mathbf{X}_{t;T} + \sum_{j=-J}^{-1} \sum_{k=0}^T \sum_{l=-J}^{-1} \sum_{m=0}^T \psi_{j,k}(t) \psi_{l,m}(t) \bar{\mathbf{F}}'_k \bar{\Lambda}'_{j,k} \bar{\Lambda}_{l,m} \bar{\mathbf{F}}_m \right] \\ (NT)^{-1} \left[\sum_t \mathbf{X}'_{t;T} \mathbf{X}_{t;T} - \sum_{j=-J}^{-1} \sum_{k=0}^T \sum_t \mathbf{X}'_{t;T} \psi_{j,k}(t) \bar{\Lambda}_{j,k} \bar{\mathbf{F}}_k - \sum_{j=-J}^{-1} \sum_{k=0}^T \bar{\mathbf{F}}'_k \bar{\Lambda}'_{j,k} \sum_t \mathbf{X}_{t;T} \psi_{j,k}(t) + \sum_t \sum_{j=-J}^{-1} \sum_{k=0}^T \sum_{l=-J}^{-1} \sum_{m=0}^T \psi_{j,k}(t) \psi_{l,m}(t) \bar{\mathbf{F}}'_k \bar{\Lambda}'_{j,k} \bar{\Lambda}_{l,m} \bar{\mathbf{F}}_m \right] \end{aligned}$$

By definition of the empirical wavelet coefficients,

$$(NT)^{-1} \left[\sum_t \mathbf{X}'_{t;T} \mathbf{X}_{t;T} - \sum_{j=-J}^{-1} \sum_{k=0}^T \mathbf{d}'_{j,k} \bar{\Lambda}_{j,k} \bar{\mathbf{F}}_k - \sum_{j=-J}^{-1} \sum_{k=0}^T \bar{\mathbf{F}}'_k \bar{\Lambda}'_{j,k} \mathbf{d}_{j,k} + \sum_t \sum_{j=-J}^{-1} \sum_{k=0}^T \sum_{l=-J}^{-1} \sum_{m=0}^T \psi_{j,k}(t) \psi_{l,m}(t) \bar{\mathbf{F}}'_k \bar{\Lambda}'_{j,k} \bar{\Lambda}_{l,m} \bar{\mathbf{F}}_m \right]$$

By assumption on the loadings (possible improvement) and the fact that wavelets are normalized $\sum_t (\psi_{j,k}(t))^2 = 1, \forall j, k$,

$$(NT)^{-1} \left[\sum_t \mathbf{X}'_{t;T} \mathbf{X}_{t;T} - \sum_{j=-J}^{-1} \sum_{k=0}^T \mathbf{d}'_{j,k} \bar{\Lambda}_{j,k} \bar{\mathbf{F}}_k - \sum_{j=-J}^{-1} \sum_{k=0}^T \bar{\mathbf{F}}'_k \bar{\Lambda}'_{j,k} \mathbf{d}_{j,k} + \sum_{j=-J}^{-1} \sum_{k=0}^T \bar{\mathbf{F}}'_k \bar{\Lambda}'_{j,k} \bar{\Lambda}_{j,k} \bar{\mathbf{F}}_k \right]$$

The First Order Conditions with respect to the factors are given by :

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{\mathbf{F}}'_k \sum_{j=-J}^{-1} \bar{\Lambda}'_{j,k} \bar{\Lambda}_{j,k} - \sum_{j=-J}^{-1} \mathbf{d}'_{j,k} \bar{\Lambda}_{j,k} &= 0, \forall k \\ \bar{\mathbf{F}}'_k \sum_{j=-J}^{-1} N &= \sum_{j=-J}^{-1} \mathbf{d}'_{j,k} \bar{\Lambda}_{j,k}, \forall k \\ \bar{\mathbf{F}}'_k &= (JN)^{-1} \sum_{j=-J}^{-1} \mathbf{d}'_{j,k} \bar{\Lambda}_{j,k} \end{aligned} \quad \text{from (3.2)} \quad (3.3)$$

Replace (3.3) in the original minimization problem,

$$\begin{aligned} \min_{\{\bar{\Lambda}_{j,k}\}_{\forall j,k}} \quad & (NT)^{-1} \left[\sum_t \mathbf{X}'_{t;T} \mathbf{X}_{t;T} - \sum_{j=-J}^{-1} \sum_{k=0}^T \mathbf{d}'_{j,k} \bar{\Lambda}_{j,k} \left((JN)^{-1} \sum_{l=-J}^{-1} \bar{\Lambda}'_{l,k} \mathbf{d}_{l,k} \right) \right. \\ & - \sum_{j=-J}^{-1} \sum_{k=0}^T \left((JN)^{-1} \sum_{l=-J}^{-1} \mathbf{d}'_{l,k} \bar{\Lambda}_{l,k} \right) \bar{\Lambda}'_{j,k} \mathbf{d}_{j,k} \\ & \left. + \sum_{j=-J}^{-1} \sum_{k=0}^T \left((JN)^{-1} \sum_{l=-J}^{-1} \mathbf{d}'_{l,k} \bar{\Lambda}_{l,k} \right) \bar{\Lambda}'_{j,k} \bar{\Lambda}_{j,k} \left((JN)^{-1} \sum_{n=-J}^{-1} \bar{\Lambda}'_{n,k} \mathbf{d}_{n,k} \right) \right] \\ \min_{\{\bar{\Lambda}_{j,k}\}_{\forall j,k}} \quad & (NT)^{-1} \left[\sum_t \mathbf{X}'_{t;T} \mathbf{X}_{t;T} - (JN)^{-1} \sum_{l=-J}^{-1} \sum_{j=-J}^{-1} \sum_{k=0}^T \mathbf{d}'_{j,k} \bar{\Lambda}_{j,k} \bar{\Lambda}'_{l,k} \mathbf{d}_{l,k} \right. \\ & - (JN)^{-1} \sum_{l=-J}^{-1} \sum_{j=-J}^{-1} \sum_{k=0}^T \mathbf{d}'_{l,k} \bar{\Lambda}_{l,k} \bar{\Lambda}'_{j,k} \mathbf{d}_{j,k} \\ & \left. + (JN)^{-2} \sum_{l=-J}^{-1} \sum_{n=-J}^{-1} \sum_{j=-J}^{-1} \sum_{k=0}^T \mathbf{d}'_{l,k} \bar{\Lambda}_{l,k} \bar{\Lambda}'_{j,k} \bar{\Lambda}_{j,k} \bar{\Lambda}'_{n,k} \mathbf{d}_{n,k} \right] \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\min_{\{\bar{\mathbf{A}}_{j,k}\}_{\forall j,k}} (NT)^{-1} & \left[\sum_t \mathbf{X}'_{t;T} \mathbf{X}_{t;T} - (JN)^{-1} \sum_{j=-J}^{-1} i \sum_{j=-J}^{-1} \sum_{k=0}^T \mathbf{d}'_{j,k} \bar{\mathbf{A}}_{j,k} \bar{\mathbf{A}}'_{l,k} \mathbf{d}_{l,k} \right. \\
& - (JN)^{-1} \sum_{l=-J}^{-1} \sum_{j=-J}^{-1} \sum_{k=0}^T \mathbf{d}'_{l,k} \bar{\mathbf{A}}_{l,k} \bar{\mathbf{A}}'_{j,k} \mathbf{d}_{j,k} \\
& \left. + (JN)^{-2} \textcolor{blue}{JN} \sum_{l=-J}^{-1} \sum_{n=-J}^{-1} \sum_{j=-J}^{-1} \sum_{k=0}^T \mathbf{d}'_{l,k} \bar{\mathbf{A}}_{l,k} \bar{\mathbf{A}}'_{n,k} \mathbf{d}_{n,k} \right] \quad \text{from (3.2)}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\min_{\{\bar{\mathbf{A}}_{j,k}\}_{\forall j,k}} (NT)^{-1} \left[\sum_t \mathbf{X}'_{t;T} \mathbf{X}_{t;T} - (JN)^{-1} \sum_{l=-J}^{-1} \sum_{j=-J}^{-1} \sum_{k=0}^T \mathbf{d}'_{j,k} \bar{\mathbf{A}}_{j,k} \bar{\mathbf{A}}'_{l,k} \mathbf{d}_{l,k} \right]$$

Minimizing the latter expression is equivalent to maximizing,

$$\max_{\{\bar{\mathbf{A}}_{j,k}\}_{\forall j,k}} (JT)^{-1} N^{-2} \sum_{l=-J}^{-1} \sum_{j=-J}^{-1} \sum_{k=0}^T \mathbf{d}'_{j,k} \bar{\mathbf{A}}_{j,k} \bar{\mathbf{A}}'_{l,k} \mathbf{d}_{l,k}$$

Each term in the triple sum is a scalar, i.e. (1×1) matrix. Therefore we can freely take its trace,

$$\max_{\{\bar{\mathbf{A}}_{j,k}\}_{\forall j,k}} (JT)^{-1} N^{-2} \sum_{l=-J}^{-1} \sum_{j=-J}^{-1} \sum_{k=0}^T \text{tr} \{ \mathbf{d}'_{j,k} \bar{\mathbf{A}}_{j,k} \bar{\mathbf{A}}'_{l,k} \mathbf{d}_{l,k} \}$$

From the cyclic property of the trace,

$$\begin{aligned}
& \max_{\{\bar{\mathbf{A}}_{j,k}\}_{\forall j,k}} (JT)^{-1} N^{-2} \sum_{l=-J}^{-1} \sum_{j=-J}^{-1} \sum_{k=0}^T \text{tr} \{ \bar{\mathbf{A}}'_{l,k} \mathbf{d}_{l,k} \mathbf{d}'_{j,k} \bar{\mathbf{A}}_{j,k} \} \\
& \max_{\{\bar{\mathbf{A}}_{j,k}\}_{\forall j,k}} (JT)^{-1} N^{-2} \left[\sum_{k=0}^T \sum_{j=-J}^{-1} \text{tr} \{ \bar{\mathbf{A}}'_{j,k} \mathbf{d}_{j,k} \mathbf{d}'_{j,k} \bar{\mathbf{A}}_{j,k} \} + \textcolor{blue}{2} \sum_{k=0}^T \sum_{j=-J}^{-1} \sum_{l=-J}^{j-1} \text{tr} \{ \bar{\mathbf{A}}'_{l,k} \mathbf{d}_{l,k} \mathbf{d}'_{j,k} \bar{\mathbf{A}}_{j,k} \} \right]
\end{aligned}$$

We recognize the raw wavelet periodogram $\mathbf{d}_{l,k} \mathbf{d}'_{j,k}$. We replace the latter with the unbiased and consistent estimator of the CEWS, i.e. $\hat{\mathbf{S}}_j(k/T)$.

Therefore the first term becomes,

$$\sum_{k=0}^T \sum_{j=-J}^{-1} \text{tr} \{ \bar{\mathbf{A}}'_{j,k} \hat{\mathbf{S}}_j(k/T) \bar{\mathbf{A}}_{j,k} \}$$

The second term needs a similar treatment. We replace $\mathbf{d}_{l,k} \mathbf{d}'_{j,k}$ with the unbiased and consistent estimator of (2.7) :

$$\hat{\mathbf{S}}_{j,j'}(k/T, k/T) = \frac{1}{2M+1} \sum_{m=-M}^M \sum_{r=-J}^{-1} \sum_{l=-J}^{-1} \bar{A}_{j,l}^{(j',r)} \mathbf{d}_{j,k+m} \mathbf{d}'_{j',k+m} \quad (3.4)$$

where $\bar{A}_{j,l}^{(j',l')} = \sum_{\tau} \Psi_{j,j'}(\tau) \Psi_{l,l'}(\tau)$ and $\Psi_{j,j'}(\tau) = \sum_t \psi_{j,0}(t) \psi_{j',\tau}(t)$, the inner product operator of the cross-correlation wavelet functions and the *Cross-Correlation Wavelet Function*, respectively. **In his thesis Koch** showed that this CCWF inherit the same properties as the autocorrelation function. One of the latter is that the functions in that family are linearly independent of each other. Consequently, the inner product operator of that family is invertible.

The second term on the maximization problem thus reads,

$$2 \sum_{k=0}^T \sum_{j=-J}^{-1} \sum_{l=-J}^{j-1} \text{tr} \{ \bar{\mathbf{A}}'_{l,k} \hat{\mathbf{S}}_{j,l}(k/T, k/T) \bar{\mathbf{A}}_{j,k} \}$$

Consequently, the whole optimization problem is changed into

$$\max_{\{\bar{\mathbf{A}}_{j,k}\}_{\forall j,k}} (JT)^{-1} N^{-2} \left[\sum_{k=0}^T \sum_{j=-J}^{-1} \text{tr} \{ \bar{\mathbf{A}}'_{j,k} \hat{\mathbf{S}}_j(k/T) \bar{\mathbf{A}}_{j,k} \} + 2 \sum_{k=0}^T \sum_{j=-J}^{-1} \sum_{l=-J}^{j-1} \text{tr} \{ \bar{\mathbf{A}}'_{l,k} \hat{\mathbf{S}}_{j,l}(k/T, k/T) \bar{\mathbf{A}}_{j,k} \} \right]$$

which is asymptotically equivalent to (see Park et al. (2014)),

$$\max_{\{\bar{\mathbf{A}}_{j,k}\}_{\forall j,k}} (JT)^{-1} N^{-2} \left[\sum_{k=0}^T \sum_{j=-J}^{-1} \text{tr} \{ \bar{\mathbf{A}}'_{j,k} \mathbf{S}_j(k/T) \bar{\mathbf{A}}_{j,k} \} + 2 \sum_{k=0}^T \sum_{j=-J}^{-1} \sum_{l=-J}^{j-1} \text{tr} \{ \bar{\mathbf{A}}'_{l,k} \mathbf{S}_{j,l}(k/T, k/T) \bar{\mathbf{A}}_{j,k} \} \right]$$

The last term is zero by assumption (2.8),

$$\max_{\{\bar{\mathbf{A}}_{j,k}\}_{\forall j,k}} (JT)^{-1} N^{-2} \sum_{k=0}^T \sum_{j=-J}^{-1} \text{tr} \{ \bar{\mathbf{A}}'_{j,k} \mathbf{S}_j(k/T) \bar{\mathbf{A}}_{j,k} \}$$

Finally, we get back the feasible problem,

$$\max_{\{\bar{\mathbf{A}}_{j,k}\}_{\forall j,k}} (JT)^{-1} N^{-2} \sum_{k=0}^T \sum_{j=-J}^{-1} \text{tr} \{ \bar{\mathbf{A}}'_{j,k} \hat{\mathbf{S}}_j(k/T) \bar{\mathbf{A}}_{j,k} \} + O(M^{-1}) \quad (3.5)$$

where $M(T) \rightarrow \infty$ when $T \rightarrow \infty$.

This final problem can be decompose into sub-problems and the latter can be solved independently. In other words, the problem (3.5) is maximized when each term in the double sum is also maximized. **(Proof)**

$$\max_{\{\bar{\mathbf{A}}_{j,k}\}_{\forall j,k}} (JT)^{-1} \sum_{k=0}^T \sum_{j=-J}^{-1} N^{-2} \text{tr} \{ \bar{\mathbf{A}}'_{j,k} \hat{\mathbf{S}}_j(k/T) \bar{\mathbf{A}}_{j,k} \} = (JT)^{-1} \sum_{k=0}^T \sum_{j=-J}^{-1} \max_{\bar{\mathbf{A}}_{j,k}} N^{-2} \text{tr} \{ \bar{\mathbf{A}}'_{j,k} \hat{\mathbf{S}}_j(k/T) \bar{\mathbf{A}}_{j,k} \}$$

This solution of those final optimization problems are $\sqrt{N} \tilde{\mathbf{A}}_{j,k}$, where $\tilde{\mathbf{A}}_{j,k}$ is the $(N \times K)$ matrix whose columns are the first K orthonormal eigenvectors of $\hat{\mathbf{S}}_j(k/T)$.

We obtain the wanted least squares estimators of the loadings and factors as

$$\hat{\mathbf{A}}_{j,k} = \sqrt{N} \tilde{\mathbf{A}}_{j,k} \quad (3.6)$$

$$\hat{\mathbf{F}}_k = (JN)^{-1} \sum_{j=-J}^{-1} \hat{\mathbf{A}}'_{j,k} \mathbf{d}_{j,k} \quad (3.7)$$

4 CEWS Estimator under the factor model

In this section we will develop the *Cross-Evolutionary Wavelet Estimator* by using the factor structure and we will prove the convergence of this estimator under the structure. Recall the consistent and unbiased estimator of the CEWS :

$$\hat{\mathbf{S}}_j(k/T) = \frac{1}{2M+1} \sum_{m=-M}^M \sum_{l=-J}^{-1} \bar{A}_{j,l} \mathbf{d}_{l,k+m} \mathbf{d}'_{l,k+m}$$

by multiplying both sides by N^{-1} and by using (2.1), (2.9) and (3.1) we successively obtain :

$$\begin{aligned} N^{-1} \hat{\mathbf{S}}_j(k/T) &= N^{-1} \frac{1}{2M+1} \sum_{m=-M}^M \sum_{l=-J}^{-1} \bar{A}_{j,l} \sum_{t=0}^T \mathbf{X}_{\mathbf{t};T} \psi_{j,k+s}(t) \sum_{t'=0}^T \mathbf{X}'_{\mathbf{t}';T} \psi_{j,k+s}(t') && \text{by (2.9)} \\ &= N^{-1} \frac{1}{2M+1} \sum_{m=-M}^M \sum_{l=-J}^{-1} \bar{A}_{j,l} \sum_{t=0}^T \sum_{t'=0}^T \sum_{m=0}^T \sum_{p=-J}^{-1} \mathbf{W}_p(m/T) \boldsymbol{\xi}_{p,m} \psi_{p,m}(t) \\ &\quad \sum_{m'=0}^T \sum_{p'=-J}^{-1} \boldsymbol{\xi}'_{p',m'} \mathbf{W}_{p'}(m'/T)' \psi_{p',m'}(t') \psi_{j,k+s}(t) \psi_{j,k+s}(t') && \text{by (2.1)} \\ &= N^{-1} \frac{1}{2M+1} \sum_{m=-M}^M \sum_{l=-J}^{-1} \bar{A}_{j,l} \sum_{t=0}^T \sum_{t'=0}^T \sum_{m=0}^T \sum_{p=-J}^{-1} (\boldsymbol{\Lambda}_{p,m} \mathbf{F}_m + \boldsymbol{\epsilon}_{p,m}) \psi_{p,m}(t) \\ &\quad \sum_{m'=0}^T \sum_{p'=-J}^{-1} (\boldsymbol{\Lambda}_{p',m'} \mathbf{F}_{m'} + \boldsymbol{\epsilon}_{p',m'})' \psi_{p',m'}(t') \psi_{j,k+s}(t) \psi_{j,k+s}(t') && \text{by (3.1)} \end{aligned}$$

In order to ease readability, let's define two objects :

$$C_t = \sum_{m=0}^T \sum_{p=-J}^{-1} \boldsymbol{\Lambda}_{p,m} \mathbf{F}_m \psi_{p,m}(t) \quad (4.1)$$

$$E_t = \sum_{m=0}^T \sum_{p=-J}^{-1} \boldsymbol{\epsilon}_{p,m} \psi_{p,m}(t) \quad (4.2)$$

Consequently,

$$\begin{aligned} N^{-1} \widehat{\mathbf{S}}_j(k/T) &= N^{-1} \frac{1}{2M+1} \sum_{m=-M}^M \sum_{l=-J}^{-1} \bar{A}_{j,l} \sum_{t=0}^T \sum_{t'=0}^T [C_t + E_t][C_t + E_t]' \psi_{j,k+s}(t) \psi_{j,k+s}(t') \\ &= N^{-1} \frac{1}{2M+1} \sum_{m=-M}^M \sum_{l=-J}^{-1} \bar{A}_{j,l} \sum_{t=0}^T \sum_{t'=0}^T [C_t C_{t'} + C_t E_{t'}' + E_t C_{t'}' + E_t E_{t'}'] \psi_{j,k+s}(t) \psi_{j,k+s}(t') \end{aligned}$$

To further simplify the notation we define the following,

$$K_{j,k} = N^{-1} \frac{1}{2M+1} \sum_{s=-M}^M \sum_{l=-J}^{-1} \bar{A}_{j,l} \sum_{t=0}^T \sum_{t'=0}^T C_t C_{t'}' \psi_{j,k+s}(t) \psi_{j,k+s}(t') \quad (4.3)$$

$$\Upsilon_{j,k} = N^{-1} \frac{1}{2M+1} \sum_{s=-M}^M \sum_{l=-J}^{-1} \bar{A}_{j,l} \sum_{t=0}^T \sum_{t'=0}^T E_t E_{t'}' \psi_{j,k+s}(t) \psi_{j,k+s}(t') \quad (4.4)$$

$$\Theta_{j,k} = N^{-1} \frac{1}{2M+1} \sum_{s=-M}^M \sum_{l=-J}^{-1} \bar{A}_{j,l} \sum_{t=0}^T \sum_{t'=0}^T C_t E_{t'}' \psi_{j,k+s}(t) \psi_{j,k+s}(t') \quad (4.5)$$

The estimator (2.13) can now be expressed as,

$$N^{-1} \widehat{\mathbf{S}}_j(k/T) = K_{j,k} + \Theta_{j,k} + \Theta_{j,k}' + \Upsilon_{j,k} \quad (4.6)$$

From Park et al. (2014) this estimator converge to the true Cross-Evolutionary Wavelet Spectrum. The next development assert the same convergence with the estimator redefined by the factor structure.

First, the expectation of the estimator can be decomposed thanks to (4.6),

$$\mathbb{E} \left[\widehat{\mathbf{S}}_j(k/T) \right] = \mathbb{E} [N K_{j,k}] + \mathbb{E} [N \Theta_{j,k}] + \mathbb{E} [N \Theta_{j,k}'] + \mathbb{E} [N \Upsilon_{j,k}]$$

Theorem 1 prove the asymptotic unbiasedness of the CEWS estimator.

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E} \left[\widehat{\mathbf{S}}_j(k/T) \right] &= \mathbf{S}_j(k/T) - \mathbb{E} [N \Upsilon_{j,k}] + O(T^{-1}) + \mathbf{0}_N + \mathbf{0}_N + \mathbb{E} [N \Upsilon_{j,k}] \\ &= \mathbf{S}_j(k/T) + O(T^{-1}) \end{aligned}$$

Next, to analyse the variance of the estimator, we define $\mathcal{S} = \{K_{j,k}, \Theta_{j,k}, \Theta_{j,k}', \Upsilon_{j,k}\}$ and we decompose the variance as follows :

$$\text{Var} \left[\widehat{\mathbf{S}}_j(k/T) \right] = \text{Var} [N K_{j,k}] + \text{Var} [N \Theta_{j,k}] + \text{Var} [N \Theta_{j,k}'] + \text{Var} [N \Upsilon_{j,k}] + \sum_{i \in \mathcal{S}} \sum_{\substack{j \in \mathcal{S} \\ j \neq i}} \text{Cov} [N i, N j] \quad (4.7)$$

5 Lemmas

Lemma 1. *Given the assumptions on the LSW and factor structure,*

$$\Lambda_{j,k} \mathbb{E} [\mathbf{F}_k \mathbf{F}_{k'}'] \Lambda_{j',k'}' = \begin{cases} \mathbf{S}_j(k/T) - \mathbb{E} [\epsilon_{j,k} \epsilon_{j,k}'] & , \text{if } j = j' \text{ and } k = k' \\ -\mathbb{E} [\epsilon_{j,k} \epsilon_{j',k'}'] & , \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Proof. From the factor structure (3.1),

$$\mathbf{W}_j(k/T) \boldsymbol{\xi}_{j,k} \boldsymbol{\xi}_{j',k'}' \mathbf{W}_{j'}'(k'/T) = \Lambda_{j,k} \mathbf{F}_k \mathbf{F}_{k'}' \Lambda_{j',k'}' + \Lambda_{j,k} \mathbf{F}_k \epsilon_{j',k'}' + \epsilon_{j,k} \mathbf{F}_{k'}' \Lambda_{j',k'}' + \epsilon_{j,k} \epsilon_{j',k'}'$$

Taking expectation on both sides,

$$\mathbf{W}_j(k/T) \mathbb{E} [\boldsymbol{\xi}_{j,k} \boldsymbol{\xi}_{j',k'}'] \mathbf{W}_{j'}'(k'/T) = \Lambda_{j,k} \mathbb{E} [\mathbf{F}_k \mathbf{F}_{k'}'] \Lambda_{j',k'}' + \Lambda_{j,k} \mathbb{E} [\mathbf{F}_k \epsilon_{j',k'}'] + \mathbb{E} [\epsilon_{j,k} \mathbf{F}_{k'}'] \Lambda_{j',k'}' + \mathbb{E} [\epsilon_{j,k} \epsilon_{j',k'}']$$

The second and third term on the RHS is zero since $\mathbf{F}_k \perp \epsilon_{j',k'}, \forall j, k, k'$ (assumption (??)).

This leaves us with

$$\mathbf{W}_j(k/T) \mathbb{E} [\boldsymbol{\xi}_{j,k} \boldsymbol{\xi}_{j',k'}'] \mathbf{W}_{j'}'(k'/T) = \Lambda_{j,k} \mathbb{E} [\mathbf{F}_k \mathbf{F}_{k'}'] \Lambda_{j',k'}' + \mathbb{E} [\epsilon_{j,k} \epsilon_{j',k'}']$$

Finally, by the assumption (2.6) on the increments of the LSW representation,

$$\mathbb{E} [\boldsymbol{\xi}_{j,k} \boldsymbol{\xi}_{j',k'}'] = \begin{cases} \mathbf{I}_N & , \text{if } j = j' \text{ and } k = k' \\ \mathbf{0}_N & , \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

,where \mathbf{I}_N is the identity matrix of rank N and $\mathbf{0}_N$ is the null matrix of rank N . This along with the definition of the CEWS we obtain the desired result. \square

Lemma 2. *Given the assumption on the LSW and factor structure and the set \mathcal{S} defined in (4.7), when $T \rightarrow \infty$ (rate of convergence ?)*

$$\text{Var}[Ni] \rightarrow 0 \quad \forall i \in \mathcal{S}$$

Proof. When $i = K_{j,k}$,

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Var}[NK_{j,k}] &= \text{Var} \left[\frac{1}{2M+1} \sum_{s=-M}^M \sum_{j=-J}^{-1} \bar{A}_{j,l} \sum_{t,t',m,m'=0}^T \sum_{p,p'=-J}^{-1} \Lambda_{p,m} \mathbf{F}_m \mathbf{F}_{m'}' \Lambda_{p',m'}' \psi_{p,m}(t) \psi_{p',m'}(t') \psi_{j,k+s}(t) \psi_{j,k+s}(t') \right] \quad \text{by (4.3), (4.4)} \\ &\leq \mathbb{E} \left[\left(\frac{1}{2M+1} \sum_{s=-M}^M \sum_{j=-J}^{-1} \bar{A}_{j,l} \sum_{t,t',m,m'=0}^T \sum_{p,p'=-J}^{-1} \Lambda_{p,m} \mathbf{F}_m \mathbf{F}_{m'}' \Lambda_{p',m'}' \psi_{p,m}(t) \psi_{p',m'}(t') \psi_{j,k+s}(t) \psi_{j,k+s}(t') \right)^2 \right] \\ &= \left(\frac{1}{2M+1} \sum_{l=-J}^{-1} \bar{A}_{j,l} \right)^2 \mathbb{E} \left[\sum_{s_0,s_1=-M}^M \sum_{m_0,m_0'=-J}^T \sum_{m_1,m_1'=-J}^{-1} \Lambda_{p_0,m_0} \mathbf{F}_{m_0} \mathbf{F}_{m_0'}' \Lambda_{p_1',m_1'}' \Lambda_{p_1,m_1} \mathbf{F}_{m_1} \mathbf{F}_{m_1'}' \Lambda_{p_1',m_1'}' \right. \\ &\quad \left. \sum_{\substack{t_0,t_0' \\ t_1,t_1'}} \psi_{p_0,m_0}(t_0) \psi_{p_0',m_0'}(t_0') \psi_{j,k+s_0}(t_0) \psi_{j,k+s_0}(t_0') \psi_{p_1,m_1}(t_1) \psi_{p_1',m_1'}(t_1') \psi_{j,k+s_1}(t_1) \psi_{j,k+s_1}(t_1') \right] \\ &= \left(\frac{1}{2M+1} \sum_{l=-J}^{-1} \bar{A}_{j,l} \right)^2 \mathbb{E} \left[\sum_{\substack{m_0,m_0' \\ m_1,m_1'=0}}^T \sum_{\substack{mp_0,p_0' \\ p_1,p_1'=-J}}^{-1} \Lambda_{p_0,m_0} \mathbf{F}_{m_0} \mathbf{F}_{m_0'}' \Lambda_{p_1',m_1'}' \Lambda_{p_1,m_1} \mathbf{F}_{m_1} \mathbf{F}_{m_1'}' \Lambda_{p_1',m_1'}' \right. \\ &\quad \left. \sum_{s_0=-M}^M \sum_{t_0} \psi_{p_0,m_0}(t_0) \psi_{j,k+s_0}(t_0) \sum_{t_0'} \psi_{p_0',m_0'}(t_0') \psi_{j,k+s_0}(t_0') \sum_{s_1=-M}^M \sum_{t_1} \psi_{p_1,m_1}(t_1) \psi_{j,k+s_1}(t_1) \sum_{t_1'} \psi_{p_1',m_1'}(t_1') \psi_{j,k+s_1}(t_1') \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{(2M+1)^2} \left(\sum_{l=-J}^{-1} \bar{A}_{j,l} \right)^2 \mathbb{E} \left[\sum_{\substack{m_0,m_0' \\ m_1,m_1'=0}}^T \sum_{\substack{mp_0,p_0' \\ p_1,p_1'=-J}}^{-1} \Lambda_{p_0,m_0} \mathbf{F}_{m_0} \mathbf{F}_{m_0'}' \Lambda_{p_1',m_1'}' \Lambda_{p_1,m_1} \mathbf{F}_{m_1} \mathbf{F}_{m_1'}' \Lambda_{p_1',m_1'}' \right. \\ &\quad \left. \sum_{s_0=-M}^M \boldsymbol{\Psi}_{p_0,j}(m_0 - k - s_0) \boldsymbol{\Psi}_{p_0',j}(m_0' - k - s_0) \sum_{s_1=-M}^M \boldsymbol{\Psi}_{p_1,j}(m_1 - k - s_1) \boldsymbol{\Psi}_{p_1',j}(m_1' - k - s_1) \right] \quad \text{by def. of CCWF.} \end{aligned}$$

All sums are finite when $T \rightarrow \infty$ since the cross-correlation wavelet functions have bounded support (Proof). However we need the additional assumption that $\mathbb{E} [\mathbf{F}_k^{(u)4}] < \infty$. The whole expression tends to zero if $M(T) \rightarrow \infty$ when $T \rightarrow \infty$ (rate of convergence ?).

The proofs when $i = \mathcal{S} \setminus \{K_{j,k}\}$ are analogous with the additional requirement that $\mathbb{E} [\epsilon_{j,k}^{(u)4}] < \infty$. \square

Theorem 1. Given the assumptions on the LSW representation, the factor structure and the definitions (4.3), (4.5) and (4.4),

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}[NK_{j,k}] &= \mathbf{S}_j(k/T) - \mathbb{E}[N\Upsilon jk] \\ \mathbb{E}[N\Theta_{j,k}] &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

Proof. Let's turn out focus on the first expectation. From (4.3) and (4.1) and the linearity of expectation, the latter is then,

$$\mathbb{E}[NK_{j,k}] = \frac{1}{2M+1} \sum_{s=-M}^M \sum_{j=-J}^{-1} \bar{A}_{j,l} \sum_{t,t',m,m'=0}^T \sum_{p,p'=-J}^{-1} \mathbf{\Lambda}_{p,m} \mathbb{E}[\mathbf{F}_m \mathbf{F}'_{m'}] \mathbf{\Lambda}'_{p',m'} \psi_{p,m}(t) \psi_{p',m'}(t') \psi_{j,k+s}(t) \psi_{j,k+s}(t')$$

Given the lemma 1,

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}[NK_{j,k}] &= \frac{1}{2M+1} \sum_{s=-M}^M \sum_{j=-J}^{-1} \bar{A}_{j,l} \sum_{t,t',m=0}^T \sum_{p=-J}^{-1} \mathbf{S}_p(m/T) \psi_{p,m}(t) \psi_{p,m}(t') \psi_{j,k+s}(t) \psi_{j,k+s}(t') \\ &\quad - \frac{1}{2M+1} \sum_{s=-M}^M \sum_{j=-J}^{-1} \bar{A}_{j,l} \sum_{t,t',m,m'=0}^T \sum_{p,p'=-J}^{-1} \mathbb{E}[\epsilon_{p,m} \epsilon'_{p',m'}] \psi_{p,m}(t) \psi_{p,m}(t') \psi_{j,k+s}(t) \psi_{j,k+s}(t') \end{aligned}$$

which is equivalent to

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}[NK_{j,k}] &= \frac{1}{2M+1} \sum_{s=-M}^M \sum_{j=-J}^{-1} \bar{A}_{j,l} \sum_{t,t',m=0}^T \sum_{p=-J}^{-1} \mathbf{S}_p(m/T) \psi_{p,m}(t) \psi_{p,m}(t') \psi_{j,k+s}(t) \psi_{j,k+s}(t') - \mathbb{E}[N\Upsilon jk] \quad \text{by (4.4)} \\ &= \frac{1}{2M+1} \sum_{s=-M}^M \sum_{j=-J}^{-1} \bar{A}_{j,l} \sum_{m=0}^T \sum_{p=-J}^{-1} \mathbf{S}_p(m/T) \sum_{t=0}^T \psi_{p,m}(t) \psi_{j,k+s}(t) \sum_{t'=0}^T \psi_{p,m}(t') \psi_{j,k+s}(t') - \mathbb{E}[N\Upsilon jk] \\ &= \frac{1}{2M+1} \sum_{s=-M}^M \sum_{j=-J}^{-1} \bar{A}_{j,l} \sum_{m=0}^T \sum_{p=-J}^{-1} \mathbf{S}_p(m/T) \left[\sum_{t=0}^T \psi_{p,m}(t) \psi_{j,k+s}(t) \right]^2 - \mathbb{E}[N\Upsilon jk] \\ &= \frac{1}{2M+1} \sum_{s=-M}^M \sum_{j=-J}^{-1} \bar{A}_{j,l} \sum_{n=0}^T \sum_{p=-J}^{-1} \mathbf{S}_p(n+K/T) \left[\sum_{t=0}^T \psi_{p,n+K}(t) \psi_{j,k+s}(t) \right]^2 - \mathbb{E}[N\Upsilon jk] \quad \text{by change of variable : } m = n + K \\ &= \frac{1}{2M+1} \sum_{s=-M}^M \sum_{j=-J}^{-1} \bar{A}_{j,l} \sum_{n=0}^T \sum_{p=-J}^{-1} \left[\mathbf{S}_p(k/T) + O\left(\frac{n}{T}\right) \right] \left[\sum_{t=0}^T \psi_{p,n+K}(t) \psi_{j,k+s}(t) \right]^2 - \mathbb{E}[N\Upsilon jk] \quad \text{by Lipschitz continuity} \\ &= \frac{1}{2M+1} \sum_{s=-M}^M \sum_{j=-J}^{-1} \bar{A}_{j,l} \sum_{p=-J}^{-1} \mathbf{S}_p(k/T) \sum_{n=0}^T \left[\sum_{t=0}^T \psi_{p,n+K}(t) \psi_{j,k+s}(t) \right]^2 - \mathbb{E}[N\Upsilon jk] + O(T^{-1}) \end{aligned}$$

Nason et al. (2000) proved that $\sum_{n=0}^T \left[\sum_{t=0}^T \psi_{p,n+K}(t) \psi_{j,k+s}(t) \right]^2 = A_{p,j}$. Consequently,

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}[NK_{j,k}] &= \frac{1}{2M+1} \sum_{s=-M}^M \sum_{j=-J}^{-1} \bar{A}_{j,l} \sum_{p=-J}^{-1} \mathbf{S}_p(k/T) A_{p,j} - \mathbb{E}[N\Upsilon jk] + O(T^{-1}) \\ &= \frac{1}{2M+1} \sum_{s=-M}^M \sum_{j=-J}^{-1} \bar{A}_{j,l} \mathbb{E}[\mathbf{d}_{j,k} \mathbf{d}'_{j,k}] - \mathbb{E}[N\Upsilon jk] + O(T^{-1}) \quad \text{by the expectation of the raw periodogram.} \\ &= \frac{1}{2M+1} \sum_{s=-M}^M \mathbb{E} \left[\sum_{j=-J}^{-1} \bar{A}_{j,l} \mathbf{d}_{j,k} \mathbf{d}'_{j,k} \right] - \mathbb{E}[N\Upsilon jk] + O(T^{-1}) \quad \text{by linearity of expectation} \\ &= \frac{1}{2M+1} \sum_{s=-M}^M \mathbf{S}_j(k/T) - \mathbb{E}[N\Upsilon jk] + O(T^{-1}) \quad \text{by expectation of the corrected periodogram.} \\ &= \mathbf{S}_j(k/T) - \mathbb{E}[N\Upsilon jk] + O(T^{-1}) \end{aligned}$$

Now, the second expectation is developed analogously,

$$\mathbb{E}[NK_{j,k}] = \frac{1}{2M+1} \sum_{s=-M}^M \sum_{j=-J}^{-1} \bar{A}_{j,l} \sum_{t,t',m,m'=0}^T \sum_{p,p'=-J}^{-1} \mathbf{\Lambda}_{p,m} \mathbb{E}[\mathbf{F}_m \epsilon'_{p',m'}] \psi_{p,m}(t) \psi_{p',m'}(t') \psi_{j,k+s}(t) \psi_{j,k+s}(t')$$

However, given that $\mathbf{F}_k \perp \epsilon_{j',k'}, \forall j, k, k'$, the covariance matrix is null - i.e. $\mathbb{E}[\mathbf{F}_m \epsilon'_{p',m'}] = \mathbf{0}_{(K \times N)}$. Finally, the compact support of the wavelets and the boundedness of all other terms (**additional assumption on $\mathbf{\Lambda}_{j,k}$!**) provides the desired result. \square

6 Goals

- $\|\hat{\Lambda}_{j,k} - \Lambda_{j,k} \mathbf{R}_{j,k}\| = O(1)$
- $\|\hat{\mathbf{F}}_k - \mathbf{R}_{\textcolor{red}{j},k}^{-1} \mathbf{F}_k\| = O(1)$