



# Financial Time Series Analysis

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## 1. Introduction

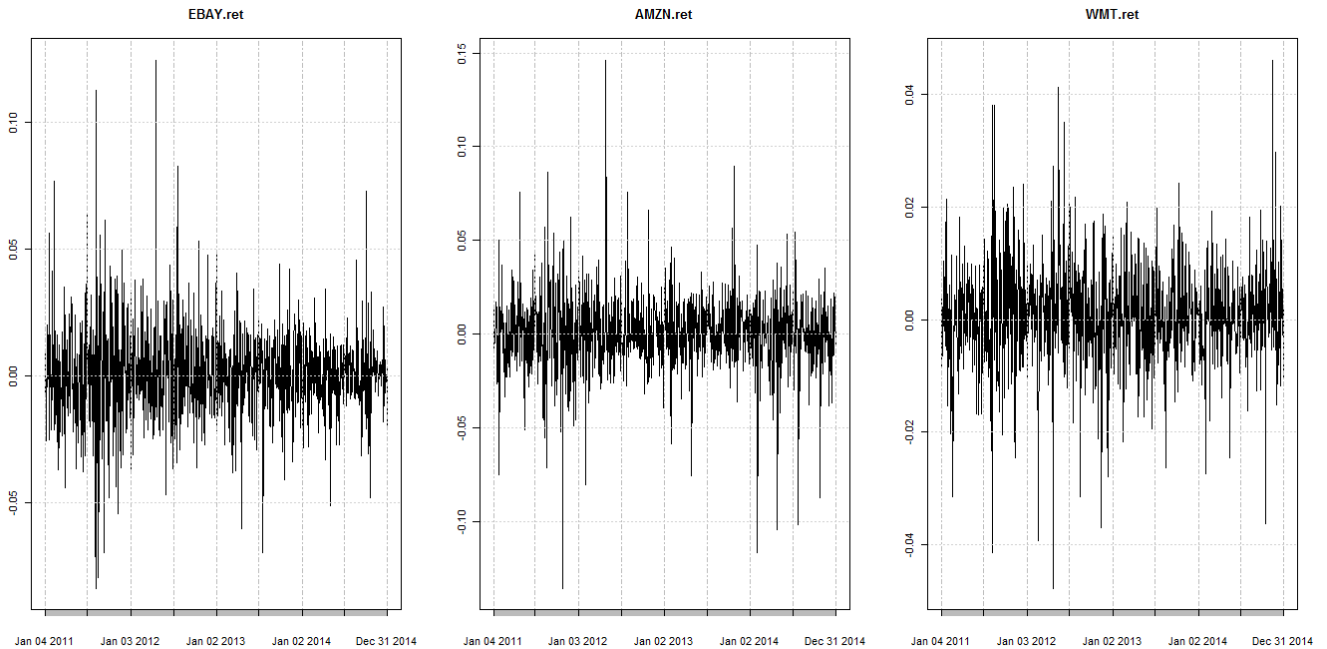
Stock price forecasting has always attracted interest because of the direct financial benefit. From our literature study, we were interested in examining the relationship between the stock prices of competitors in the e-commerce sector. In this project, we have chosen 3 companies – Ebay, Amazon and Walmart to examine if the return and volatility behavior of one competitor influence the others.

Stock Price of one company influences the price movements of its competitors and related companies in other sectors. Due to these inter-dependencies, meaningful insights can be drawn by analyzing them jointly to better understand the dynamic structure of the global finance. One company may lead the other company under certain time periods, yet the relationship may be reversed under other circumstances. Consequently, knowing how the markets are interrelated is of great importance in finance. A system that can identify which companies are doing well and which companies are not in the dynamic stock market will make it easy for investors or market or finance professionals to make decisions. Having an excellent knowledge about share price movement in the future helps the investors and finances personals significantly. Since, it is necessary to identify a model to analyze trends of stock prices with relevant information for decision making.

In the current project, we have considered the daily stock prices for the following companies: Ebay (EBAY), Amazon (AMZN), and Walmart (WMT) in the date range January 1, 2011 – December 31, 2014. In the first section, we examined the basic statistics of each of the return series. In the next section, we used the Box-Jenkins methodology to perform univariate time series model fitting to each of the series and forecast the daily returns for the first month in 2015. We then modeled the volatility of each return series by fitting an appropriate ARMA-GARCH model. Finally, we looked at the cross correlation between the three return series and compared the models.



Download daily stock prices for the following companies: Ebay (EBAY), Amazon (AMZN), and Walmart (WMT) and compute the log returns using the date range January 1, 2011 – December 31, 2014.



(a) Compute the sample mean, standard deviation, skewness, excess kurtosis, minimum, and maximum of the log returns for each series.

| Basic Statistics | EBAY     | AMZN     | WMT      |
|------------------|----------|----------|----------|
| nobs             | 1005     | 1005     | 1005     |
| NAs              | 0        | 0        | 0        |
| Minimum          | -0.0836  | -0.13533 | -0.04772 |
| Maximum          | 0.124359 | 0.146225 | 0.046141 |
| 1. Quartile      | -0.01008 | -0.00945 | -0.00461 |
| 3. Quartile      | 0.010563 | 0.012603 | 0.005649 |
| Mean             | 0.000668 | 0.000519 | 0.000551 |
| Median           | 0.000356 | 0.000574 | 0.000691 |
| Sum              | 0.671292 | 0.52157  | 0.554037 |
| SE Mean          | 0.000596 | 0.000649 | 0.000293 |
| LCL Mean         | -0.0005  | -0.00076 | -2.3E-05 |
| UCL Mean         | 0.001838 | 0.001793 | 0.001125 |
| Variance         | 0.000357 | 0.000423 | 0.000086 |
| Stdev            | 0.018899 | 0.020578 | 0.009274 |
| Skewness         | 0.444115 | -0.32523 | -0.22507 |
| Kurtosis         | 4.577069 | 7.591271 | 3.598821 |

(b) Test the null hypothesis that the mean of each of the series log returns is zero. Also, construct a 95% confidence interval for the daily log returns of each stock.

| Statistic                            | EBAY             | AMZN             | WMT              |
|--------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| <b>t-test</b>                        | <b>1.120400</b>  | <b>0.799500</b>  | <b>1.884500</b>  |
| <b>P-value</b>                       | <b>0.262800</b>  | <b>0.424200</b>  | <b>0.059780</b>  |
| <b>Lower confidence limits (95%)</b> | <b>-0.000502</b> | <b>-0.000755</b> | <b>-0.000023</b> |
| <b>Mean</b>                          | <b>0.000668</b>  | <b>0.000519</b>  | <b>0.000551</b>  |
| <b>Upper confidence limits (95%)</b> | <b>0.001838</b>  | <b>0.001793</b>  | <b>0.001125</b>  |

Here, the log returns of all the three stocks have a p-value of greater than 0.05. So, at 5% significance level we fail to reject the null hypothesis that the mean of each of the series log returns is zero.

(c) Test  $H_0: m_3 = 0$  vs.  $H_a: m_3 \neq 0$ , where  $m_3$  denotes the skewness of the log return.

| Skewness              | EBAY            | AMZN            | WMT             |
|-----------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| <b>Test Statistic</b> | <b>5.756407</b> | <b>4.215475</b> | <b>2.917199</b> |
| <b>P-value</b>        | <b>0.000000</b> | <b>0.000025</b> | <b>0.003532</b> |

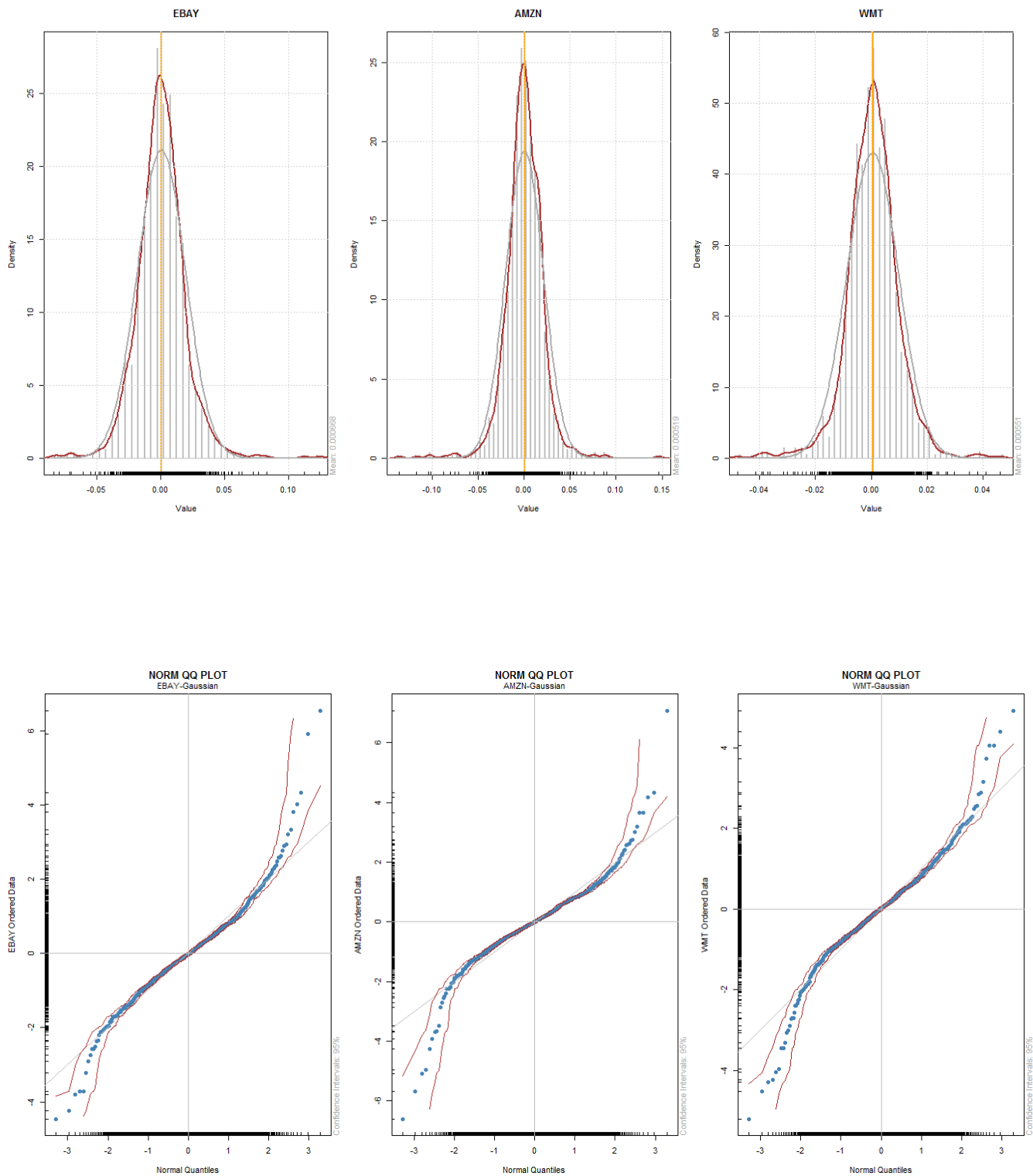
Here, the log returns of all the three stocks have a p-value of less than 0.05. So, at 5% significance level we reject the null hypothesis that the skewness of each of the series log returns is zero. Therefore, the distributions are not symmetric about the mean but skewed.

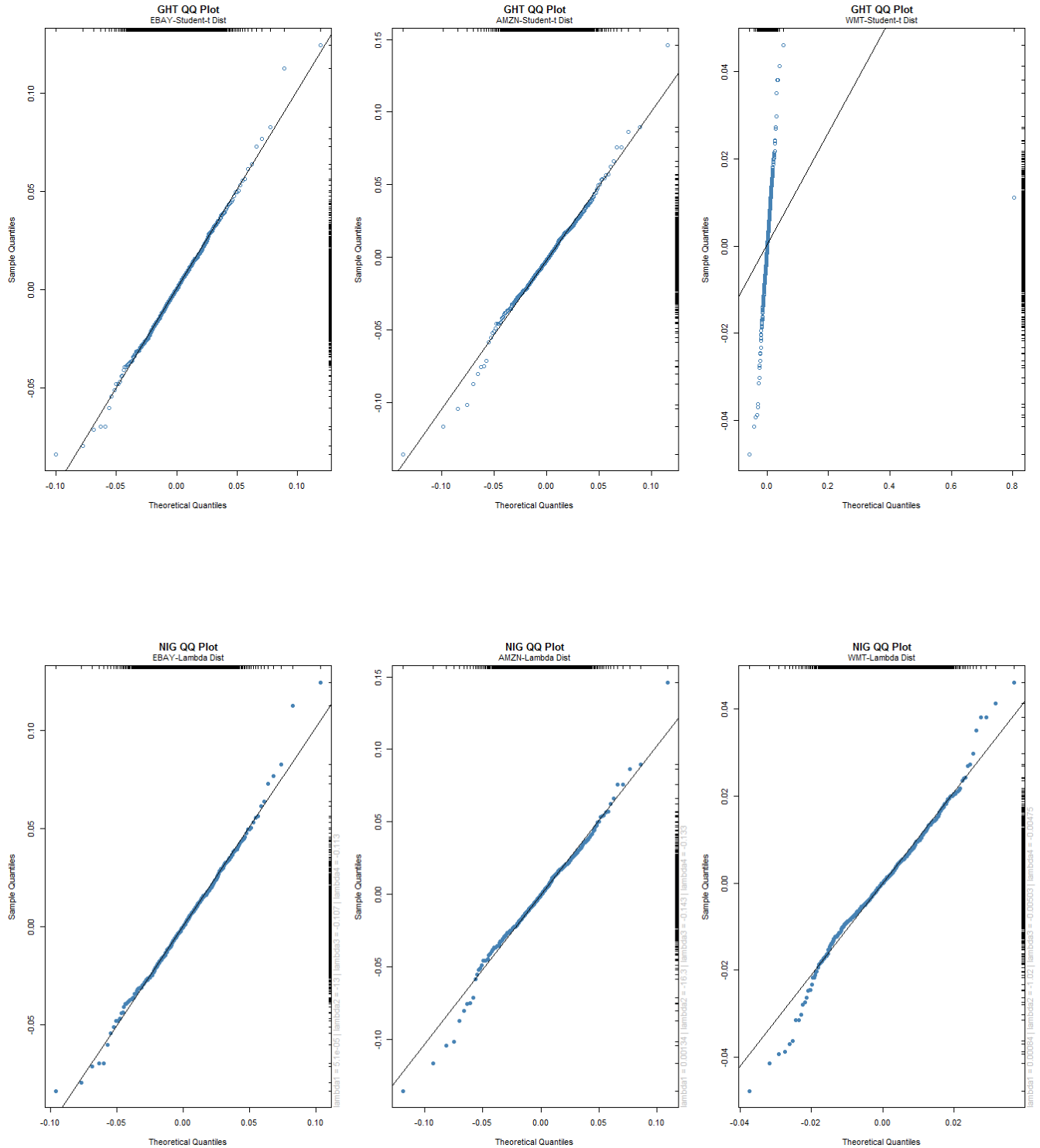
(d) Test  $H_0: K = 3$  vs.  $H_a: K \neq 3$ , where  $K$  denotes the kurtosis.

| Excess Kurtosis       | EBAY           | AMZN           | WMT            |
|-----------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| <b>Test Statistic</b> | <b>29.7163</b> | <b>49.2604</b> | <b>23.3734</b> |
| <b>P-value</b>        | <b>0</b>       | <b>0</b>       | <b>0</b>       |

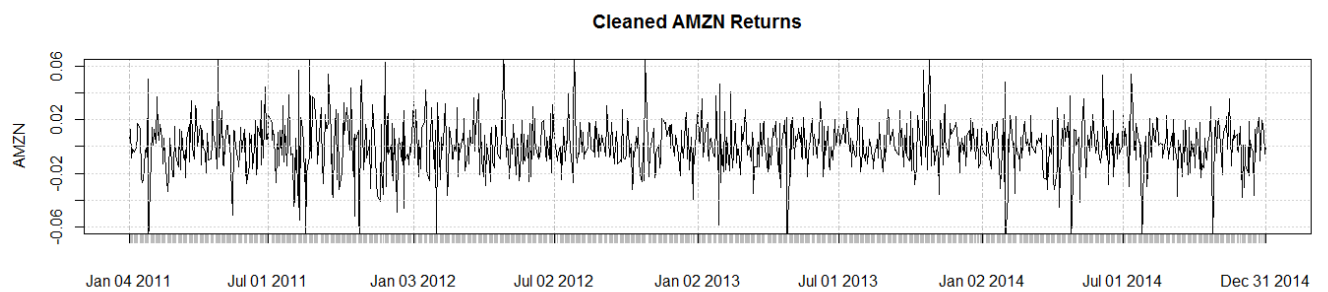
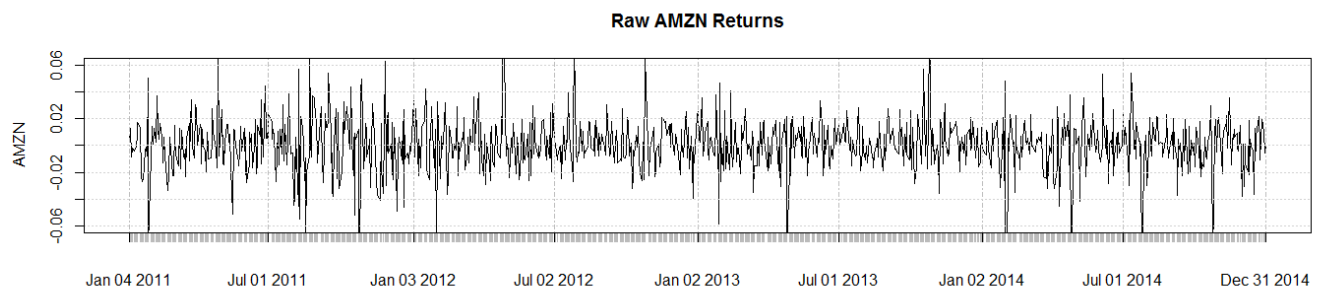
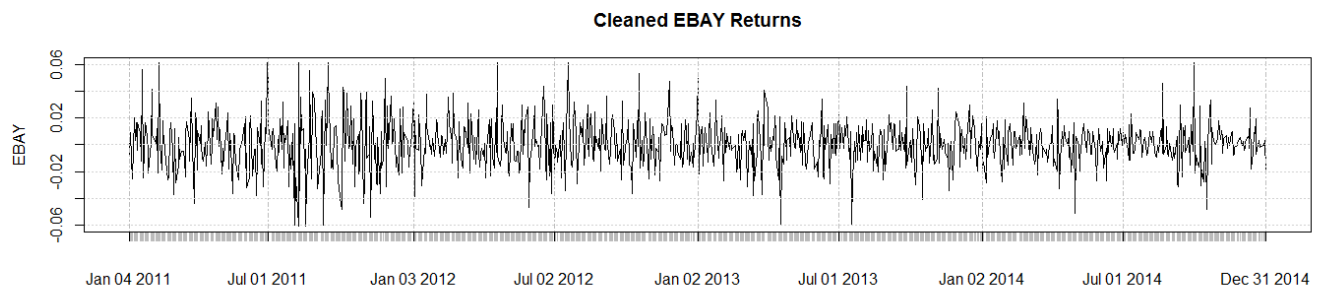
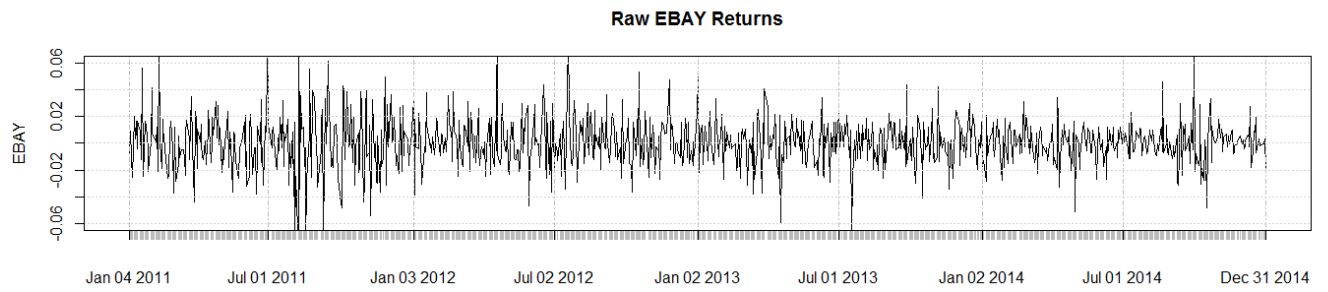
Here, the log returns of all the three stocks have large test statistic values and p-values of less than 0.05. So, at 5% significance level we reject the null hypothesis that the kurtosis of each of the series log returns is three. Thus, the distributions of these stocks have heavy tails.

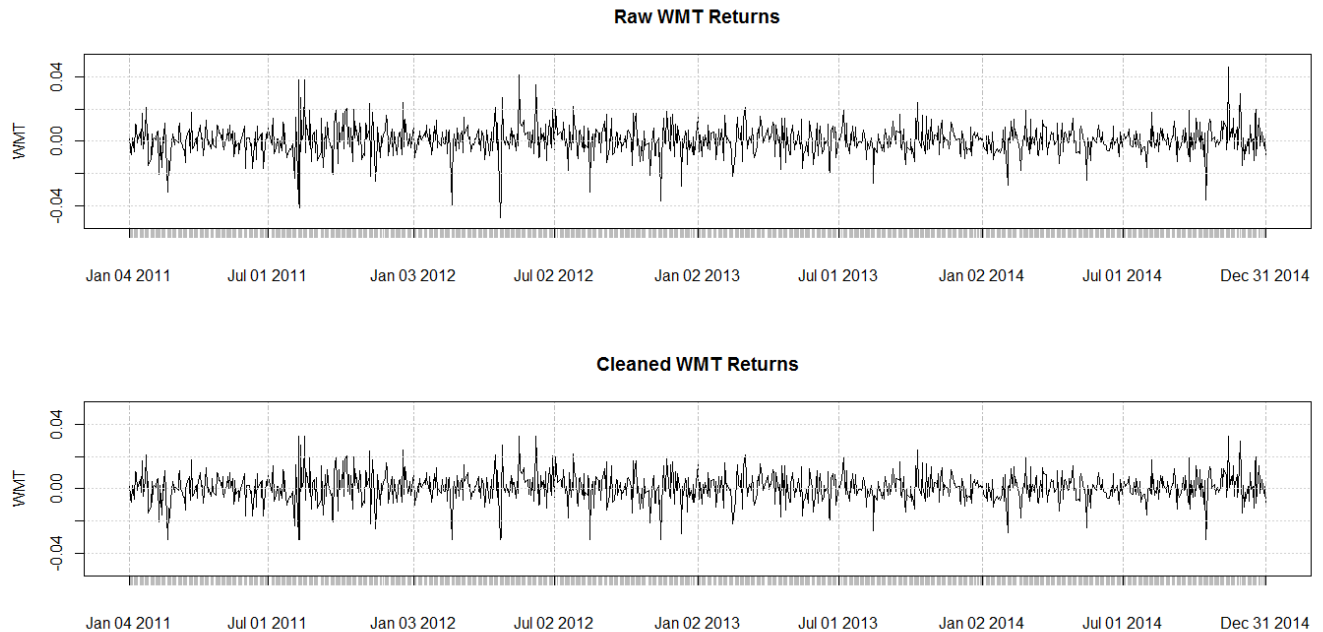
(e) Obtain the empirical density plot of the daily log returns of each series, and select an appropriate distribution (Gaussian, t, etc.).





Looking at the qq-plots we can see that the Student-t distribution appears to provide the best distribution fit for Ebay and Amazon and the general lambda distribution appears to provide the best distribution fit for Walmart.

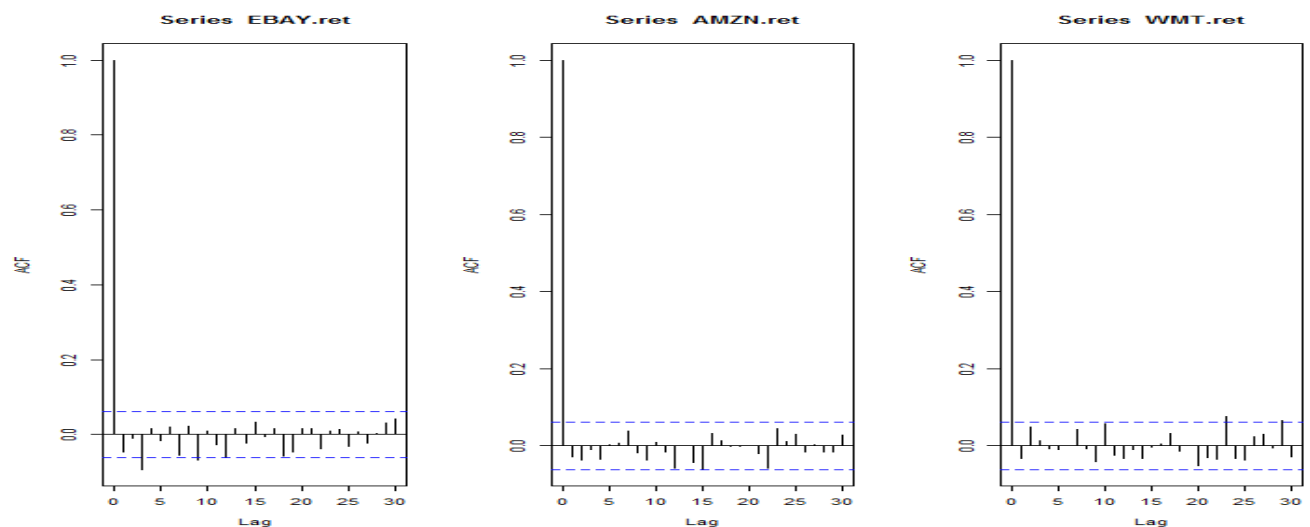




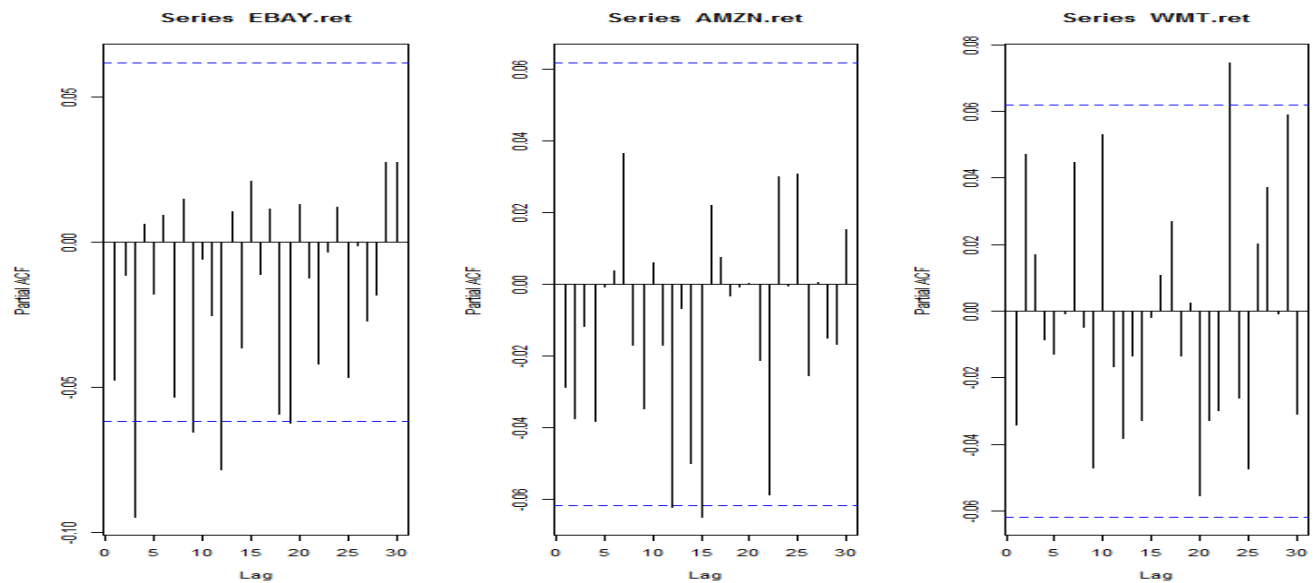
We used data cleaning method to get rid of any outliers. But from the above plots, the raw log returns and the cleaned log returns for all the three stocks look very similar. Furthermore, it does not have any significant impact on further analysis.

(f) Use the Box-Jenkins methodology to perform univariate time series model fitting to each of the series. Include details of each step of the process, and support your final model selection for each series.

Step 1: Model Identification







The above plot suggest ARMA(3,3) model for EBay. While for Amazon and Walmart, we observe that ACF and PACF are marginally significant only at higher lags.

Model Estimation:

EBAY: ARIMA(3,0,3) with non-zero mean

Coefficients:

|      | ar1   | ar2    | ar3   | ma1    | ma2   | ma3    | intercept |
|------|-------|--------|-------|--------|-------|--------|-----------|
|      | 0.019 | -0.169 | 0.846 | -0.062 | 0.141 | -0.932 | 0.001     |
| s.e. | 0.048 | 0.038  | 0.039 | 0.034  | 0.026 | 0.026  | 0.000     |

AMZN: ARIMA(1,0,1) with non-zero mean

Coefficients:

|      | ar1   | ma1    | intercept |
|------|-------|--------|-----------|
|      | 0.929 | -0.961 | 0.001     |
| s.e. | 0.069 | 0.056  | 0.000     |

WMT: ARIMA(0,0,0) with non-zero mean

Coefficients:

|      |           |
|------|-----------|
|      | intercept |
|      | 0.001     |
| s.e. | 0.000     |

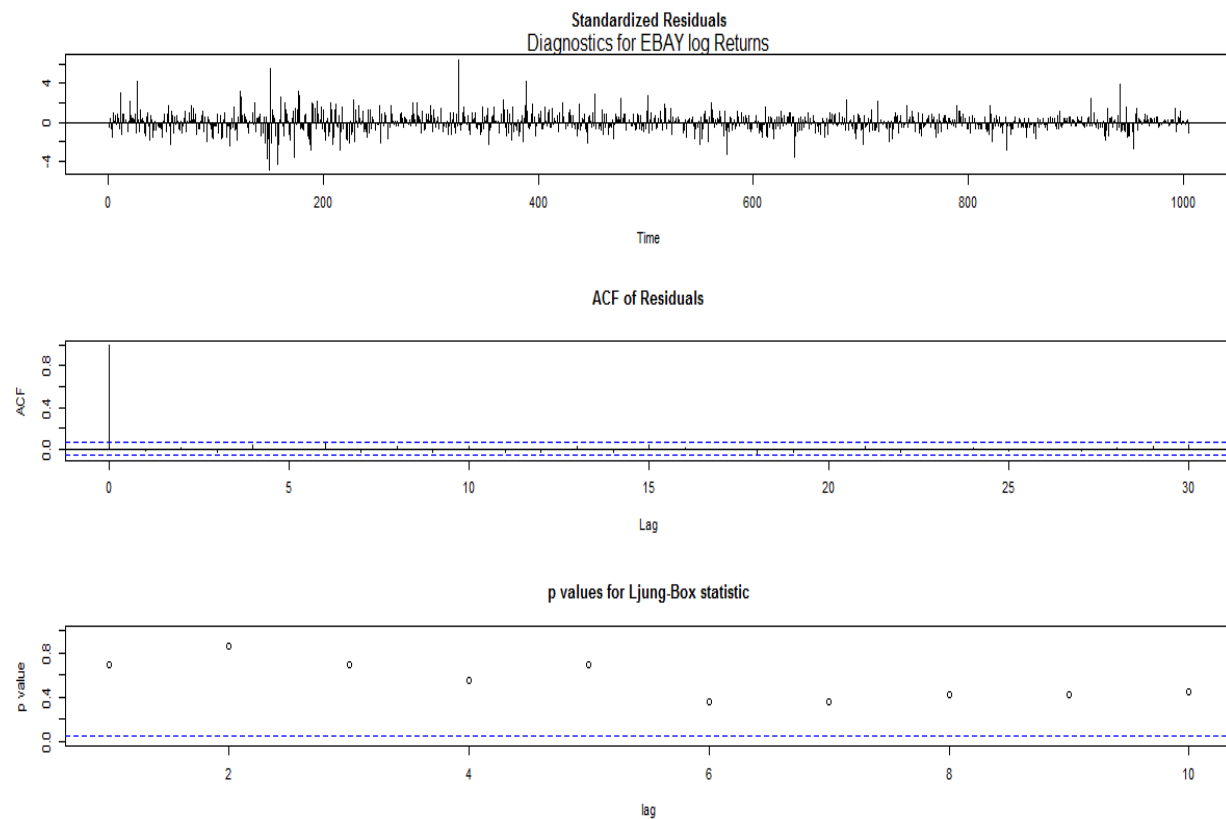
Using the AIC criteria to select the model, ARMA(3,3) best fits Ebay. While, AMZN has ARMA(1,1) as the suggested model and Walmart has the means model.

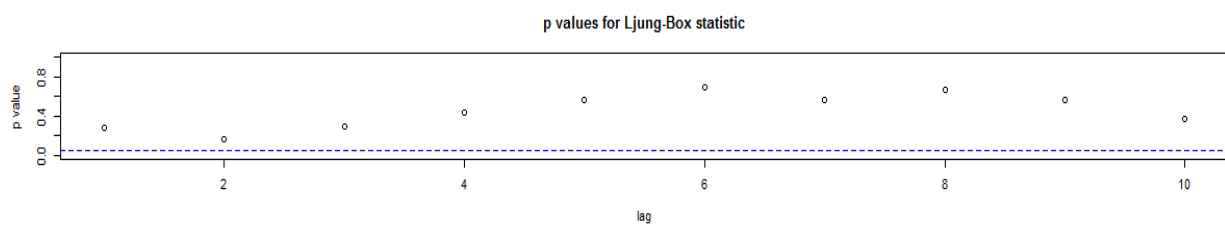
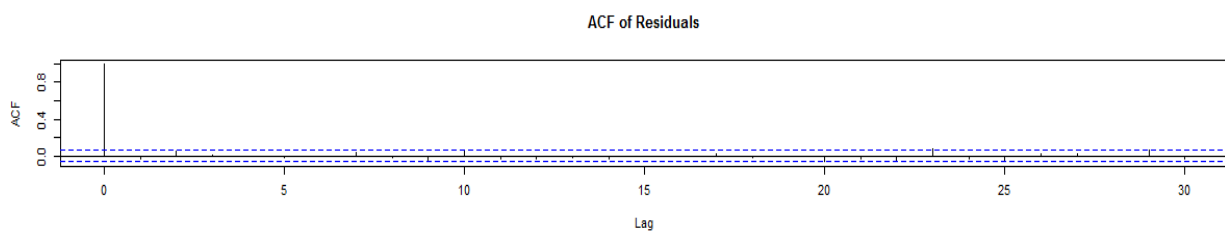
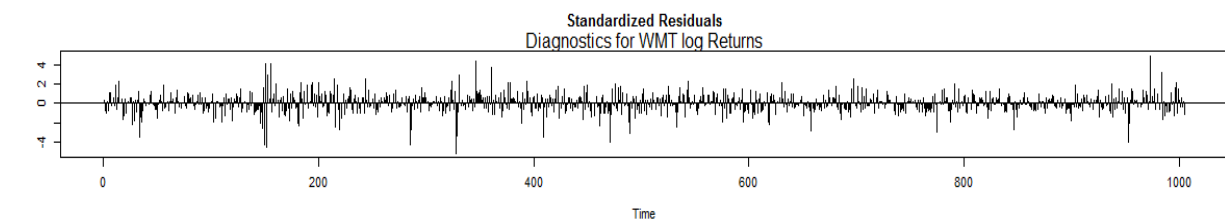
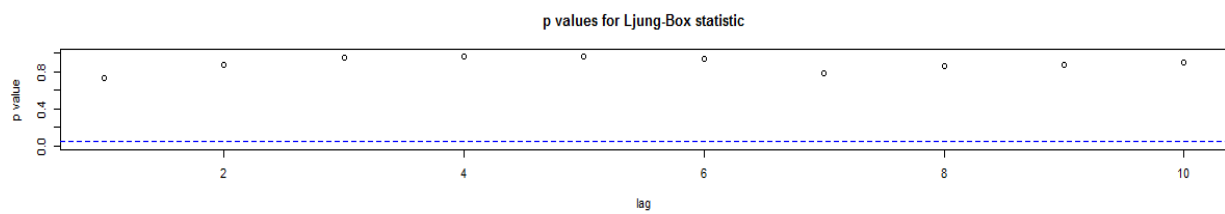
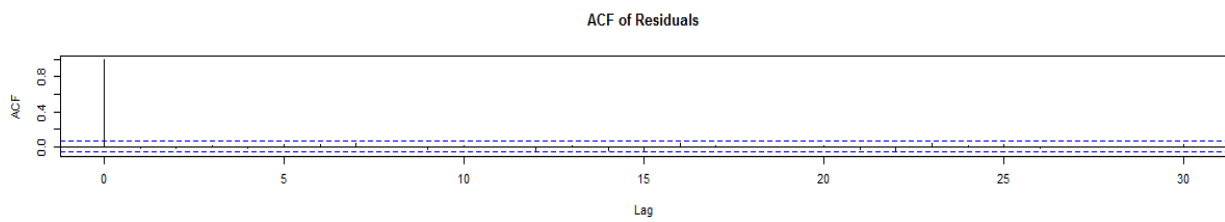
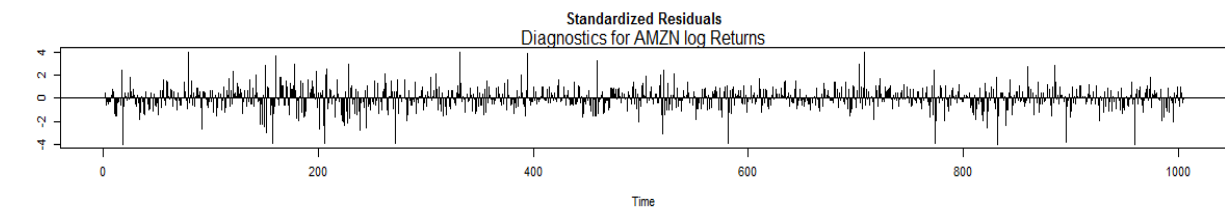
Ebay:  $r_t = 0.001 + 0.019r_{t-1} - 0.169r_{t-2} + 0.846r_{t-3} + a_t + 0.062a_{t-1} - 0.141a_{t-2} + 0.932a_{t-3}$

Amazon:  $r_t = 0.001 + 0.929r_{t-1} + a_t + 0.961a_{t-1}$

Walmart:  $r_t = 0.001$

Step 3: Model Verification:





From the above diagnostic plots, we conclude that the model seems to be adequate from the above residuals plot (ACFs within the limit and Ljung box statistics with high p-val indicating that the residuals are uncorrelated).

**EBAY:**  $\sigma^2$  estimated as 0.0003477762: log likelihood=2575.5

AIC=-5135 AICc=-5134.85 BIC=-5095.7

**AMZN:**  $\sigma^2$  estimated as 0.0003477762: log likelihood=2575.5

AIC=-5135 AICc=-5134.85 BIC=-5095.7

**WMT:**  $\sigma^2$  estimated as 8.591659e-05: log likelihood=3278.44

AIC=-6552.88 AICc=-6552.87 BIC=-6543.05

| Training Set | ME           | RMSE        | MAE         | MPE  | MAPE | MASE        | ACF1         |
|--------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|------|------|-------------|--------------|
| EBAY         | 4.37063E-05  | 0.019       | 0.013457119 | NaN  | Inf  | 0.673796036 | -0.012425584 |
| AMZN         | 4.37063E-05  | 0.018648759 | 0.013457119 | NaN  | Inf  | 0.673796036 | -0.012425584 |
| WMT          | -1.03886E-20 | 0.00926912  | 0.006693019 | -Inf | Inf  | 0.682054649 | -0.03430679  |

Box-Ljung tests

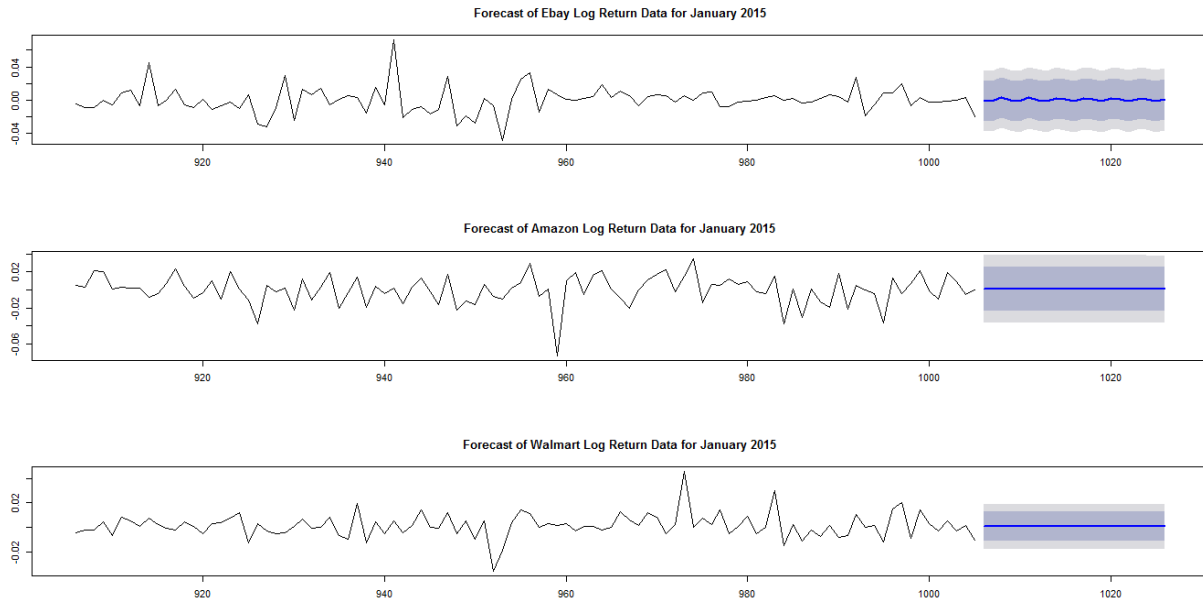
Ebay: X-squared = 20.1814, df = 24, p-value = 0.6864

Amazon: X-squared = 23.6909, df = 24, p-value = 0.4794

Amazon (Cleaned): X-squared = 16.9359, df = 24, p-value = 0.8514

Walmart: X-squared = 27.1645, df = 24, p-value = 0.2968

(g) Using the model you selected in part f), compute forecasts for the daily returns for the first month in 2015 as well as 95% confidence intervals for the forecast.

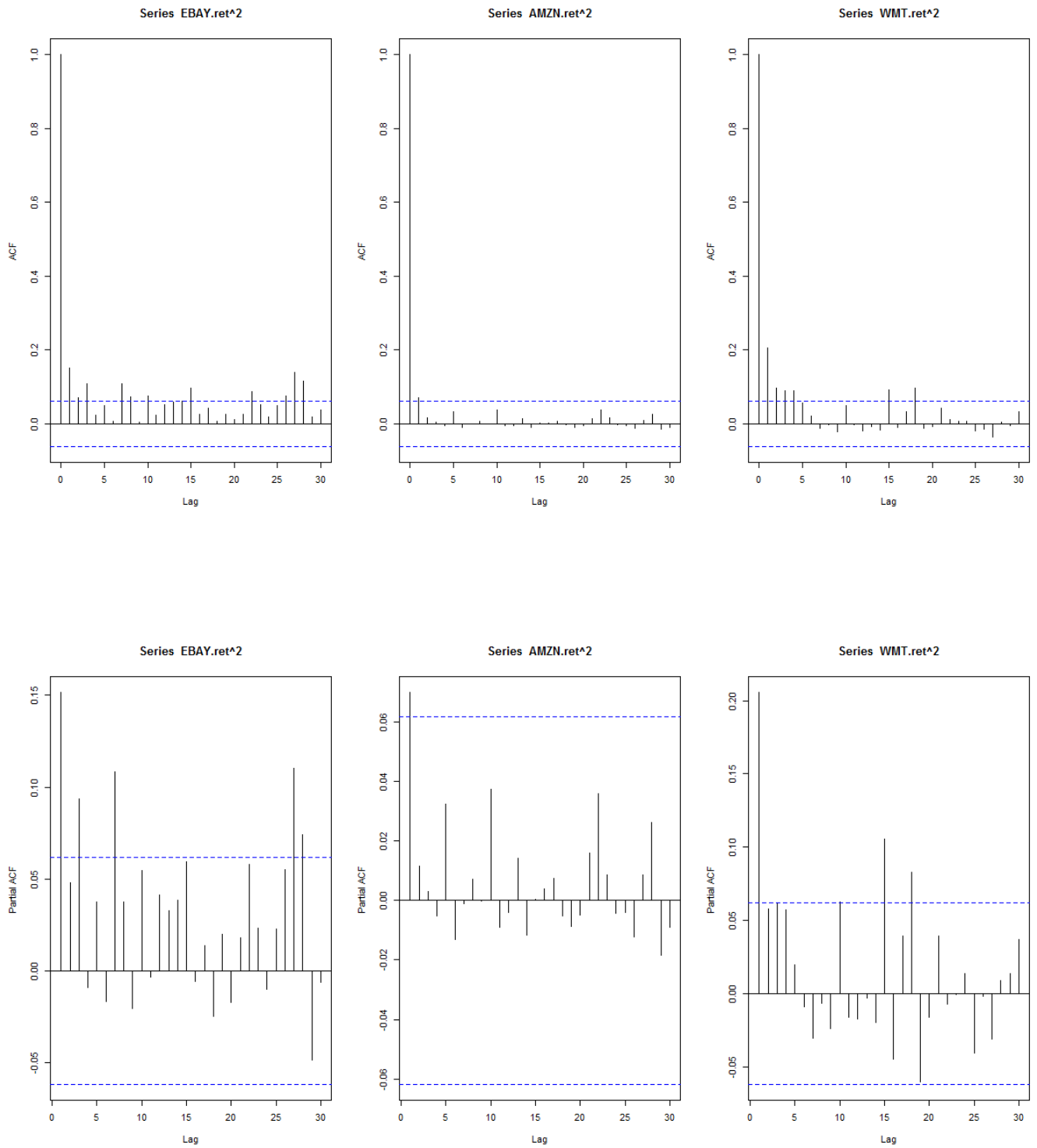


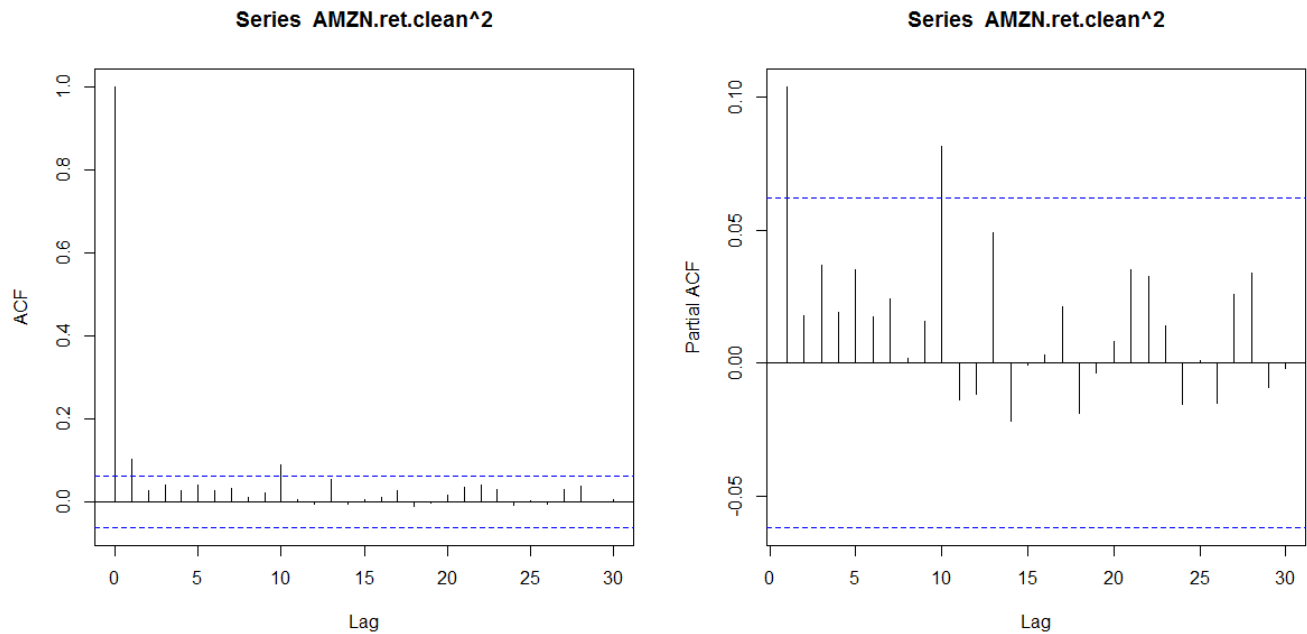
| EBAY | Point Forecast | Lo 80   | Hi 80  | Lo 95   | Hi 95  |
|------|----------------|---------|--------|---------|--------|
| 1006 | -0.0005        | -0.0244 | 0.0234 | -0.0371 | 0.0360 |
| 1007 | -0.0010        | -0.0249 | 0.0229 | -0.0376 | 0.0356 |
| 1008 | 0.0032         | -0.0207 | 0.0271 | -0.0334 | 0.0398 |
| 1009 | 0.0000         | -0.0240 | 0.0240 | -0.0367 | 0.0367 |
| 1010 | -0.0012        | -0.0252 | 0.0228 | -0.0379 | 0.0356 |
| 1011 | 0.0029         | -0.0211 | 0.0269 | -0.0339 | 0.0396 |
| 1012 | 0.0004         | -0.0236 | 0.0245 | -0.0364 | 0.0372 |
| 1013 | -0.0013        | -0.0254 | 0.0228 | -0.0381 | 0.0355 |
| 1014 | 0.0025         | -0.0215 | 0.0266 | -0.0343 | 0.0394 |
| 1015 | 0.0008         | -0.0233 | 0.0249 | -0.0360 | 0.0377 |
| 1016 | -0.0013        | -0.0254 | 0.0228 | -0.0382 | 0.0356 |
| 1017 | 0.0022         | -0.0219 | 0.0263 | -0.0347 | 0.0390 |
| 1018 | 0.0012         | -0.0230 | 0.0253 | -0.0357 | 0.0381 |
| 1019 | -0.0012        | -0.0254 | 0.0229 | -0.0382 | 0.0357 |
| 1020 | 0.0018         | -0.0223 | 0.0259 | -0.0351 | 0.0387 |
| 1021 | 0.0014         | -0.0227 | 0.0256 | -0.0355 | 0.0383 |
| 1022 | -0.0011        | -0.0253 | 0.0230 | -0.0381 | 0.0358 |
| 1023 | 0.0015         | -0.0227 | 0.0256 | -0.0355 | 0.0384 |
| 1024 | 0.0016         | -0.0225 | 0.0258 | -0.0353 | 0.0386 |
| 1025 | -0.0010        | -0.0251 | 0.0232 | -0.0379 | 0.0360 |
| 1026 | 0.0011         | -0.0230 | 0.0253 | -0.0358 | 0.0381 |

| Amazon | Point Forecast | Lo 80   | Hi 80  | Lo 95   | Hi 95  |
|--------|----------------|---------|--------|---------|--------|
| 1006   | 0.0012         | -0.0233 | 0.0258 | -0.0363 | 0.0388 |
| 1007   | 0.0012         | -0.0234 | 0.0257 | -0.0364 | 0.0387 |
| 1008   | 0.0011         | -0.0234 | 0.0257 | -0.0365 | 0.0387 |
| 1009   | 0.0011         | -0.0235 | 0.0257 | -0.0365 | 0.0387 |
| 1010   | 0.0011         | -0.0235 | 0.0257 | -0.0365 | 0.0387 |
| 1011   | 0.0010         | -0.0236 | 0.0256 | -0.0366 | 0.0387 |
| 1012   | 0.0010         | -0.0236 | 0.0256 | -0.0366 | 0.0386 |
| 1013   | 0.0010         | -0.0236 | 0.0256 | -0.0367 | 0.0386 |
| 1014   | 0.0009         | -0.0237 | 0.0256 | -0.0367 | 0.0386 |
| 1015   | 0.0009         | -0.0237 | 0.0255 | -0.0367 | 0.0386 |
| 1016   | 0.0009         | -0.0237 | 0.0255 | -0.0368 | 0.0386 |
| 1017   | 0.0009         | -0.0237 | 0.0255 | -0.0368 | 0.0385 |
| 1018   | 0.0009         | -0.0238 | 0.0255 | -0.0368 | 0.0385 |
| 1019   | 0.0008         | -0.0238 | 0.0255 | -0.0368 | 0.0385 |
| 1020   | 0.0008         | -0.0238 | 0.0255 | -0.0368 | 0.0385 |
| 1021   | 0.0008         | -0.0238 | 0.0254 | -0.0369 | 0.0385 |
| 1022   | 0.0008         | -0.0238 | 0.0254 | -0.0369 | 0.0385 |
| 1023   | 0.0008         | -0.0238 | 0.0254 | -0.0369 | 0.0385 |
| 1024   | 0.0008         | -0.0239 | 0.0254 | -0.0369 | 0.0385 |
| 1025   | 0.0008         | -0.0239 | 0.0254 | -0.0369 | 0.0384 |
| 1026   | 0.0008         | -0.0239 | 0.0254 | -0.0369 | 0.0384 |

| Walmart | Point Forecast | Lo 80   | Hi 80  | Lo 95   | Hi 95  |
|---------|----------------|---------|--------|---------|--------|
| 1006    | 0.0006         | -0.0113 | 0.0124 | -0.0176 | 0.0187 |
| 1007    | 0.0006         | -0.0113 | 0.0124 | -0.0176 | 0.0187 |
| 1008    | 0.0006         | -0.0113 | 0.0124 | -0.0176 | 0.0187 |
| 1009    | 0.0006         | -0.0113 | 0.0124 | -0.0176 | 0.0187 |
| 1010    | 0.0006         | -0.0113 | 0.0124 | -0.0176 | 0.0187 |
| 1011    | 0.0006         | -0.0113 | 0.0124 | -0.0176 | 0.0187 |
| 1012    | 0.0006         | -0.0113 | 0.0124 | -0.0176 | 0.0187 |
| 1013    | 0.0006         | -0.0113 | 0.0124 | -0.0176 | 0.0187 |
| 1014    | 0.0006         | -0.0113 | 0.0124 | -0.0176 | 0.0187 |
| 1015    | 0.0006         | -0.0113 | 0.0124 | -0.0176 | 0.0187 |
| 1016    | 0.0006         | -0.0113 | 0.0124 | -0.0176 | 0.0187 |
| 1017    | 0.0006         | -0.0113 | 0.0124 | -0.0176 | 0.0187 |
| 1018    | 0.0006         | -0.0113 | 0.0124 | -0.0176 | 0.0187 |
| 1019    | 0.0006         | -0.0113 | 0.0124 | -0.0176 | 0.0187 |
| 1020    | 0.0006         | -0.0113 | 0.0124 | -0.0176 | 0.0187 |
| 1021    | 0.0006         | -0.0113 | 0.0124 | -0.0176 | 0.0187 |
| 1022    | 0.0006         | -0.0113 | 0.0124 | -0.0176 | 0.0187 |
| 1023    | 0.0006         | -0.0113 | 0.0124 | -0.0176 | 0.0187 |
| 1024    | 0.0006         | -0.0113 | 0.0124 | -0.0176 | 0.0187 |
| 1025    | 0.0006         | -0.0113 | 0.0124 | -0.0176 | 0.0187 |
| 1026    | 0.0006         | -0.0113 | 0.0124 | -0.0176 | 0.0187 |

(h) Are there ARCH effect in the log return series? Why or why not?



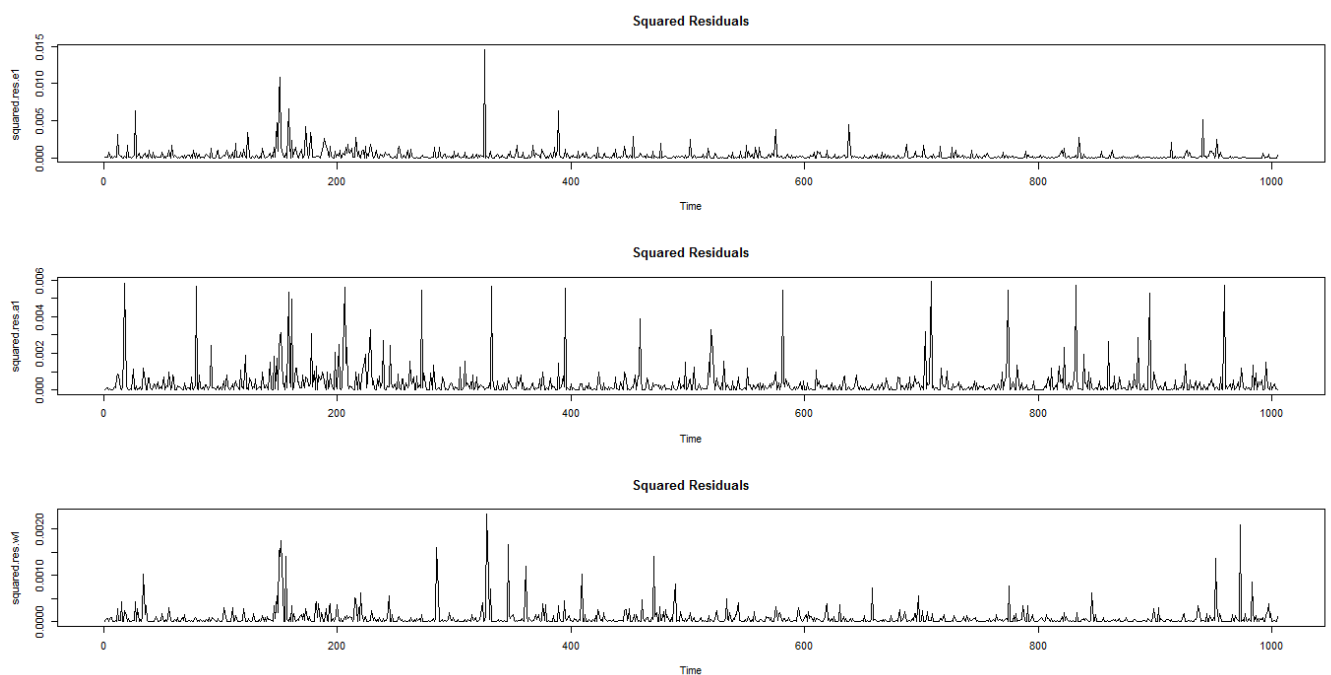


Squared Residuals:

**Ebay:** X-squared = 97.9194, df = 24, p-value = 6.785e-11

**Amazon:** X-squared = 33.3083, df = 24, p-value = 0.09773

**Walmart:** X-squared = 97.1882, df = 24, p-value = 9.025e-11

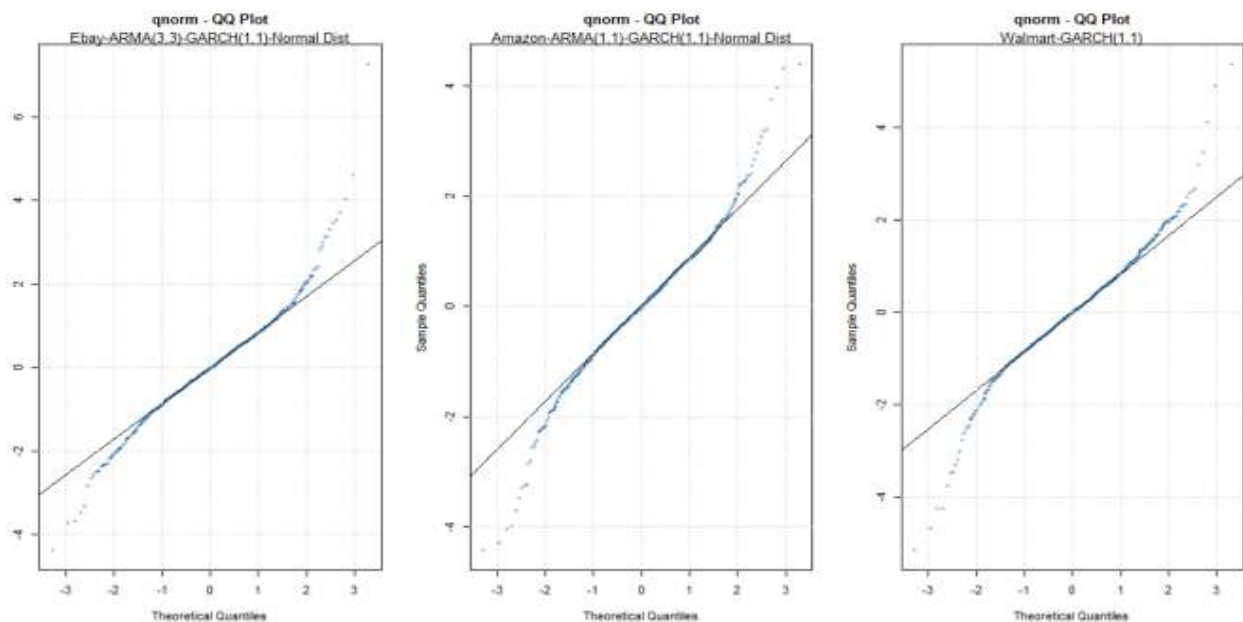




All the three stocks Ebay, Amazon and Walmart indicate the presence of ARCH effects based on the ACF plots, PACF plots. From the Box-Ljung test of autocorrelation in squared residuals, at  $\alpha = 0.1$  we see that p-values are significant, indicating the presence of ARCH effect. ARCHLM test was also performed for heteroskedasticity.

(i) Fit a Gaussian ARMA-GARCH model to each of the log return series. Obtain the normal QQ-plot of the standardized residuals, and write down the fitted model. Is the model adequate? Why or why not?

After trying many orders, we see that ARMA(3,3) and GARCH(1,1) is the best model with smallest AIC for log return of Ebay series. For Amazon, it appears that ARMA(1,1) and GARCH(1,1) is the best model with cleaned amazon data set. Since ARMA(1,1) is not significant at  $\alpha = .05$  for Walmart series, we refit with only pure GARCH(1,1) model. Below are the normal QQ-plot of the standardized residuals:



The plots show that the model violates the normality assumption since a lot of points at the beginning and at the end are not on the line for all three series. The R-output of the three models are shown below. All coefficients are significant at  $\alpha = .05$  except the  $\mu$  parameter of Ebay and Amazon. All the models are adequate since the p-value in Ljung-Box test are all very large, this means that the residuals are not correlated.

## Ebay:

### Error Analysis:

|        | Estimate   | Std. Error | t value | Pr(> t ) |     |
|--------|------------|------------|---------|----------|-----|
| mu     | 2.719e-04  | 1.770e-04  | 1.536   | 0.12464  |     |
| ar1    | 7.739e-02  | 5.477e-02  | 1.413   | 0.15766  |     |
| ar2    | -2.646e-01 | 4.579e-02  | -5.778  | 7.58e-09 | *** |
| ar3    | 8.384e-01  | 5.356e-02  | 15.654  | < 2e-16  | *** |
| ma1    | -1.029e-01 | 4.625e-02  | -2.225  | 0.02605  | *   |
| ma2    | 2.204e-01  | 3.843e-02  | 5.736   | 9.69e-09 | *** |
| ma3    | -9.001e-01 | 4.401e-02  | -20.450 | < 2e-16  | *** |
| omega  | 8.620e-06  | 4.442e-06  | 1.941   | 0.05230  | .   |
| alpha1 | 4.231e-02  | 1.498e-02  | 2.825   | 0.00473  | **  |
| beta1  | 9.323e-01  | 2.483e-02  | 37.544  | < 2e-16  | *** |

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### Standardised Residuals Tests:

|                   |     |       | Statistic | p-Value      |
|-------------------|-----|-------|-----------|--------------|
| Jarque-Bera Test  | R   | Chi^2 | 809.2296  | 0            |
| Shapiro-Wilk Test | R   | W     | 0.9622079 | 1.831348e-15 |
| Ljung-Box Test    | R   | Q(10) | 11.24479  | 0.3387672    |
| Ljung-Box Test    | R   | Q(15) | 15.04573  | 0.4481283    |
| Ljung-Box Test    | R   | Q(20) | 17.95988  | 0.5900512    |
| Ljung-Box Test    | R^2 | Q(10) | 4.561984  | 0.9184557    |
| Ljung-Box Test    | R^2 | Q(15) | 7.24801   | 0.9503986    |
| Ljung-Box Test    | R^2 | Q(20) | 10.6087   | 0.9557459    |
| LM Arch Test      | R   | TR^2  | 5.015022  | 0.9574753    |

### Information Criterion Statistics:

| AIC       | BIC       | SIC       | HQIC      |
|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| -5.182282 | -5.133399 | -5.182478 | -5.163708 |

## Amazon:

### Error Analysis:

|        | Estimate   | Std. Error | t value | Pr(> t ) |     |
|--------|------------|------------|---------|----------|-----|
| mu     | 6.847e-05  | 5.178e-05  | 1.322   | 0.18608  |     |
| ar1    | 9.164e-01  | 4.926e-02  | 18.605  | < 2e-16  | *** |
| ma1    | -9.470e-01 | 4.109e-02  | -23.044 | < 2e-16  | *** |
| omega  | 4.694e-05  | 1.970e-05  | 2.383   | 0.01719  | *   |
| alpha1 | 7.987e-02  | 2.561e-02  | 3.118   | 0.00182  | **  |
| beta1  | 7.942e-01  | 6.903e-02  | 11.506  | < 2e-16  | *** |

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Standardised Residuals Tests:

|                   |                |                  | Statistic | p-Value    |
|-------------------|----------------|------------------|-----------|------------|
| Jarque-Bera Test  | R              | Chi <sup>2</sup> | 263.2837  | 0          |
| Shapiro-Wilk Test | R              | W                | 0.9714997 | 3.8325e-13 |
| Ljung-Box Test    | R              | Q(10)            | 3.952023  | 0.9494854  |
| Ljung-Box Test    | R              | Q(15)            | 10.74849  | 0.7702114  |
| Ljung-Box Test    | R              | Q(20)            | 12.79633  | 0.8859506  |
| Ljung-Box Test    | R <sup>2</sup> | Q(10)            | 5.083361  | 0.8855403  |
| Ljung-Box Test    | R <sup>2</sup> | Q(15)            | 9.394289  | 0.8560158  |
| Ljung-Box Test    | R <sup>2</sup> | Q(20)            | 11.58147  | 0.9297287  |
| LM Arch Test      | R              | TR <sup>2</sup>  | 6.288555  | 0.900843   |

Information Criterion Statistics:

| AIC       | BIC       | SIC       | HQIC      |
|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| -5.091945 | -5.062616 | -5.092016 | -5.080801 |

Walmart:

|        | Estimate  | Std. Error | t value | Pr(> t ) |     |
|--------|-----------|------------|---------|----------|-----|
| mu     | 6.269e-04 | 2.806e-04  | 2.234   | 0.025477 | *   |
| omega  | 3.042e-05 | 8.061e-06  | 3.774   | 0.000161 | *** |
| alpha1 | 1.115e-01 | 3.267e-02  | 3.414   | 0.000641 | *** |
| beta1  | 5.292e-01 | 1.101e-01  | 4.807   | 1.53e-06 | *** |

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Standardised Residuals Tests:

|                   |                |                  | Statistic | p-Value      |
|-------------------|----------------|------------------|-----------|--------------|
| Jarque-Bera Test  | R              | Chi <sup>2</sup> | 510.3221  | 0            |
| Shapiro-Wilk Test | R              | W                | 0.9629493 | 2.707259e-15 |
| Ljung-Box Test    | R              | Q(10)            | 10.21359  | 0.4219583    |
| Ljung-Box Test    | R              | Q(15)            | 13.27549  | 0.5810286    |
| Ljung-Box Test    | R              | Q(20)            | 17.08738  | 0.6472927    |
| Ljung-Box Test    | R <sup>2</sup> | Q(10)            | 6.373226  | 0.7829926    |
| Ljung-Box Test    | R <sup>2</sup> | Q(15)            | 21.02943  | 0.1358916    |
| Ljung-Box Test    | R <sup>2</sup> | Q(20)            | 34.86879  | 0.0208143    |
| LM Arch Test      | R              | TR <sup>2</sup>  | 6.67328   | 0.8784281    |

Information Criterion Statistics:

| AIC       | BIC       | SIC       | HQIC      |
|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| -6.564658 | -6.545105 | -6.564689 | -6.557228 |

**The fitted models:**

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Ebay: } r_t &= 2.719 \times 10^{-4} + a_t + 0.0774r_{t-1} - 0.2646r_{t-2} + 0.8383r_{t-3} - 0.1029a_{t-1} + 0.2204a_{t-2} \\ &\quad - 0.9001a_{t-3}, a_t = \sigma_t a_t, \varepsilon_t \sim N(0,1) \\ \sigma_t^2 &= 8.62 \times 10^{-6} + 0.0423a_{t-1}^2 + 0.9323 \sigma_{t-1}^2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Amazon: } r_t &= 6.847 \times 10^{-5} + 0.9164r_{t-1} - 0.947a_{t-1} + a_t, a_t = \sigma_t a_t, \varepsilon_t \sim N(0,1) \\ \sigma_t^2 &= 4.694 \times 10^{-5} + 0.0799a_{t-1}^2 + 0.0794\sigma_{t-1}^2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Walmart: } r_t &= 6.269 \times 10^{-4} + a_t, a_t = \sigma_t a_t, \varepsilon_t \sim N(0,1) \\ \sigma_t^2 &= 3.042 \times 10^{-5} + 0.1115a_{t-1}^2 + 0.5292 \sigma_{t-1}^2 \end{aligned}$$

(j) Build an ARMA-GARCH model with Student-t innovations for the log return series. Perform model checking and write down the fitted model. Is this model better or worse than part (i)?

The QQ-norm plots show that the ARMA-GARCH(1,1) model with Student-t innovations is much better than part (i) models. Also, from the residual plots we can see that there are constant and random variances. The ACFs plots show that models are adequate. The AICs of these model are also better since they are smaller than AICs in part (i). All the coefficients are significant except  $\mu$  and  $\omega$  of Ebay and  $\mu$ ,  $\omega$  and  $\alpha_1$  for Amazon. All three models are adequate.

## Ebay:

### Error Analysis:

|        | Estimate   | Std. Error | t value | Pr(> t ) |     |
|--------|------------|------------|---------|----------|-----|
| mu     | 1.404e-04  | 8.156e-05  | 1.722   | 0.085158 | .   |
| ar1    | 1.189e-01  | 3.332e-02  | 3.570   | 0.000357 | *** |
| ar2    | -2.484e-01 | 3.454e-02  | -7.193  | 6.36e-13 | *** |
| ar3    | 8.763e-01  | 3.611e-02  | 24.267  | < 2e-16  | *** |
| ma1    | -1.507e-01 | 2.705e-02  | -5.573  | 2.50e-08 | *** |
| ma2    | 2.073e-01  | 3.024e-02  | 6.855   | 7.12e-12 | *** |
| ma3    | -9.283e-01 | 2.639e-02  | -35.172 | < 2e-16  | *** |
| omega  | 1.225e-06  | 1.303e-06  | 0.940   | 0.347165 |     |
| alpha1 | 2.278e-02  | 7.777e-03  | 2.930   | 0.003393 | **  |
| beta1  | 9.732e-01  | 9.299e-03  | 104.652 | < 2e-16  | *** |
| shape  | 4.884e+00  | 6.940e-01  | 7.037   | 1.96e-12 | *** |

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### Standardised Residuals Tests:

|                   |     |       | Statistic    | p-value      |
|-------------------|-----|-------|--------------|--------------|
| Jarque-Bera Test  | R   | Chi^2 | 959.43312    | 0            |
| Shapiro-wilk Test | R   | W     | 0.9564323397 | 0            |
| Ljung-Box Test    | R   | Q(10) | 13.96774961  | 0.1744677376 |
| Ljung-Box Test    | R   | Q(15) | 16.77013602  | 0.3327904041 |
| Ljung-Box Test    | R   | Q(20) | 19.01516782  | 0.5208402926 |
| Ljung-Box Test    | R^2 | Q(10) | 5.185209357  | 0.8784672636 |
| Ljung-Box Test    | R^2 | Q(15) | 9.623327356  | 0.8427412151 |
| Ljung-Box Test    | R^2 | Q(20) | 12.74377237  | 0.8881049363 |
| LM Arch Test      | R   | TR^2  | 6.138381248  | 0.9089461175 |

### Information Criterion Statistics:

| AIC       | BIC       | SIC       | HQIC      |
|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| -5.289968 | -5.236197 | -5.290204 | -5.269536 |

## Amazon:

### Error Analysis:

|        | Estimate   | Std. Error | t value | Pr(> t ) |     |
|--------|------------|------------|---------|----------|-----|
| mu     | 5.536e-05  | 3.902e-05  | 1.419   | 0.156    |     |
| ar1    | 9.357e-01  | 3.468e-02  | 26.981  | < 2e-16  | *** |
| ma1    | -9.627e-01 | 2.776e-02  | -34.675 | < 2e-16  | *** |
| omega  | 2.921e-05  | 2.844e-05  | 1.027   | 0.304    |     |
| alpha1 | 5.232e-02  | 3.659e-02  | 1.430   | 0.153    |     |
| beta1  | 8.705e-01  | 1.073e-01  | 8.112   | 4.44e-16 | *** |
| shape  | 4.894e+00  | 7.433e-01  | 6.585   | 4.56e-11 | *** |

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Standardised Residuals Tests:

|                   |                |                  | Statistic    | p-Value         |
|-------------------|----------------|------------------|--------------|-----------------|
| Jarque-Bera Test  | R              | Chi <sup>2</sup> | 263.2837077  | 0               |
| Shapiro-wilk Test | R              | W                | 0.9714996718 | 3.832500108e-13 |
| Ljung-Box Test    | R              | Q(10)            | 3.952022996  | 0.9494853516    |
| Ljung-Box Test    | R              | Q(15)            | 10.74848743  | 0.7702113648    |
| Ljung-Box Test    | R              | Q(20)            | 12.79632962  | 0.8859505614    |
| Ljung-Box Test    | R <sup>2</sup> | Q(10)            | 5.083360625  | 0.8855402792    |
| Ljung-Box Test    | R <sup>2</sup> | Q(15)            | 9.394289173  | 0.8560158312    |
| Ljung-Box Test    | R <sup>2</sup> | Q(20)            | 11.58147296  | 0.9297286529    |
| LM Arch Test      | R              | TR <sup>2</sup>  | 6.288554816  | 0.9008430358    |

Information Criterion Statistics:

| AIC       | BIC       | SIC       | HQIC      |
|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| -5.172365 | -5.138147 | -5.172462 | -5.159363 |

Walmart:

Error Analysis:

|        | Estimate   | Std. Error | t value | Pr(> t )  |     |
|--------|------------|------------|---------|-----------|-----|
| mu     | 7.0505e-04 | 2.4744e-04 | 2.8493  | 0.004381  | **  |
| omega  | 3.4690e-05 | 1.1594e-05 | 2.9921  | 0.002770  | **  |
| alpha1 | 1.4493e-01 | 4.9004e-02 | 2.9574  | 0.003102  | **  |
| beta1  | 4.5263e-01 | 1.5101e-01 | 2.9975  | 0.002722  | **  |
| shape  | 4.7220e+00 | 6.7808e-01 | 6.9638  | 3.313e-12 | *** |
| ---    |            |            |         |           |     |

Standardised Residuals Tests:

|                   |                |                  | Statistic    | p-Value         |
|-------------------|----------------|------------------|--------------|-----------------|
| Jarque-Bera Test  | R              | Chi <sup>2</sup> | 530.8012978  | 0               |
| Shapiro-wilk Test | R              | W                | 0.9622315341 | 1.854121544e-15 |
| Ljung-Box Test    | R              | Q(10)            | 10.32157348  | 0.4127479364    |
| Ljung-Box Test    | R              | Q(15)            | 13.41802798  | 0.5700437133    |
| Ljung-Box Test    | R              | Q(20)            | 17.17206863  | 0.6417738948    |
| Ljung-Box Test    | R <sup>2</sup> | Q(10)            | 6.89303965   | 0.7355026175    |
| Ljung-Box Test    | R <sup>2</sup> | Q(15)            | 22.21415065  | 0.1023104129    |
| Ljung-Box Test    | R <sup>2</sup> | Q(20)            | 35.72762226  | 0.01655427229   |
| LM Arch Test      | R              | TR <sup>2</sup>  | 7.044143036  | 0.8546826479    |

Information Criterion Statistics:

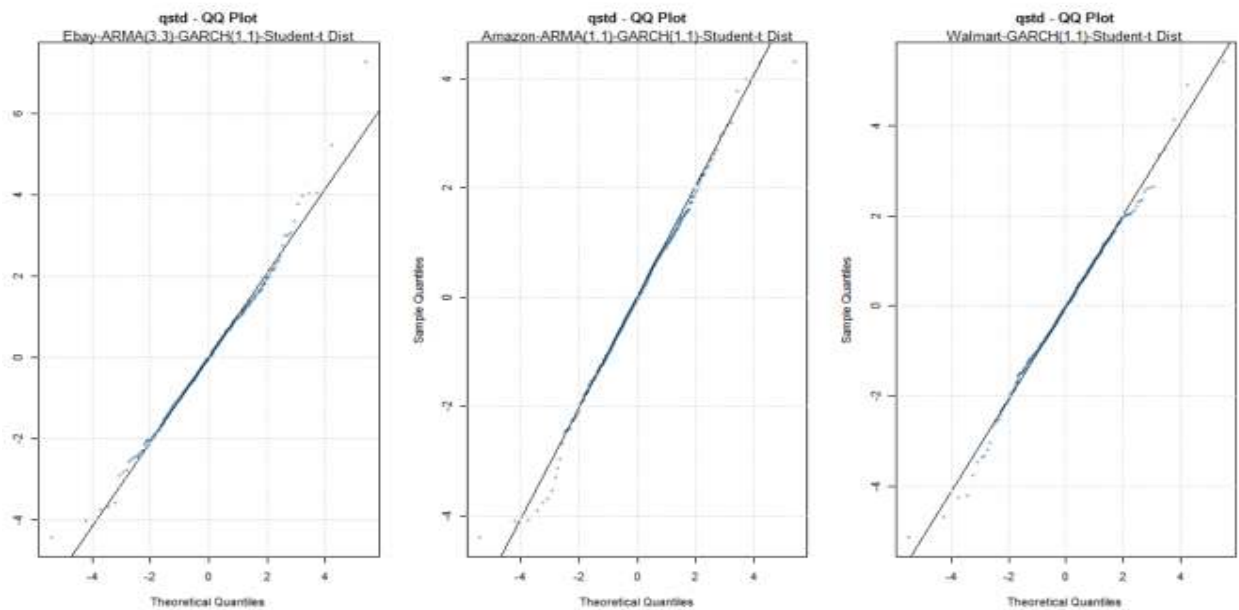
| AIC       | BIC       | SIC       | HQIC      |
|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| -6.668692 | -6.644251 | -6.668742 | -6.659405 |

**The fitted models:**

**Ebay:**  $r_t = 1.404 \times 10^{-4} + a_t + 0.1189r_{t-1} - 0.2484r_{t-2} + 0.8763r_{t-3} - 0.1507a_{t-1} + 0.2073a_{t-2} - 0.9283a_{t-3}$ ,  $a_t = \sigma_t a_t$ ,  $\varepsilon_t \sim N(0,1)$   
 $\sigma_t^2 = 1.2249 \times 10^{-6} + 0.0278a_{t-1}^2 + 0.9732\sigma_{t-1}^2$

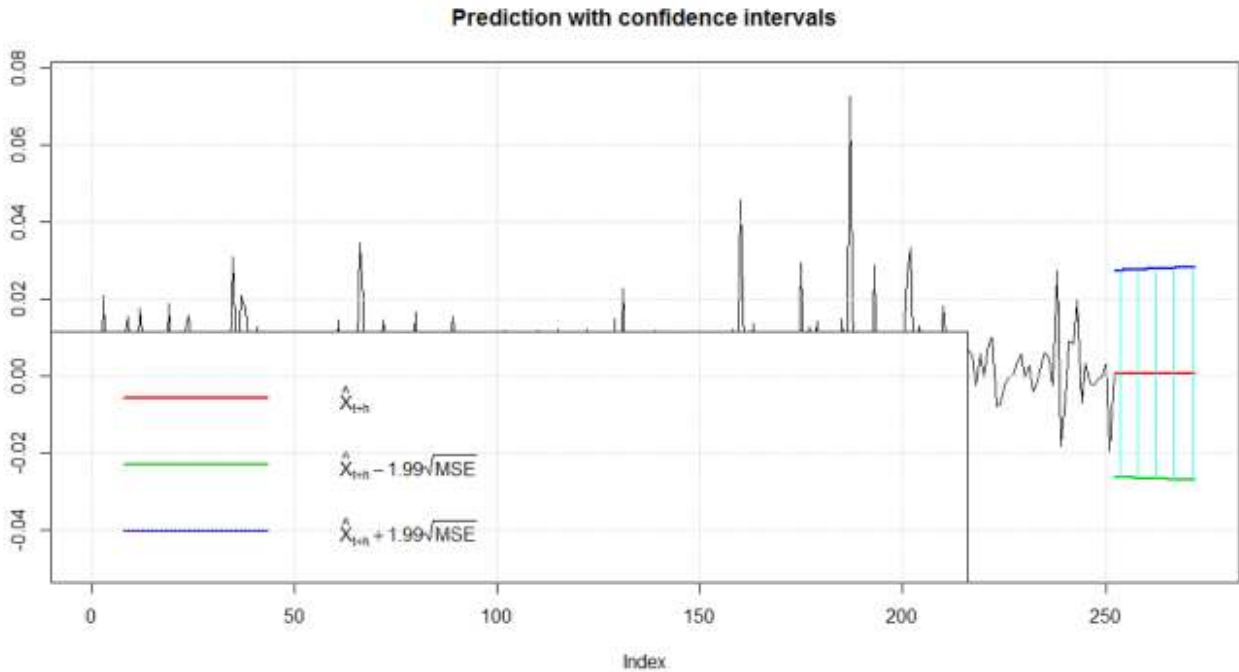
**Amazon:**  $r_t = 5.5361 \times 10^{-5} + 0.9356r_{t-1} - 0.9626a_{t-1} + a_t$ ,  $a_t = \sigma_t a_t$ ,  $\varepsilon_t \sim N(0,1)$   
 $\sigma_t^2 = 2.9208 \times 10^{-5} + 0.0523a_{t-1}^2 + 0.8705\sigma_{t-1}^2$

**Walmart:**  $r_t = 7.051 \times 10^{-4} + a_t$ ,  $a_t = \sigma_t a_t$ ,  $\varepsilon_t \sim N(0,1)$   
 $\sigma_t^2 = 3.469 \times 10^{-5} + 0.1449a_{t-1}^2 + 0.4526\sigma_{t-1}^2$

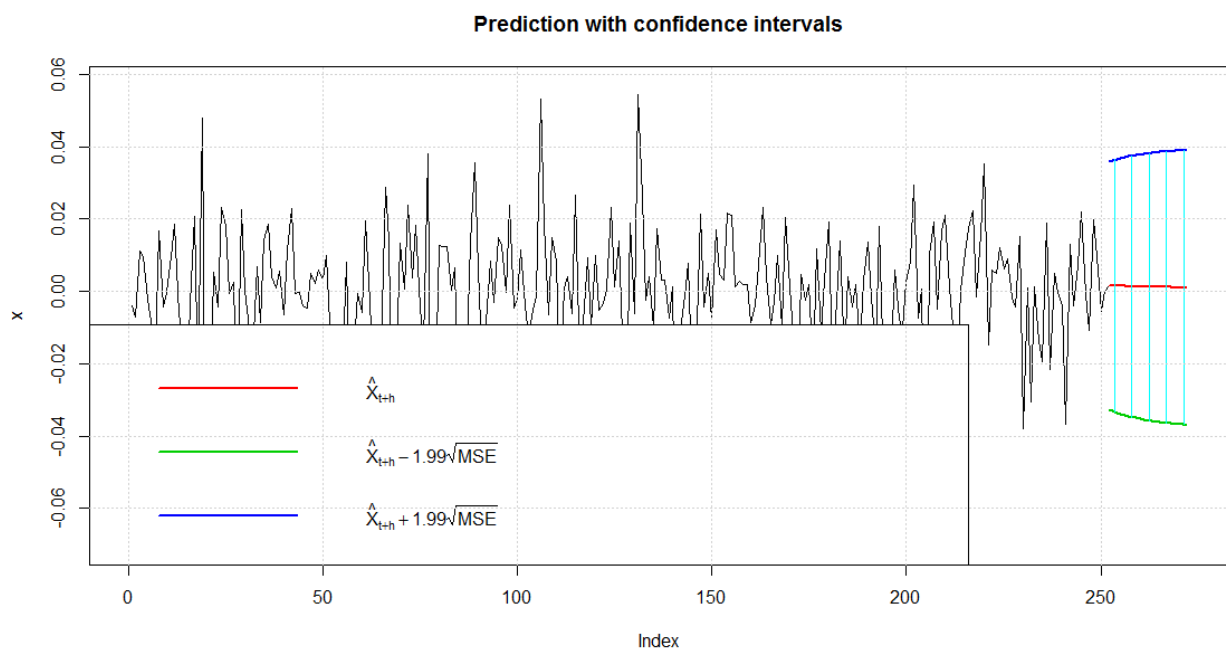


(k) Obtain 1-step ahead mean and volatility forecasts using the fitted ARMA-GARCH model with Student-t innovations with 95% confidence intervals for the first month in 2015.

**Plot of prediction with confidence intervals for first month in 2015 for Ebay:**

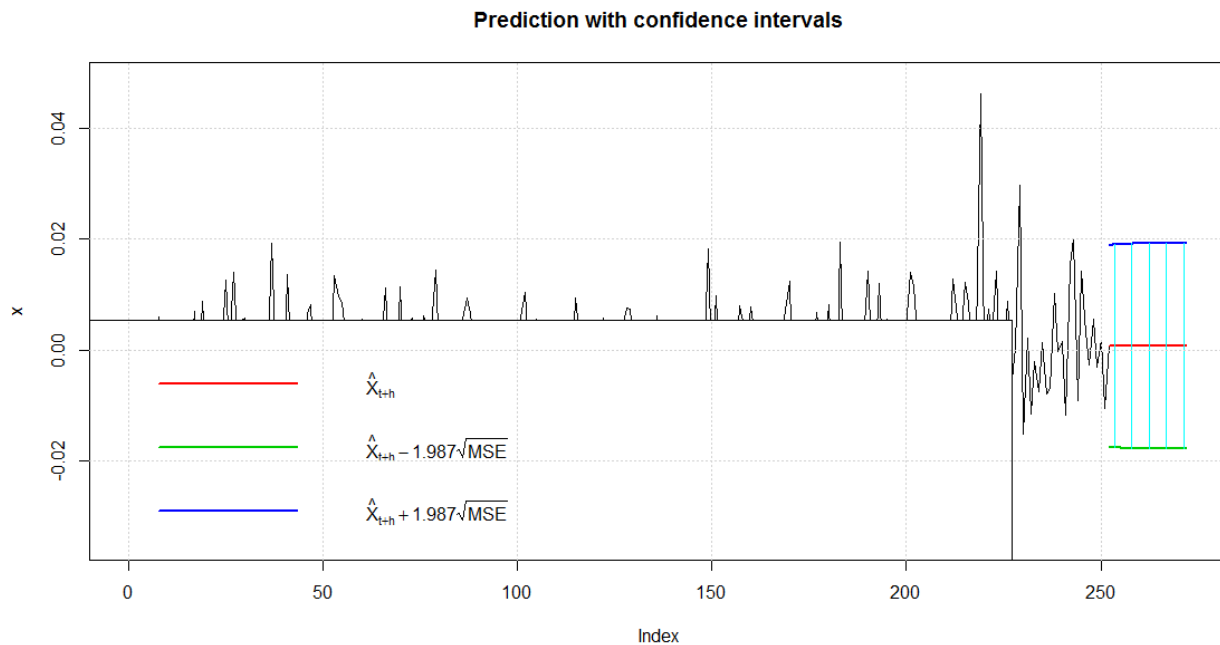


**Plot of prediction with confidence intervals for first month in 2015 for Amazon:**





## Plot of prediction with confidence intervals for first month in 2015 for Walmart:



Assuming 21 trading days in the month of January, the forecasted values, standard deviation and 95% lower interval, upper interval for Ebay, Amazon and Walmart are shown below:

### Ebay:

|    | meanForecast | meanError  | standardDeviation | lowerInterval | upperInterval |
|----|--------------|------------|-------------------|---------------|---------------|
| 1  | 0.0005808137 | 0.01342058 | 0.01342058        | -0.02612689   | 0.02728852    |
| 2  | 0.0005803505 | 0.01345531 | 0.01343990        | -0.02619646   | 0.02735717    |
| 3  | 0.0005799368 | 0.01348680 | 0.01345910        | -0.02625955   | 0.02741942    |
| 4  | 0.0005795673 | 0.01351570 | 0.01347820        | -0.02631742   | 0.02747655    |
| 5  | 0.0005792373 | 0.01354251 | 0.01349718        | -0.02637110   | 0.02752958    |
| 6  | 0.0005789427 | 0.01356764 | 0.01351607        | -0.02642141   | 0.02757929    |
| 7  | 0.0005786795 | 0.01359141 | 0.01353484        | -0.02646898   | 0.02762634    |
| 8  | 0.0005784445 | 0.01361408 | 0.01355352        | -0.02651433   | 0.02767122    |
| 9  | 0.0005782347 | 0.01363586 | 0.01357208        | -0.02655788   | 0.02771435    |
| 10 | 0.0005780472 | 0.01365690 | 0.01359055        | -0.02659994   | 0.02775603    |
| 11 | 0.0005778799 | 0.01367733 | 0.01360891        | -0.02664077   | 0.02779653    |
| 12 | 0.0005777304 | 0.01369726 | 0.01362717        | -0.02668059   | 0.02783605    |
| 13 | 0.0005775969 | 0.01371678 | 0.01364533        | -0.02671955   | 0.02787475    |
| 14 | 0.0005774777 | 0.01373594 | 0.01366339        | -0.02675780   | 0.02791275    |
| 15 | 0.0005773712 | 0.01375479 | 0.01368135        | -0.02679543   | 0.02795017    |
| 16 | 0.0005772762 | 0.01377339 | 0.01369921        | -0.02683253   | 0.02798708    |
| 17 | 0.0005771912 | 0.01379176 | 0.01371697        | -0.02686917   | 0.02802356    |
| 18 | 0.0005771154 | 0.01380993 | 0.01373464        | -0.02690541   | 0.02805964    |
| 19 | 0.0005770477 | 0.01382792 | 0.01375220        | -0.02694128   | 0.02809537    |
| 20 | 0.0005769872 | 0.01384575 | 0.01376968        | -0.02697682   | 0.02813079    |
| 21 | 0.0005769332 | 0.01386343 | 0.01378705        | -0.02701206   | 0.02816593    |

**Amazon:**

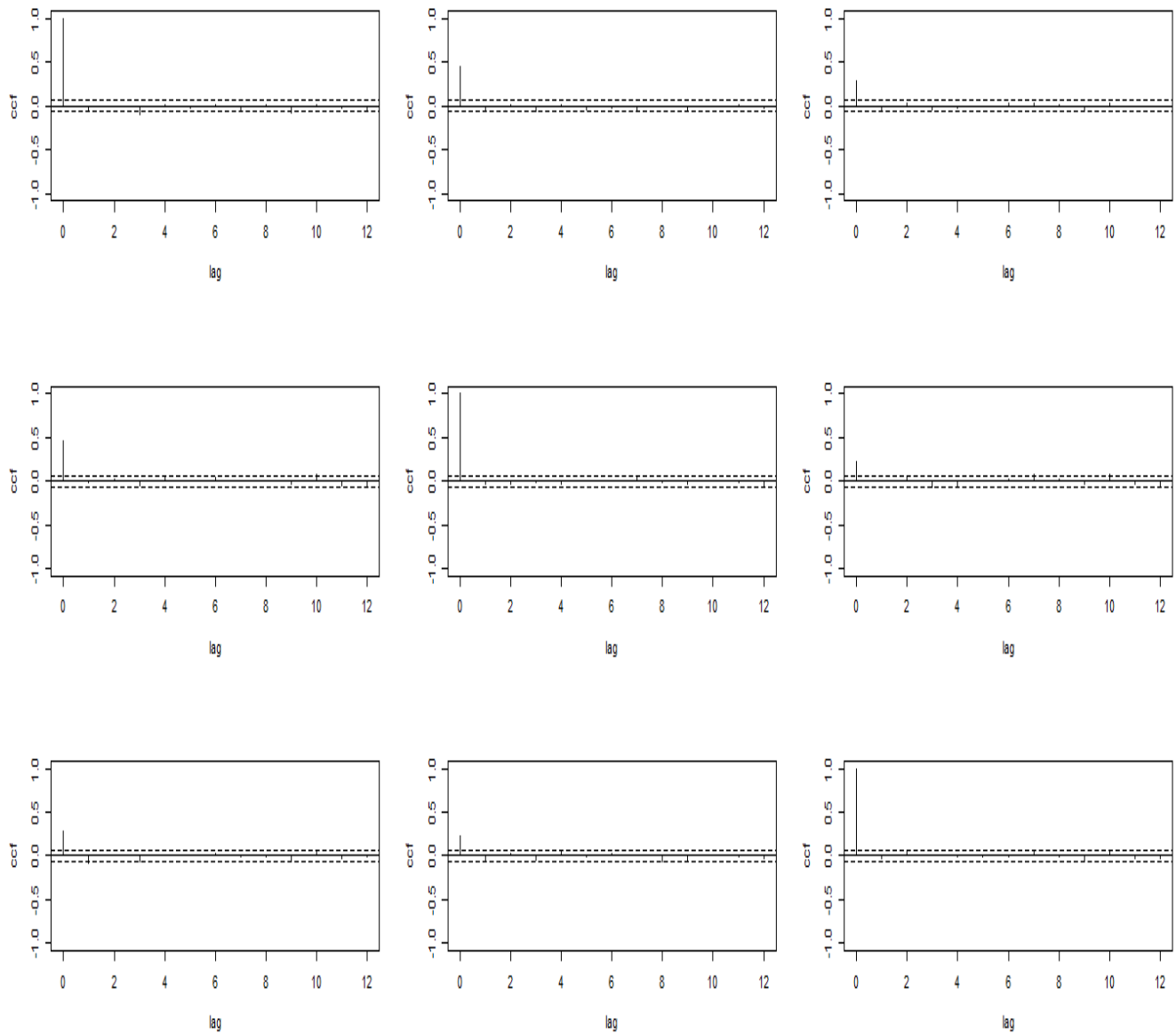
|    | meanForecast | meanError  | standardDeviation | lowerInterval | upperInterval |
|----|--------------|------------|-------------------|---------------|---------------|
| 1  | 0.001597749  | 0.01726478 | 0.01726478        | -0.03275383   | 0.03594933    |
| 2  | 0.001550329  | 0.01744991 | 0.01744368        | -0.03316960   | 0.03627026    |
| 3  | 0.001505959  | 0.01761887 | 0.01760717        | -0.03355014   | 0.03656206    |
| 4  | 0.001464443  | 0.01777322 | 0.01775671        | -0.03389877   | 0.03682765    |
| 5  | 0.001425598  | 0.01791436 | 0.01789360        | -0.03421844   | 0.03706963    |
| 6  | 0.001389252  | 0.01804352 | 0.01801900        | -0.03451178   | 0.03729028    |
| 7  | 0.001355244  | 0.01816181 | 0.01813396        | -0.03478114   | 0.03749163    |
| 8  | 0.001323424  | 0.01827021 | 0.01823941        | -0.03502865   | 0.03767550    |
| 9  | 0.001293651  | 0.01836961 | 0.01833618        | -0.03525620   | 0.03784350    |
| 10 | 0.001265793  | 0.01846080 | 0.01842504        | -0.03546550   | 0.03799709    |
| 11 | 0.001239727  | 0.01854451 | 0.01850666        | -0.03565812   | 0.03813757    |
| 12 | 0.001215337  | 0.01862138 | 0.01858167        | -0.03583545   | 0.03826612    |
| 13 | 0.001192517  | 0.01869199 | 0.01865062        | -0.03599877   | 0.03838380    |
| 14 | 0.001171165  | 0.01875689 | 0.01871402        | -0.03614924   | 0.03849157    |
| 15 | 0.001151186  | 0.01881654 | 0.01877234        | -0.03628792   | 0.03859029    |
| 16 | 0.001132493  | 0.01887140 | 0.01882601        | -0.03641577   | 0.03868076    |
| 17 | 0.001115002  | 0.01892187 | 0.01887539        | -0.03653367   | 0.03876367    |
| 18 | 0.001098636  | 0.01896830 | 0.01892086        | -0.03664241   | 0.03883968    |
| 19 | 0.001083323  | 0.01901103 | 0.01896271        | -0.03674274   | 0.03890939    |
| 20 | 0.001068995  | 0.01905036 | 0.01900126        | -0.03683533   | 0.03897332    |
| 21 | 0.001055589  | 0.01908657 | 0.01903676        | -0.03692078   | 0.03903196    |

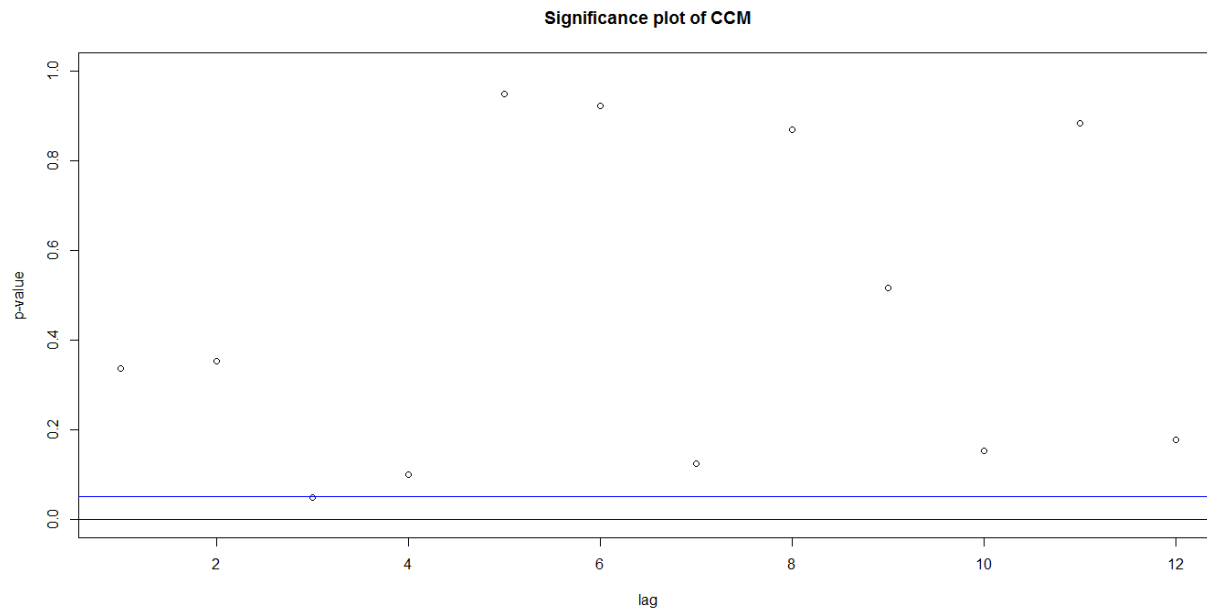
**Walmart:**

|    | meanForecast | meanError   | standardDeviation | lowerInterval | upperInterval |
|----|--------------|-------------|-------------------|---------------|---------------|
| 1  | 0.0007050475 | 0.009111362 | 0.009111362       | -0.01739713   | 0.01880722    |
| 2  | 0.0007050475 | 0.009181366 | 0.009181366       | -0.01753621   | 0.01894630    |
| 3  | 0.0007050475 | 0.009222945 | 0.009222945       | -0.01761882   | 0.01902891    |
| 4  | 0.0007050475 | 0.009247701 | 0.009247701       | -0.01766800   | 0.01907810    |
| 5  | 0.0007050475 | 0.009262463 | 0.009262463       | -0.01769733   | 0.01910742    |
| 6  | 0.0007050475 | 0.009271273 | 0.009271273       | -0.01771483   | 0.01912493    |
| 7  | 0.0007050475 | 0.009276533 | 0.009276533       | -0.01772528   | 0.01913538    |
| 8  | 0.0007050475 | 0.009279675 | 0.009279675       | -0.01773153   | 0.01914162    |
| 9  | 0.0007050475 | 0.009281552 | 0.009281552       | -0.01773525   | 0.01914535    |
| 10 | 0.0007050475 | 0.009282673 | 0.009282673       | -0.01773748   | 0.01914758    |
| 11 | 0.0007050475 | 0.009283343 | 0.009283343       | -0.01773881   | 0.01914891    |
| 12 | 0.0007050475 | 0.009283744 | 0.009283744       | -0.01773961   | 0.01914970    |
| 13 | 0.0007050475 | 0.009283983 | 0.009283983       | -0.01774008   | 0.01915018    |
| 14 | 0.0007050475 | 0.009284126 | 0.009284126       | -0.01774037   | 0.01915046    |
| 15 | 0.0007050475 | 0.009284211 | 0.009284211       | -0.01774054   | 0.01915063    |
| 16 | 0.0007050475 | 0.009284262 | 0.009284262       | -0.01774064   | 0.01915073    |
| 17 | 0.0007050475 | 0.009284293 | 0.009284293       | -0.01774070   | 0.01915080    |
| 18 | 0.0007050475 | 0.009284311 | 0.009284311       | -0.01774074   | 0.01915083    |
| 19 | 0.0007050475 | 0.009284322 | 0.009284322       | -0.01774076   | 0.01915085    |
| 20 | 0.0007050475 | 0.009284329 | 0.009284329       | -0.01774077   | 0.01915087    |
| 21 | 0.0007050475 | 0.009284333 | 0.009284333       | -0.01774078   | 0.01915087    |

(1) Is there significant cross-correlation in the log returns for the 3 companies?

Yes, there is significant cross-correlation at lag 4 in the log returns for the 3 companies. The Ljung-Box statistics show that  $p\text{-value} = 0.04$  at lag 4.



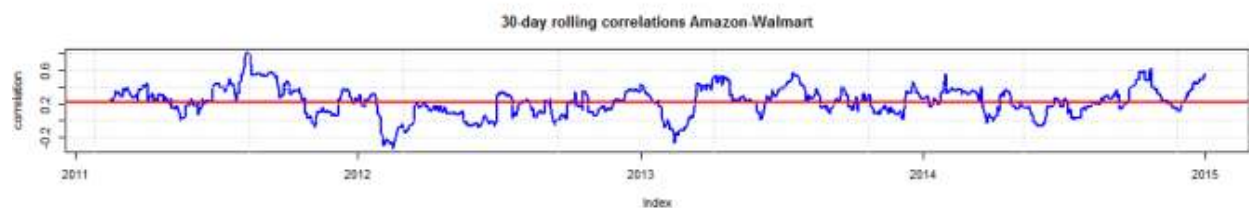
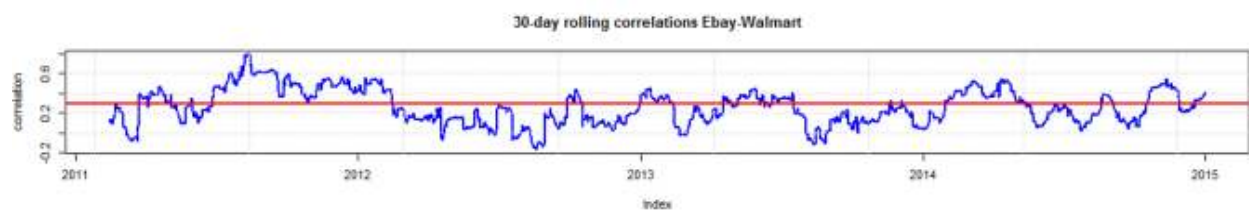
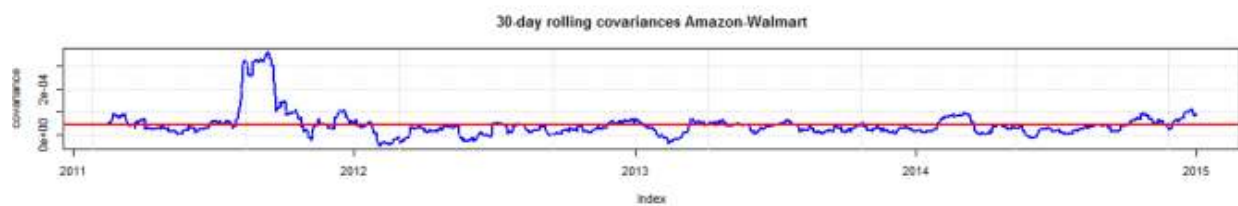
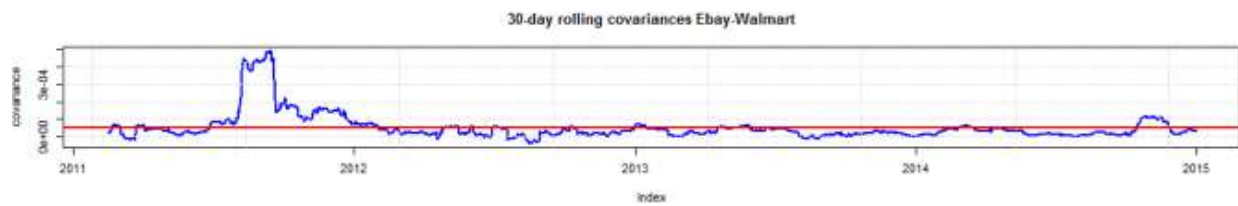
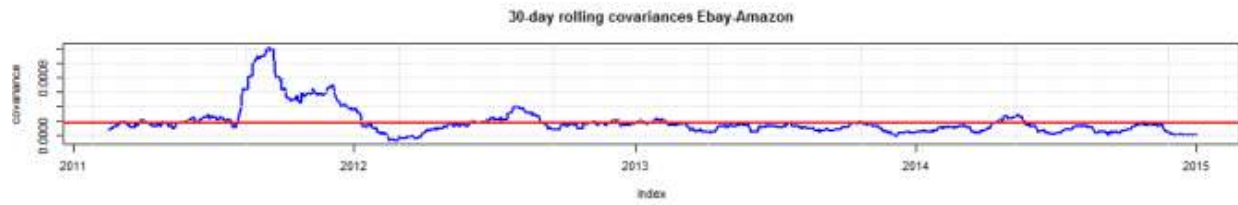


**Ljung-Box Statistics:**

|       | m    | Q(m)  | df    | p-value |
|-------|------|-------|-------|---------|
| [1,]  | 1.0  | 10.2  | 9.0   | 0.34    |
| [2,]  | 2.0  | 20.2  | 18.0  | 0.32    |
| [3,]  | 3.0  | 37.2  | 27.0  | 0.09    |
| [4,]  | 4.0  | 51.9  | 36.0  | 0.04    |
| [5,]  | 5.0  | 55.3  | 45.0  | 0.14    |
| [6,]  | 6.0  | 59.1  | 54.0  | 0.29    |
| [7,]  | 7.0  | 73.1  | 63.0  | 0.18    |
| [8,]  | 8.0  | 77.7  | 72.0  | 0.30    |
| [9,]  | 9.0  | 85.9  | 81.0  | 0.33    |
| [10,] | 10.0 | 99.1  | 90.0  | 0.24    |
| [11,] | 11.0 | 103.5 | 99.0  | 0.36    |
| [12,] | 12.0 | 116.2 | 108.0 | 0.28    |

(m) Using a 30-day moving window, compute and plot rolling covariances and correlations. Briefly comment on what you see.

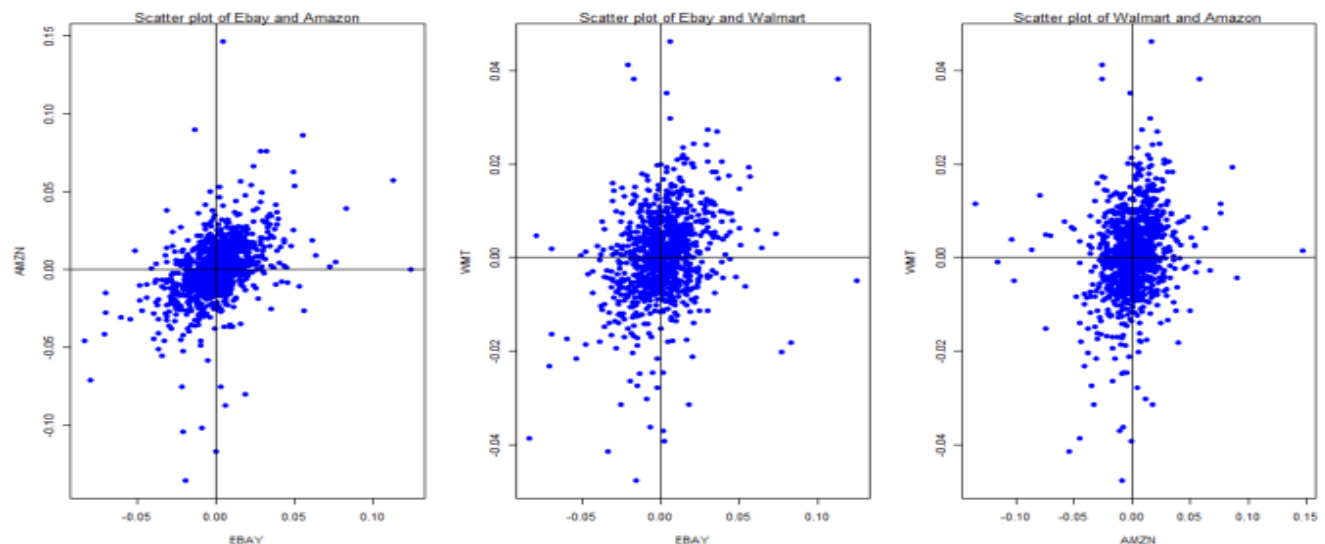
In the three pair-wise 30-day rolling covariance charts, we see small positive covariance fluctuations throughout the series with a dramatic spike in the beginning of second half of 2011. The July-August spike is caused by the dramatic incidences of 2011: Greek default, S&P downgrades in the United States and Gold Hike from \$1440 to \$1840 happening at the same time frame followed by a dramatic drop a little more than a month later.





(n) Let  $r_t = (r_{\text{EBAY},t}, r_{\text{AMZN},t}, r_{\text{WMT},t})^T$ . Using the `dccfit()` function from the `rmgarch` package, estimate the normal-DCC(1,1) model. Briefly comment on the estimated coefficients and the fit of the model.

From the R-output, we can see that all of the estimated parameters were significant except the  $\mu$  parameters for all three series, and  $\alpha_1$  for Amazon. The parameter  $\alpha_1$  and including the jointly estimated  $\alpha$  were moderately significant except  $\alpha_1$  parameter of Amazon series. The decay term ( $\beta_1$ ) was the greatest significant coefficients with p-values equal 0.0. This is what we expected since in an analysis of the correlated return series in the scatterplots, we expected to see significant estimates in the joint estimated coefficients for  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  coefficients.



### Optimal Parameters

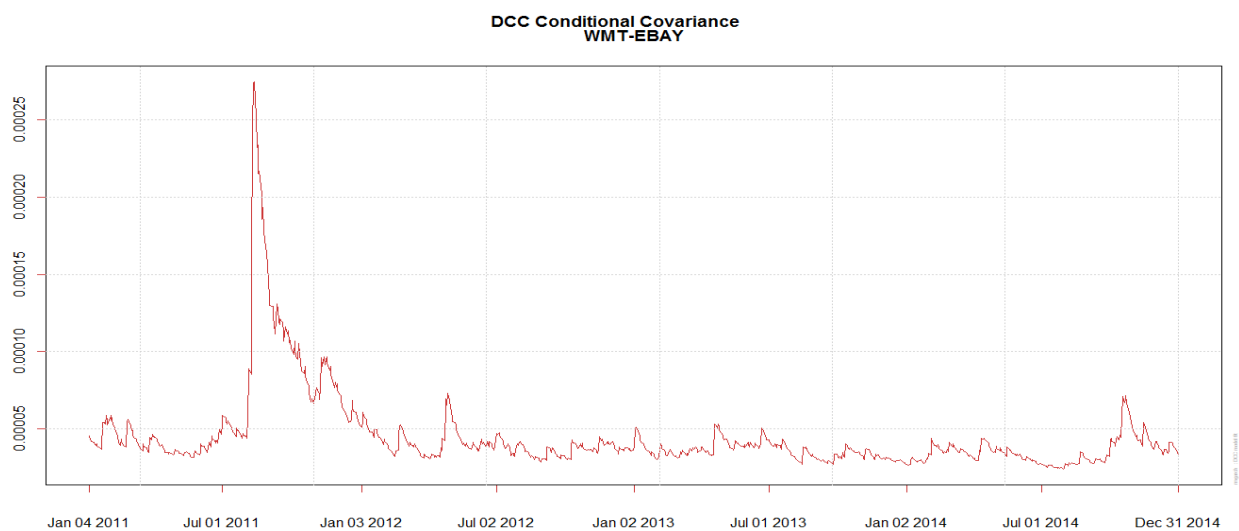
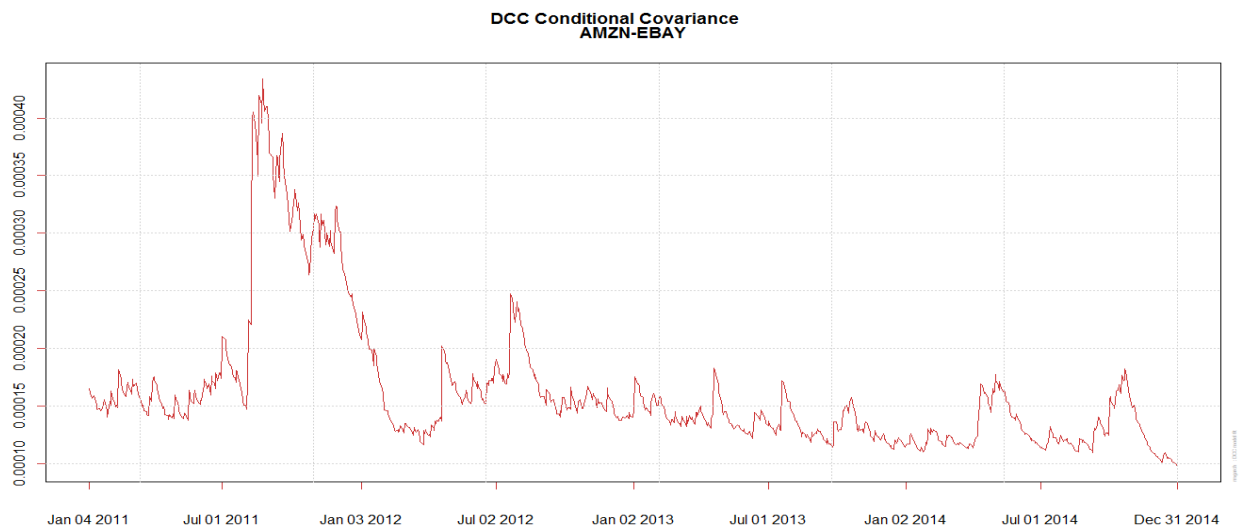
|               | Estimate | Std. Error | t value   | Pr(> t ) |
|---------------|----------|------------|-----------|----------|
| [EBAY].mu     | 0.000890 | 0.000562   | 1.58293   | 0.113438 |
| [EBAY].omega  | 0.000009 | 0.000001   | 7.41377   | 0.000000 |
| [EBAY].alpha1 | 0.042214 | 0.004468   | 9.44711   | 0.000000 |
| [EBAY].beta1  | 0.932536 | 0.007872   | 118.46076 | 0.000000 |
| [AMZN].mu     | 0.000585 | 0.000644   | 0.90798   | 0.363889 |
| [AMZN].omega  | 0.000005 | 0.000002   | 3.01767   | 0.002547 |
| [AMZN].alpha1 | 0.007897 | 0.005539   | 1.42565   | 0.153970 |
| [AMZN].beta1  | 0.980758 | 0.009459   | 103.68530 | 0.000000 |
| [WMT].mu      | 0.000469 | 0.000281   | 1.66763   | 0.095389 |
| [WMT].omega   | 0.000005 | 0.000000   | 19.81895  | 0.000000 |
| [WMT].alpha1  | 0.047343 | 0.003248   | 14.57825  | 0.000000 |
| [WMT].beta1   | 0.892312 | 0.010058   | 88.71278  | 0.000000 |
| [Joint]dccal  | 0.008884 | 0.004838   | 1.83612   | 0.066340 |
| [Joint]dccbl  | 0.963136 | 0.015350   | 62.74630  | 0.000000 |

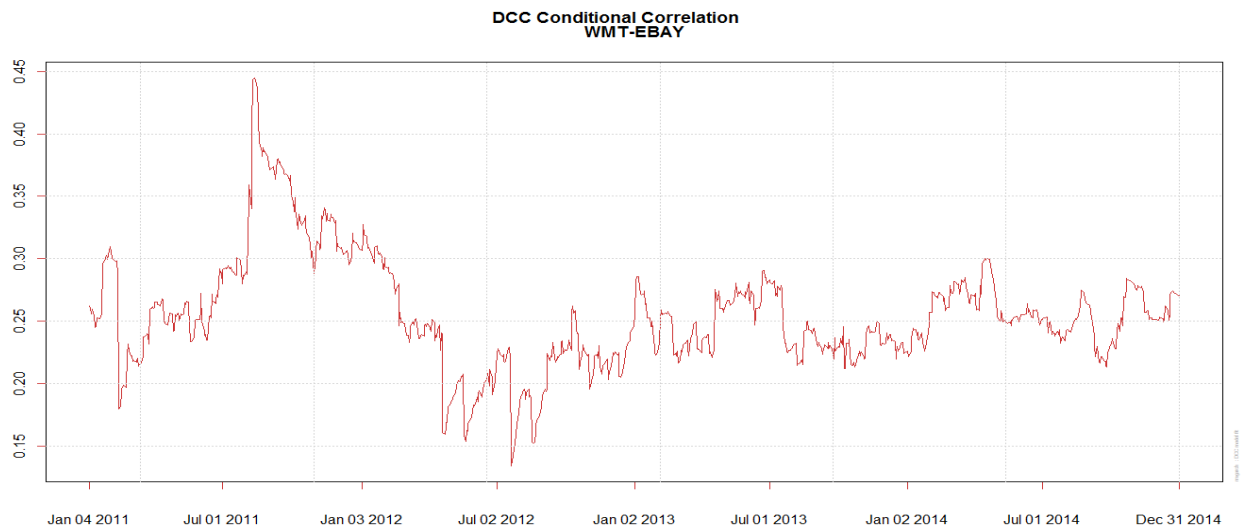
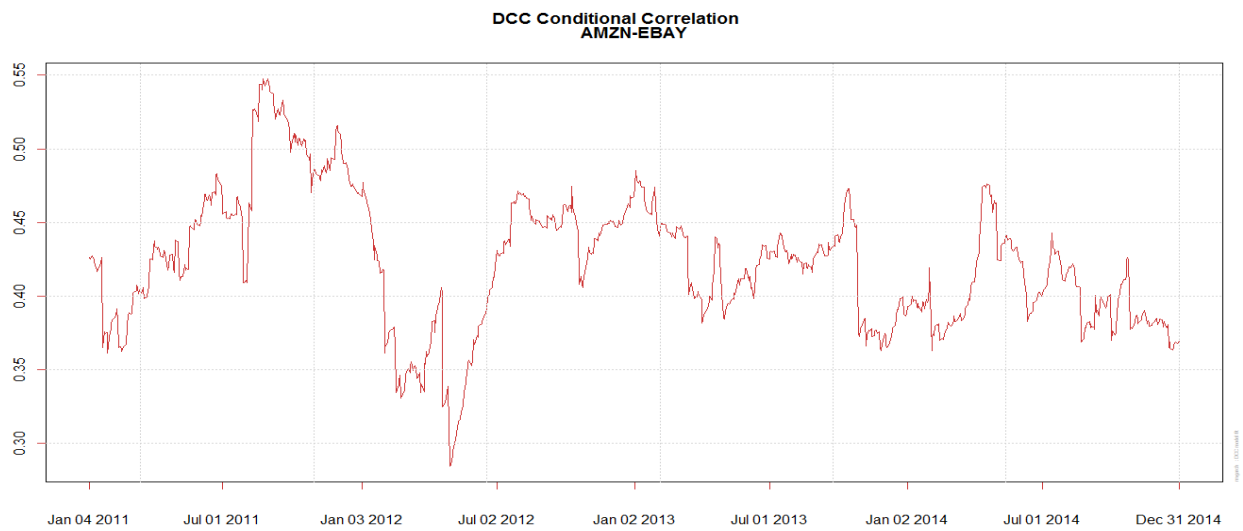
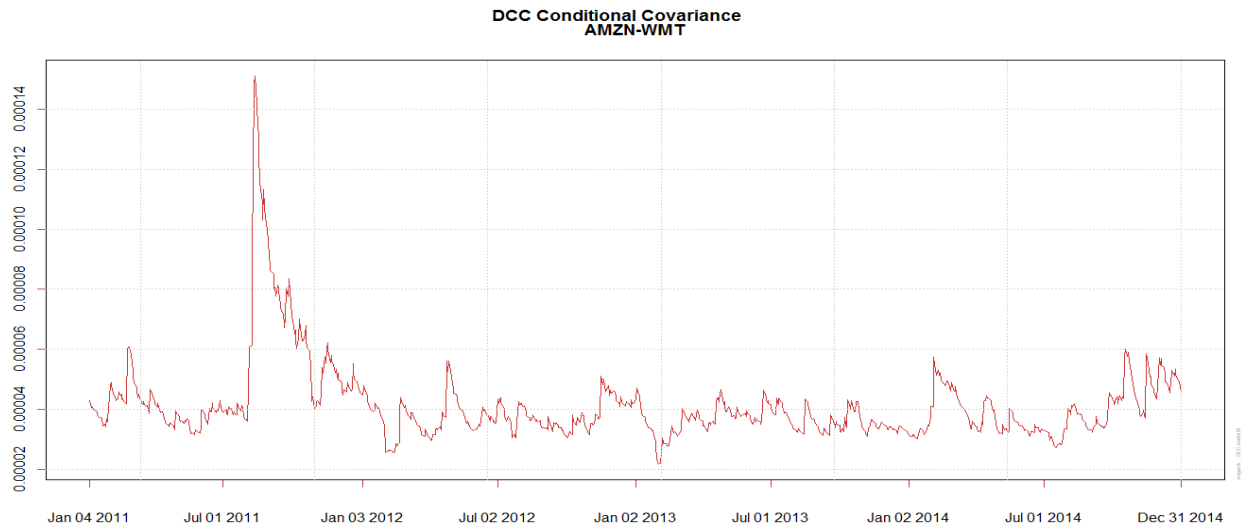
## Information Criteria

|              |         |
|--------------|---------|
| Akaike       | -16.945 |
| Bayes        | -16.862 |
| Shibata      | -16.946 |
| Hannan-Quinn | -16.914 |

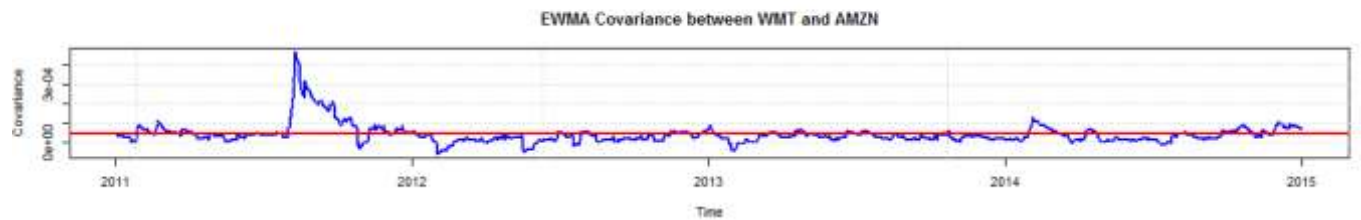
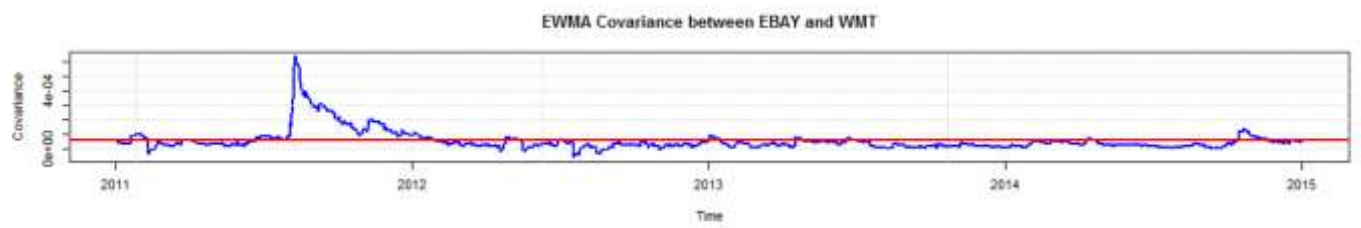
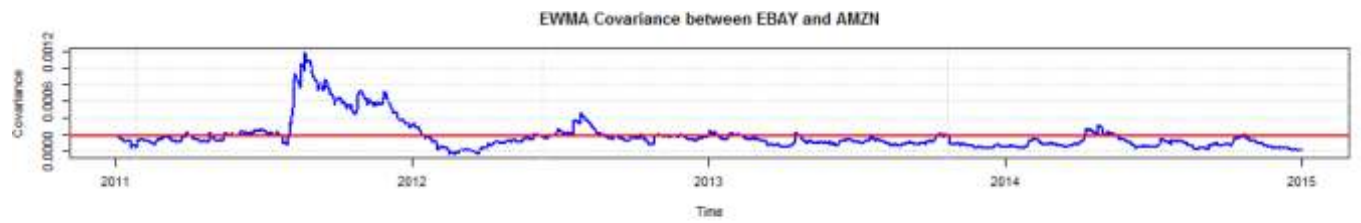
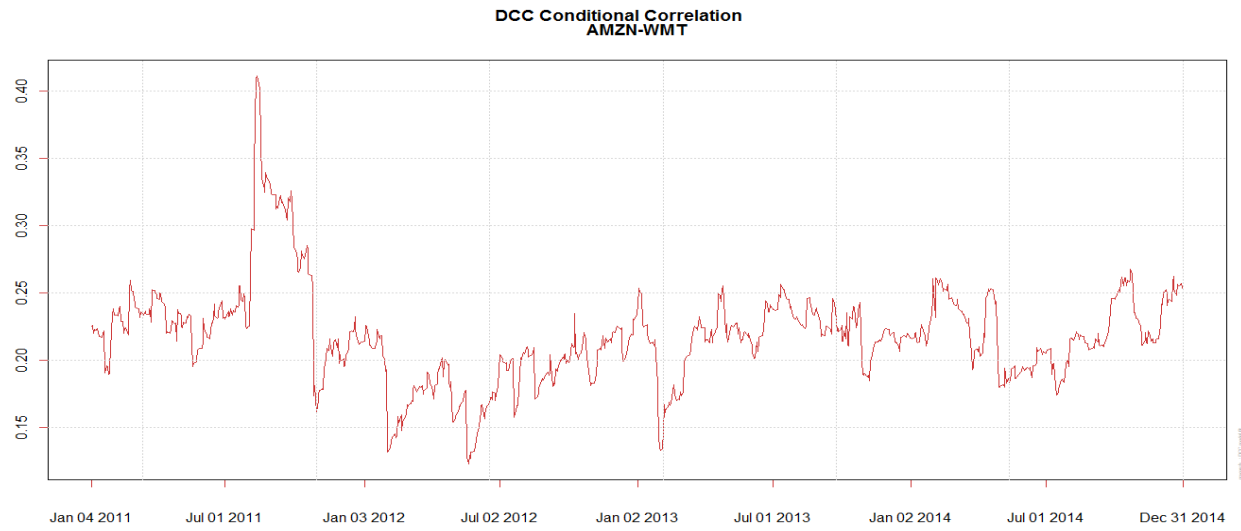
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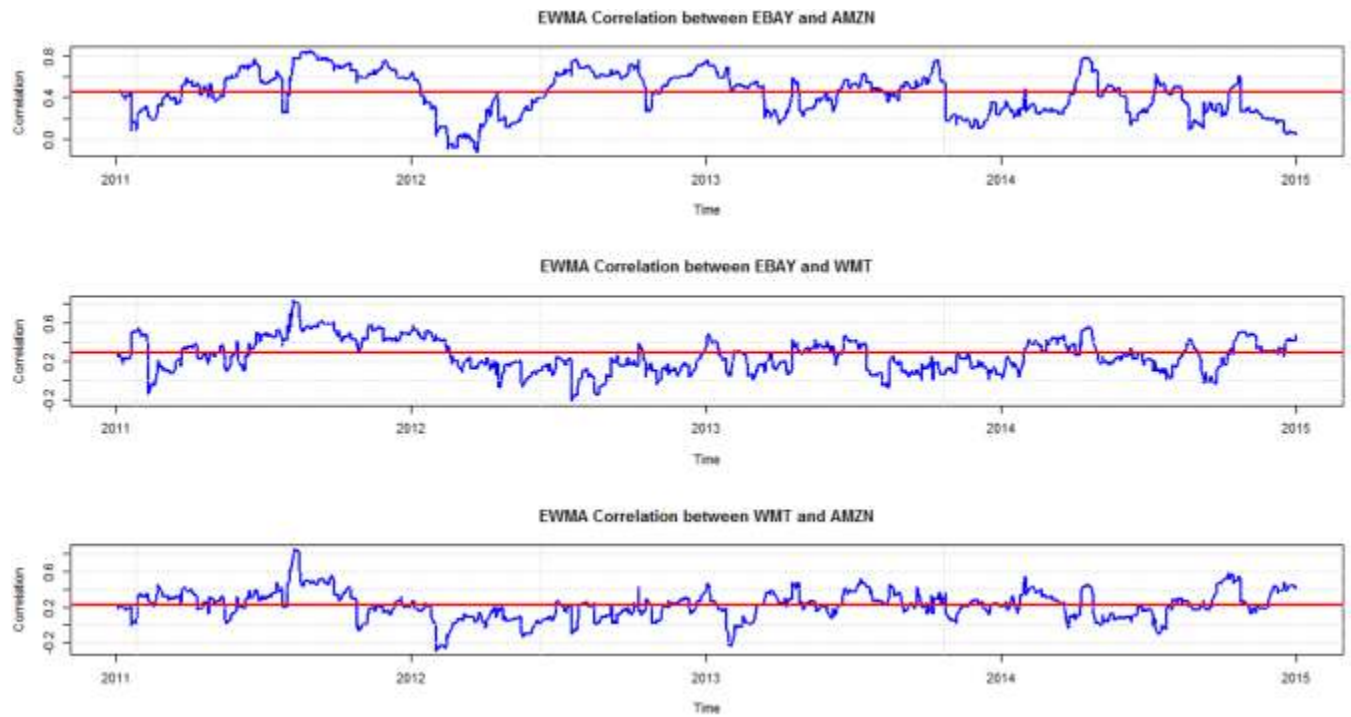
(o) Plot the estimated in-sample conditional covariances and correlations. Compare the EWMA and rolling estimates.



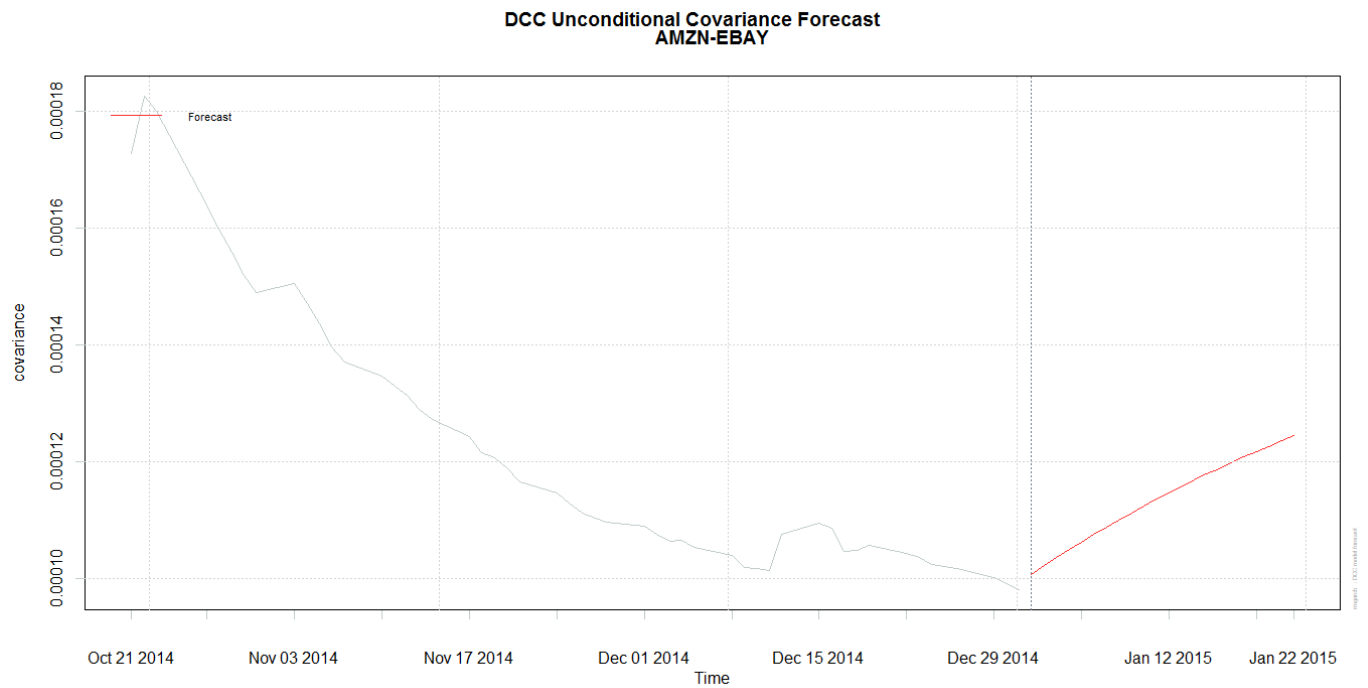




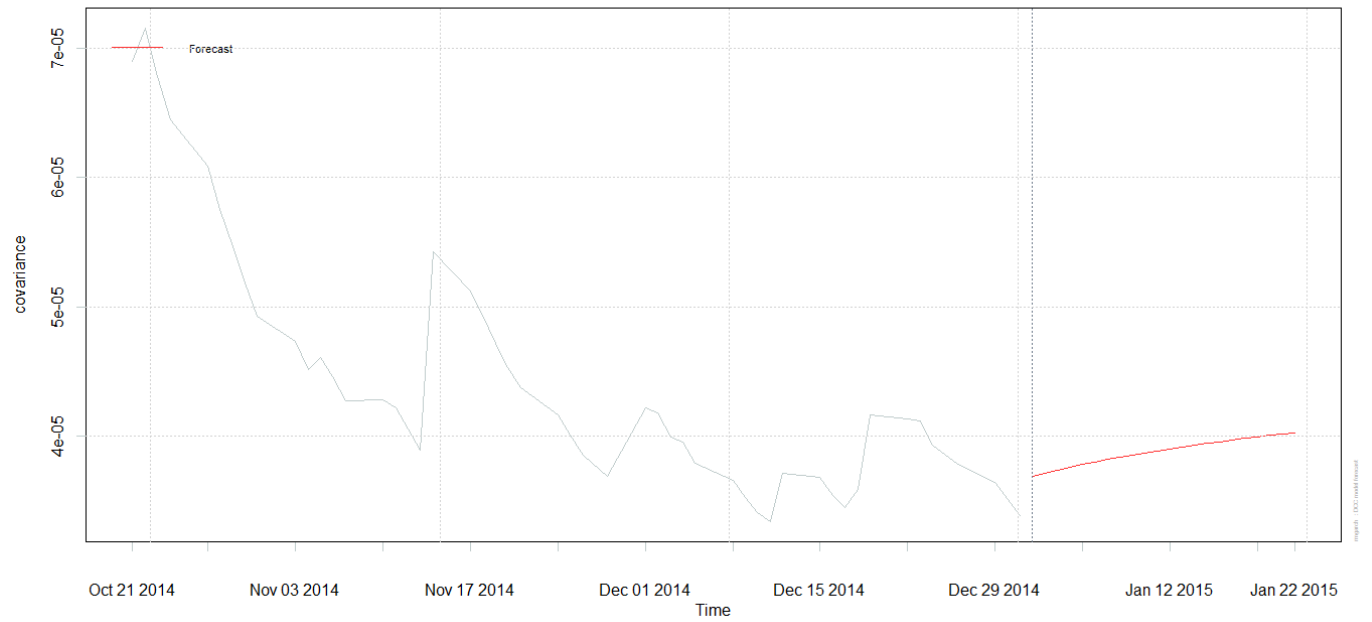




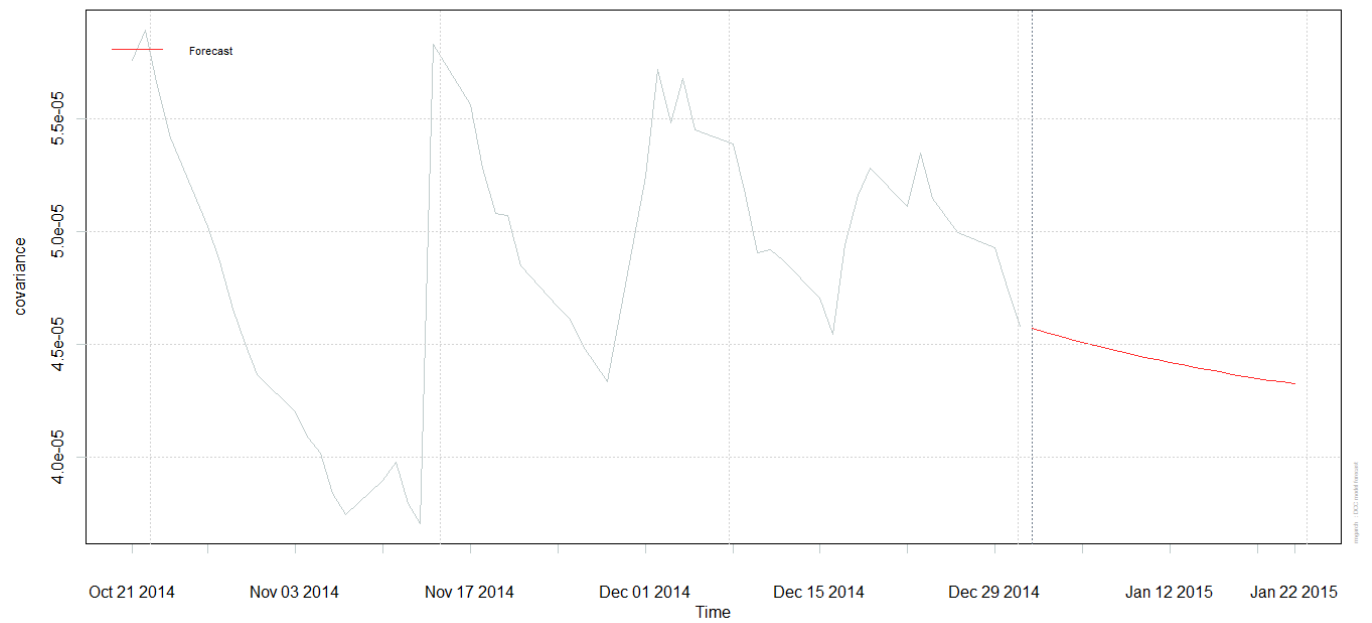
(p) Using the Estimated DCC(1,1) model, compute (using `dccforecast()` function) and plot the first month in 2015's 1-step ahead forecasts of conditional covariance and correlation.



**DCC Unconditional Covariance Forecast  
WMT-EBAY**



**DCC Unconditional Covariance Forecast  
AMZN-WMT**



### Mean Forecasts:

|      | EBAY            | AMZN           | WMT             |
|------|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|
| T+1  | 0.0008902927673 | 0.000584685502 | 0.0004692418079 |
| T+2  | 0.0008902927673 | 0.000584685502 | 0.0004692418079 |
| T+3  | 0.0008902927673 | 0.000584685502 | 0.0004692418079 |
| T+4  | 0.0008902927673 | 0.000584685502 | 0.0004692418079 |
| T+5  | 0.0008902927673 | 0.000584685502 | 0.0004692418079 |
| T+6  | 0.0008902927673 | 0.000584685502 | 0.0004692418079 |
| T+7  | 0.0008902927673 | 0.000584685502 | 0.0004692418079 |
| T+8  | 0.0008902927673 | 0.000584685502 | 0.0004692418079 |
| T+9  | 0.0008902927673 | 0.000584685502 | 0.0004692418079 |
| T+10 | 0.0008902927673 | 0.000584685502 | 0.0004692418079 |
| T+11 | 0.0008902927673 | 0.000584685502 | 0.0004692418079 |
| T+12 | 0.0008902927673 | 0.000584685502 | 0.0004692418079 |
| T+13 | 0.0008902927673 | 0.000584685502 | 0.0004692418079 |
| T+14 | 0.0008902927673 | 0.000584685502 | 0.0004692418079 |
| T+15 | 0.0008902927673 | 0.000584685502 | 0.0004692418079 |
| T+16 | 0.0008902927673 | 0.000584685502 | 0.0004692418079 |
| T+17 | 0.0008902927673 | 0.000584685502 | 0.0004692418079 |
| T+18 | 0.0008902927673 | 0.000584685502 | 0.0004692418079 |
| T+19 | 0.0008902927673 | 0.000584685502 | 0.0004692418079 |
| T+20 | 0.0008902927673 | 0.000584685502 | 0.0004692418079 |
| T+21 | 0.0008902927673 | 0.000584685502 | 0.0004692418079 |
| T+22 | 0.0008902927673 | 0.000584685502 | 0.0004692418079 |

### Sigma Forecasts:

|      | EBAY          | AMZN          | WMT            |
|------|---------------|---------------|----------------|
| T+1  | 0.01404177393 | 0.01955252369 | 0.009339478063 |
| T+2  | 0.01417472907 | 0.01956381818 | 0.009334440479 |
| T+3  | 0.01430313775 | 0.01957497813 | 0.009329704408 |
| T+4  | 0.01442720425 | 0.01958600521 | 0.009325251940 |
| T+5  | 0.01454711982 | 0.01959690109 | 0.009321066217 |
| T+6  | 0.01466306377 | 0.01960766739 | 0.009317131366 |
| T+7  | 0.01477520457 | 0.01961830575 | 0.009313432447 |
| T+8  | 0.01488370072 | 0.01962881774 | 0.009309955398 |
| T+9  | 0.01498870156 | 0.01963920494 | 0.009306686986 |
| T+10 | 0.01509034804 | 0.01964946889 | 0.009303614758 |
| T+11 | 0.01518877334 | 0.01965961113 | 0.009300726999 |
| T+12 | 0.01528410344 | 0.01966963316 | 0.009298012682 |
| T+13 | 0.01537645769 | 0.01967953647 | 0.009295461437 |
| T+14 | 0.01546594929 | 0.01968932253 | 0.009293063508 |
| T+15 | 0.01555268569 | 0.01969899279 | 0.009290809717 |
| T+16 | 0.01563676900 | 0.01970854866 | 0.009288691432 |
| T+17 | 0.01571829636 | 0.01971799158 | 0.009286700533 |
| T+18 | 0.01579736026 | 0.01972732291 | 0.009284829385 |
| T+19 | 0.01587404885 | 0.01973654404 | 0.009283070807 |
| T+20 | 0.01594844619 | 0.01974565633 | 0.009281418046 |
| T+21 | 0.01602063254 | 0.01975466110 | 0.009279864752 |
| T+22 | 0.01609068454 | 0.01976355967 | 0.009278404953 |

(q) Compare your mean and volatility forecast from part (p) with parts (g) and (k). Which is the best model?

The ARMA model in g had the lowest degree of confidence primarily because there was no model for Walmart. Also, it failed to take into account any market fluctuations or shocks and simply produces forecast based on the mean. Since the mean coefficient was very small, this may not be a dramatic deviation, though it leaves a great deal of information out. ARIMA model focuses on analyzing time series linearly and it does not reflect the new information is available. Therefore, in order to update the model, we need to incorporate new data and estimate parameters again. The variance in ARIMA model is unconditional variance and remains constant. ARCH effects is a method to measure volatility of the series, or more specifically, to model the noise term of ARIMA model. Volatility modeling in part k) incorporates new information and analyzes the series based on conditional variances where we can forecast future values with up-to-date information. The forecast interval for the ARIMA\_GARCH model from part l) is closer than that of ARIMA-only model from part g)

Unlike the ARMA model, the volatility forecast shows trends based upon past shocks with the upward trend for Amazon showing closer intervals compared to the DCC volatility plot. The DCC mean forecast showed trends in the future forecast which were flat in the previous two models reflecting a stronger weight in more recent market activity. Overall the best model is the DCC model given the high degree of fluctuation and strong shocks being captured.

(r) Use your model to develop a trading strategy involving these stocks. Use out-of-sample data to test your trading strategy. How did it perform? Make sure you take into account transaction costs.

Time series analysis is a useful way to predict the stock prices. There are some points in forecasting based on ARIMA-ARCH/GARCH model that is to be taken into account. Firstly, ARIMA model focuses on analyzing time series linearly and it does not reflect the new information is available. Therefore, in order to update the model, we need to incorporate new data and estimate parameters again. The variance in ARIMA model is unconditional variance and remains constant. ARCH effects is a method to measure volatility of the series, or more specifically, to model the noise term of ARIMA model. Volatility modeling in part i) incorporates new information and analyzes the series based on conditional variances where we can forecast future values with up-to-date information. The forecast interval for the ARIMA\_GARCH model from part l) is closer than that of ARIMA-only model from part g)

We computed forecast accuracy measures for in-sample and out-of-sample (Jan1 – Jan 31 2015) and we observed that DCC model works best for out of sample prediction.

## **R Code**

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library(fBasics)
library(fGarch)
library(psych)
library(forecast)
library(PerformanceAnalytics)
library(quantmod)
library(robustbase)
library(rugarch)
library(car)
library(FinTS)
library(rmgarch)
library(MTS)
options(digits=10)
symbol.vec = c("EBAY", "AMZN", "WMT")
getSymbols(symbol.vec, from ="2011-01-01", to = "2014-12-31")
colnames(EBAY)
start(EBAY)
end(EBAY)
colnames(AMZN)
start(AMZN)
end(AMZN)
colnames(WMT)
start(WMT)
end(WMT)
save(EBAY,file="EBAY.Rdata")
save(AMZN,file="AMZN.Rdata")
save(WMT,file="WMT.Rdata")
# Extract adjusted closing prices
EBAY = EBAY[, "EBAY.Adjusted", drop=F]
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AMZN = AMZN[, "AMZN.Adjusted", drop=F]
WMT = WMT[, "WMT.Adjusted", drop=F]
# Calculate log-returns for GARCH analysis
EBAY.ret = CalculateReturns(EBAY, method="log")
AMZN.ret = CalculateReturns(AMZN, method="log")
WMT.ret = CalculateReturns(WMT, method="log")
save(EBAY.ret, file="EBAYreturn.Rdata")
save(AMZN.ret, file="AMZNreturn.Rdata")
save(WMT.ret, file="WMTreturn.Rdata")
# Remove first NA observation
EBAY.ret = EBAY.ret[-1,]
AMZN.ret = AMZN.ret[-1,]
WMT.ret = WMT.ret[-1,]
colnames(EBAY.ret) = "EBAY"
colnames(AMZN.ret) = "AMZN"
colnames(WMT.ret) = "WMT"
# Plot the log returns in a single 1x3 plot
par(mfcol=c(1,3))
# Plot log returns
plot(EBAY.ret)
plot(AMZN.ret)
plot(WMT.ret)
stock.ret = merge(EBAY.ret, AMZN.ret, WMT.ret)
#a)
basicStats(stock.ret)
#b)
t.test(stock.ret$EBAY)
t.test(stock.ret$AMZN)
t.test(stock.ret$WMT)
#c)

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# Testing for skewness
skew = abs(skewness(stock.ret)/sqrt(6/nrow(stock.ret)))
skew
pvalue = 2*(1-(sapply(abs(skew),pnorm)))
pvalue
#d)
# Testing for Kurtosis
kurt = kurtosis(stock.ret)/sqrt(24/nrow(stock.ret))
kurt
pval = 2*(1-(sapply(abs(kurt),pnorm)))
pval
#e)
# Plot density plots
par(mfcol=c(1,3))
densityPlot(as.timeSeries(EBAY.ret))
densityPlot(as.timeSeries(AMZN.ret))
densityPlot(as.timeSeries(WMT.ret))
# Print QQ-norm plots to assess normal distribution
qqnormPlot(as.timeSeries(EBAY.ret))
mtext("EBAY-Gaussian",side=3,cex=0.7,padj=-0.5)
qqnormPlot(as.timeSeries(AMZN.ret))
mtext("AMZN-Gaussian",side=3,cex=0.7,padj=-0.5)
qqnormPlot(as.timeSeries(WMT.ret))
mtext("WMT-Gaussian",side=3,cex=0.7,padj=-0.5)
# Print QQ-GHT plots to assess Generalized Hyperbolic Student-t distribution
qqghtPlot(as.timeSeries(EBAY.ret))
mtext("EBAY-Student-t Dist",side=3,cex=0.7,padj=-0.5)
qqghtPlot(as.timeSeries(AMZN.ret))
mtext("AMZN-Student-t Dist",side=3,cex=0.7,padj=-0.5)
qqghtPlot(as.timeSeries(WMT.ret))

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mtext("WMT-Student-t Dist",side=3,cex=0.7,padj=-0.5)
# Print QQ-GLD plots to assess generalized lambda distribution
qqgldPlot(as.timeSeries(EBAY.ret))
mtext("EBAY-Lambda Dist",side=3,cex=0.7,padj=-0.5)
qqgldPlot(as.timeSeries(AMZN.ret))
mtext("AMZN-Lambda Dist",side=3,cex=0.7,padj=-0.5)
qqgldPlot(as.timeSeries(WMT.ret))
mtext("WMT-Lambda Dist",side=3,cex=0.7,padj=-0.5)
# Use a robust method for cleaning Outliers from the dataset
EBAY.ret.clean = Return.clean(EBAY.ret, method="boudt")
par(mfrow=c(2,1))
plot(EBAY.ret, main="Raw EBAY Returns", ylab="EBAY", ylim= c(-0.06,0.06))
plot(EBAY.ret.clean, main="Cleaned EBAY Returns", ylab="EBAY", ylim= c(-0.06,0.06))
AMZN.ret.clean = Return.clean(AMZN.ret, method="boudt")
par(mfrow=c(2,1))
plot(AMZN.ret, main="Raw AMZN Returns", ylab="AMZN", ylim= c(-0.06,0.06))
plot(AMZN.ret.clean, main="Cleaned AMZN Returns", ylab="AMZN", ylim= c(-0.06,0.06))
WMT.ret.clean = Return.clean(WMT.ret, method="boudt")
par(mfrow=c(2,1))
plot(WMT.ret, main="Raw WMT Returns", ylab="WMT", ylim= c(-0.05,0.05))
plot(WMT.ret.clean, main="Cleaned WMT Returns", ylab="WMT", ylim= c(-0.05,0.05))
#f)
# Model identification
par(mfcol=c(1,3))
acf(EBAY.ret)
acf(AMZN.ret)
acf(WMT.ret)
pacf(EBAY.ret)
pacf(AMZN.ret)
pacf(WMT.ret)

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e1auto=ar(as.ts(EBAY.ret),method="mle")
e1auto$order
e1auto
a1auto=ar(as.ts(AMZN.ret),method="mle")
a1auto$order
a1auto
w1auto=ar(as.ts(WMT.ret),method="mle")
w1auto$order
w1auto
e1auto=auto.arima(EBAY.ret)
summary(e1auto)
par(mfcol=c(1,1))
tsdiag(e1auto)
mtext("Diagnostics for EBAY log Returns",side=3,cex=1.0,padj=-2)
sqrt(e1auto$sigma2) # Calculate the residual standard error
Box.test(e1auto$resid,lag=24,type='Ljung')
a2=arima(AMZN.ret.clean, order=c(0,0,1),include.mean=F)
summary(a2)
a1=arima(AMZN.ret.clean, order=c(3,0,3),include.mean=F)
summary(a1)
a1auto=auto.arima(AMZN.ret.clean)
summary(a1auto)
coef(a1auto)
tsdiag(a1auto)
mtext("Diagnostics for AMZN log Returns",side=3,cex=1.0,padj=-2)
sqrt(a1auto$sigma2)
Box.test(a1auto$resid,lag=24,type='Ljung')
w1auto=auto.arima(WMT.ret)
summary(w1auto)
coef(w1auto)

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tsdiag(w1auto)
mtext("Diagnostics for WMT log Returns",side=3,cex=1.0,padj=-2)
sqrt(w1auto$sigma2)
Box.test(w1auto$resid,lag=24,type='Ljung')
#g)
e1.forecast=forecast(e1auto, h=21,)
a1.forecast=forecast(a1auto, h=21,)
w1.forecast=forecast(w1auto, h=21,)
e1.forecast
a1.forecast
w1.forecast
par(mfcol=c(3,1))
plot(e1.forecast, include=100,main="Forecast of Ebay Log Return Data for January 2015")
plot(a1.forecast, include=100, main="Forecast of Amazon Log Return Data for January 2015")
plot(w1.forecast,include=100, main="Forecast of Walmart Log Return Data for January 2015")
#h)
Box.test(e1auto$resid^2,lag=24,type='Ljung')
Box.test(a1auto$resid^2,lag=24,type='Ljung')
Box.test(w1auto$resid^2,lag=24,type='Ljung')
Box.test(EBAY.ret^2,lag=12,type='Ljung')
Box.test(AMZN.ret.clean^2,lag=24,type='Ljung')
Box.test(WMT.ret^2,lag=24,type='Ljung')
ArchTest(EBAY.ret^2, lags=24)
ArchTest(AMZN.ret.clean^2, lags=24)
ArchTest(WMT.ret^2, lags=24)
par(mfcol=c(1,3))
acf(EBAY.ret^2)
acf(AMZN.ret^2)
acf(WMT.ret^2)
pacf(EBAY.ret^2)

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pacf(AMZN.ret^2)
pacf(WMT.ret^2)
par(mfcol=c(1,2))
acf(AMZN.ret.clean^2)
pacf(AMZN.ret.clean^2)
squared.res.e1=e1auto$resid^2
squared.res.a1=a1auto$resid^2
squared.res.w1=w1auto$resid^2
par(mfcol=c(3,1))
plot(squared.res.e1,main='Squared Residuals')
plot(squared.res.a1,main='Squared Residuals')
plot(squared.res.w1,main='Squared Residuals')
#i)
ebay1=garchFit(~arma(3,3)+garch(1,1),data=EBAY.ret,trace=F)
summary(ebay1)
coef(ebay1)
plot(ebay1)
mtext("Ebay-ARMA(3,3)-GARCH(1,1)-Normal Dist",side=3,cex=0.8)
amzn1 = garchFit(~arma(1,1)+garch(1,1),data=AMZN.ret.clean,trace=F)
summary(amzn1)
coef(amzn1)
plot(amzn1)
mtext("Amazon-ARMA(1,1)-GARCH(1,1)-Normal Dist",side=3,cex=0.8)
wmt1=garchFit(~arma(1,1)+garch(1,1),data=WMT.ret,trace=F)
summary(wmt1)
wmt2=garchFit(~garch(1,1),data=WMT.ret,trace=F)
summary(wmt2)
coef(wmt2)
plot(wmt2)
mtext("Walmart-GARCH(1,1)-Normal Dist",side=3,cex=0.8)

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#j)
ebay2=garchFit(~arma(3,3)+garch(1,1),data=EBAY.ret,trace=F,cond.dist="std")
summary(ebay2)
coef(ebay2)
plot(ebay2)
mtext("Ebay-ARMA(3,3)-GARCH(1,1)-Student-t Dist",side=3,cex=0.8)
amzn2 = garchFit(~arma(1,1)+garch(1,1),data=AMZN.ret.clean,trace=F,cond.dist="std")
summary(amzn2)
coef(amzn2)
plot(amzn2)
mtext("Amazon-ARMA(1,1)-GARCH(1,1)-Student-t Dist",side=3,cex=0.8)
wmt3=garchFit(~garch(1,1),data=WMT.ret,trace=F,cond.dist="std")
summary(wmt3)
coef(wmt3)
plot(wmt3)
mtext("Walmart-GARCH(1,1)-Student-t Dist",side=3,cex=0.8)
#k)
# Because there is bug in forecasting higher order of arma(1,1)-garch(1,1)
# we fixed model arma(1,1)-garch(1,1) to get predictions.
ebay3=garchFit(~arma(1,1)+garch(1,1),data=EBAY.ret,trace=F,cond.dist="std")
summary(ebay3)
pebay3=predict(ebay3,n.ahead=21,plot=TRUE)
pebay3
pamzn2=predict(amzn2,n.ahead=21,plot=TRUE)
pamzn2
pwmt3=predict(wmt3,n.ahead=21,plot=TRUE)
pwmt3
#l)
logreturn=data.frame(EBAY.ret,AMZN.ret,WMT.ret)
head(logreturn)

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ccm(logreturn, level=TRUE)
mq(logreturn, lag=12)
#m)
ebay_amzn = chart.RollingCorrelation(EBAY.ret, AMZN.ret, width=30)
ebay_wmt = chart.RollingCorrelation(EBAY.ret, WMT.ret, width=30)
amzn_wmt = chart.RollingCorrelation(WMT.ret, AMZN.ret, width=30)
#####

cor.fun = function(x){
  cor(x)[1,2]
}

cov.fun = function(x){
  cov(x)[1,2]
}

#ebay-amzn
roll.cov1 = rollapply(as.zoo(cbind(EBAY.ret,AMZN.ret)), FUN=cov.fun, width=30,
                      by.column=FALSE, align="right")
roll.cor1 = rollapply(as.zoo(cbind(EBAY.ret,AMZN.ret)), FUN=cor.fun, width=30,
                      by.column=FALSE, align="right")
summary(roll.cov1)
par(mfrow=c(2,1))
plot(roll.cov1, main="30-day rolling covariances Ebay-Amazon",
     ylab="covariance", lwd=2, col="blue")
grid()
abline(h=cov(logreturn)[1,2], lwd=2, col="red")

plot(roll.cor1, main="30-day rolling correlations Ebay-Amazon",
     ylab="correlation", lwd=2, col="blue")

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grid()
abline(h=cor(logreturn)[1,2], lwd=2, col="red")
summary(roll.cov1)
summary(roll.cor1)

####ebay-walmart

roll.cov2 = rollapply(as.zoo(cbind(EBAY.ret,WMT.ret)), FUN=cov.fun, width=30,
                      by.column=FALSE, align="right")
roll.cor2 = rollapply(as.zoo(cbind(EBAY.ret,WMT.ret)), FUN=cor.fun, width=30,
                      by.column=FALSE, align="right")
par(mfrow=c(2,1))
plot(roll.cov2, main="30-day rolling covariances Ebay-Walmart",
     ylab="covariance", lwd=2, col="blue")
grid()
abline(h=cov(logreturn)[1,3], lwd=2, col="red")
plot(roll.cor2, main="30-day rolling correlations Ebay-Walmart",
     ylab="correlation", lwd=2, col="blue")
grid()
abline(h=cor(logreturn)[1,3], lwd=2, col="red")

#amzn-walmart:

roll.cov3 = rollapply(as.zoo(cbind(AMZN.ret,WMT.ret)), FUN=cov.fun, width=30,
                      by.column=FALSE, align="right")
roll.cor3 = rollapply(as.zoo(cbind(AMZN.ret,WMT.ret)), FUN=cor.fun, width=30,
                      by.column=FALSE, align="right")
par(mfrow=c(2,1))
plot(roll.cov3, main="30-day rolling covariances Amazon-Walmart",
     ylab="covariance", lwd=2, col="blue")

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grid()
abline(h=cov(logreturn)[2,3], lwd=2, col="red")
plot(roll.cor3, main="30-day rolling correlations Amazon-Walmart",
     ylab="correlation", lwd=2, col="blue")
grid()
abline(h=cor(logreturn)[2,3], lwd=2, col="red")
#n)
# DCC estimation
# univariate normal GARCH(1,1) for each series
garch11.spec = ugarchspec(mean.model = list(armaOrder = c(0,0)),
                          variance.model = list(garchOrder = c(1,1),
                                                model = "sGARCH"),
                          distribution.model = "norm")

# dcc specification - GARCH(1,1) for conditional correlations
dcc.garch11.spec = dccspec(uspec = multispec( replicate(3, garch11.spec) ),
                          dccOrder = c(1,1),
                          distribution = "mvnorm")

dcc.garch11.spec

dcc.fit = dccfit(dcc.garch11.spec, data = logreturn)
coef(dcc.fit)
names(dcc.fit)
class(dcc.fit)
slotNames(dcc.fit)
names(dcc.fit@mfit)
names(dcc.fit@model)
likelihood(dcc.fit)
# Scatter plots:
par(mfcol=c(1,3))

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plot( coredata(EBAY.ret), coredata(AMZN.ret.clean), xlab="EBAY", ylab="AMZN",
      type="p", pch=16, lwd=2, col="blue")
abline(h=0,v=0)
mtext("Scatter plot of Ebay and Amazon",side=3,cex=0.8)
plot( coredata(EBAY.ret), coredata(WMT.ret), xlab="EBAY", ylab="WMT",
      type="p", pch=16, lwd=2, col="blue")
abline(h=0,v=0)
mtext("Scatter plot of Ebay and Walmart",side=3,cex=0.8)
plot( coredata(AMZN.ret), coredata(WMT.ret), xlab="AMZN", ylab="WMT",
      type="p", pch=16, lwd=2, col="blue")
abline(h=0,v=0)
mtext("Scatter plot of Walmart and Amazon",side=3,cex=0.8)
ts.plot
#o)
par(mfcol=c(1,3))
plot(dcc.fit, which=3, series=c(1,2))
plot(dcc.fit, which=3, series=c(1,3))
plot(dcc.fit, which=3, series=c(3,2))
plot(dcc.fit, which=4, series=c(1,2))
plot(dcc.fit, which=4, series=c(1,3))
plot(dcc.fit, which=4, series=c(3,2))
lambda = 0.94
cov.ewma = covEWMA(as.data.frame(logreturn), lambda=lambda)
cor.ewma = covEWMA(as.data.frame(logreturn), lambda=lambda,return.cor=TRUE)
head(cov.ewma)
dim(cov.ewma)
# Extract conditional variance and correlation
# conditional variance
EBAY.AMZN.cond.cov = cov.ewma[,1,2];
# Plots

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par(mfrow=c(2,1))
plot(x=time(as.zoo(logreturn)), y=cov.ewma[,1,2],
     type="l", xlab="Time", ylab="Covariance", lwd=2, col="blue",
     main="EWMA Covariance between EBAY and AMZN");
grid()
abline(h=cov(logreturn)[1,2], lwd=2, col="red")

plot(x=time(as.zoo(logreturn)), y=cov.ewma[,1,3],
     type="l", xlab="Time", ylab="Covariance", lwd=2, col="blue",
     main="EWMA Covariance between EBAY and WMT");
grid()
abline(h=cov(logreturn)[1,3], lwd=2, col="red")

plot(x=time(as.zoo(logreturn)), y=cov.ewma[,2,3],
     type="l", xlab="Time", ylab="Covariance", lwd=2, col="blue",
     main="EWMA Covariance between WMT and AMZN");
grid()
abline(h=cov(logreturn)[2,3], lwd=2, col="red")
# PLOT EWMA CORRELATION
plot(x=time(as.zoo(logreturn)), y=cor.ewma[,1,2],
     type="l", xlab="Time", ylab="Correlation", lwd=2, col="blue",
     main="EWMA Correlation between EBAY and AMZN");
grid()
abline(h=cor(logreturn)[1,2], lwd=2, col="red")

plot(x=time(as.zoo(logreturn)), y=cor.ewma[,1,3],
     type="l", xlab="Time", ylab="Correlation", lwd=2, col="blue",
     main="EWMA Correlation between EBAY and WMT");
grid()
abline(h=cor(logreturn)[1,3], lwd=2, col="red")

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plot(x=time(as.zoo(logreturn)), y=cor.ewma[,2,3],
     type="l", xlab="Time", ylab="Correlation", lwd=2, col="blue",
     main="EWMA Correlation between WMT and AMZN");
grid()
abline(h=cor(logreturn)[2,3], lwd=2, col="red")
#p)
dcc.fcst = dccforecast(dcc.fit, n.ahead=22)
plot(dcc.fcst)
fitted(dcc.fcst)
sigma(dcc.fcst)
plot(dcc.fcst, which=3, series=c(1,2))
plot(dcc.fcst, which=3, series=c(1,3))
plot(dcc.fcst, which=3, series=c(3,2))
plot(dcc.fcst, which=4, series=c(1,2))
plot(dcc.fcst, which=4, series=c(1,3))
plot(dcc.fcst, which=4, series=c(3,2))

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