

# Sequential change-point detection in time series: An adjusted-range-based self-normalization approach

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# Introduction

- The ability to update models in real time to reflect the evolving scope of real-world data is a fundamental task in statistics. Current one-shot tests often lead to incorrect rejections.<sup>1</sup>
- **Question:** “Is yesterday’s model still relevant for today’s data?” (Chu, Stinchcombe, and White 1996)
- **Aim:** To develop a sequential change-point detection algorithm, which enables swift, real-time detection of model changes in various dynamic environments such as finance, environmental science, epidemiology, and other fields.

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<sup>1</sup> Robbins (1970) points out that as the number of applications increases, the repeated utilization of such tests leads to a procedure that progressively rejects a true null hypothesis of no change with a probability approaching 1.

# Introduction

- A sequential monitoring scheme typically begins with an initial period of length  $m$  as a training sample. The newly observed data points are then compared against this training sample.
- In the absence of structural breaks, the training and testing samples should exhibit similar probabilistic properties.
- A common approach involves computing a cumulative sum (CUSUM) of functionals derived from the testing sample. This CUSUM statistic is then standardized using the long-run variance (LRV), estimated from the training sample.<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>2</sup>This method is widely adopted; see Chu, Stinchcombe, and White (1996), Gut and Steinebach (2002), Berkes et al. (2004), Zeileis et al. (2005), Gombay and Horváth (2009), Gombay and Serban (2009), among others.

# Introduction

- Many LRV estimation methods require user-specified parameters, such as:
  - Block size in block bootstrap methods.
  - Kernel and bandwidth choices in kernel-based approaches.
- To mitigate parameter selection issues in LRV estimation, the self-normalization (SN) approach was introduced by Shao (2010) as an extension of the idea in Lobato 2001.
  - The self-normalized LRV estimator is an inconsistent estimator, but it is stochastically proportional to the true LRV and free of nuisance parameters.
  - It can be used to standardize test statistics without requiring explicit parameter selection.

# Introduction

- However, Shao's (2010) SN method exhibits a “better size and less power” issue
  - The Kolmogorov-Smirnov (KS) test under this approach shows decreasing power as the structural shift level increases (see Figure 1 in Shao and Zhang (2010)).
- To enhance power in self-normalized structural break tests, Shao and Zhang (2010) introduced the G-test:
  - This method incorporates both backward and forward summation when constructing the self-normalizer.
  - Assume there is only one change-point, or adjustments to the formula are necessary based on the number of change-points. Computationally expensive!
- Zhang and Lavitas (2018) introduce a contrast-based self-normalized approach, which detects change-points through recursive scanning.

# Introduction

- The specifications in Shao and Zhang (2010) and Zhang and Lavitas (2018) limit their applicability in sequential change-point detection.
- Chan, Ng, and Yau (2021) introduce the self-normalized sequential change-point detection scheme (SSMS), employing a self-normalized KS test for sequential monitoring based on Shao's (2010) SN.
- **Drawbacks:**
  - As the training set expands, mild or borderline structural breakpoints might be included due to Type II errors. Figure 1 in Shao and Zhang (2010) shows that the self-normalized KS test has a severe non-monotonic power issue, as the level of structural break increases, and the percentage of rejections decreases.
  - This would lead to underperformance in Chan, Ng, and Yau's (2021) scheme, as mild or borderline structural breakpoints are incorporated into the training sample.
- Here we introduce the adjusted-range based self-normalized sequential change-point monitoring scheme (RSMS) to rectify these issues.

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# Quantity of interest

- Consider a  $d$ -dimensional sequence of stationary observations  $\{X_t\}_{t=1}^n$ .
- The empirical distribution is  $\widehat{\mathbf{F}}_{i,j}^d = \frac{1}{j-i+1} \sum_{t=i}^j \delta_{X_t}$ , where  $\delta_x$  assigns a mass of 1 at  $x$ .  $\widehat{\mathbf{F}}_n^d$  represents the empirical distribution over the full sample period.
- $\theta_n = \mathcal{G}(\mathbf{F}^d)$  represents the quantity of interest.
- In practice, we use  $\widehat{\theta}_n = \mathcal{G}(\widehat{\mathbf{F}}_n^d)$ , which is a functional of the empirical distribution.
- $\widehat{\theta}_n$  includes linear statistics (marginal mean, variance, covariance), and estimators (LS, M-estimator, MM, MLE).

# Quantity of interest

## Assumption A.1

Assume  $\{X_t\}_{t \in \mathbb{N}}$  is strictly stationary with  $E\{\text{IF}(X_t; \mathbf{F}^d)\} = 0$ , and the weak convergence

$$m^{-1/2} \sum_{t=1}^{\lfloor rm \rfloor} \text{IF}(X_t; \mathbf{F}^d) \Rightarrow \sqrt{\Sigma(\mathbf{F}^d)} \mathbf{B}_q(r),$$

holds in  $L^\infty([0, T+1], \mathbb{R}^q)$  as  $m \rightarrow \infty$  and  $T \in (0, \infty]$ . Here,  $\mathbf{B}_q(s)$  is a  $q$ -dimensional standard Brownian motion, and  $\sqrt{\Sigma(\mathbf{F}^d)}$  is a  $q \times q$  lower triangular matrix with nonnegative diagonal entries. The function space  $L^\infty([0, T+1], \mathbb{R}^q)$  denotes the set of bounded  $\mathbb{R}^q$ -valued functions defined on  $[0, T+1]$  endowed with the sup-norm. The long-run variance-covariance matrix is given by

$$\Sigma(\mathbf{F}^d) = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} \text{Cov}\left\{\text{IF}(X_0; \mathbf{F}^d), \text{IF}(X_k; \mathbf{F}^d)\right\},$$

and is assumed to be positive definite.

# Quantity of interest

## Assumption A.2

The remainder term  $\mathbf{Re}_{i,j}$  arises from the equation:

$$\mathcal{G}\left(\widehat{\mathbf{F}}_{i,j}^d\right) = \mathcal{G}\left(\mathbf{F}^d\right) + \frac{1}{j-i+1} \sum_{t=i}^j \mathbf{IF}\left(X_t, \mathbf{F}^d\right) + \mathbf{Re}_{i,j},$$

and it satisfies  $\sup_{1 \leq i < j \leq n} (j - i + 1) \cdot |\mathbf{Re}_{i,j}| = o_p(n^{1/2})$ .

# Problem setup

- **Change-Point Detection:** Observing the sequence  $\{X_t\}$  to detect a change from  $\theta_0$  to  $\theta_1 \neq \theta_0$  at unknown time  $t^*$ . For  $t = 1$  to  $t^*$ , parameter is  $\theta_0$ ; for  $t = t^*$  to  $n$ , parameter changes to  $\theta_1$ .
- **Goal:** Timely detection of the change in parameter  $\theta$ .
- **Parametric Model:** Sequence modeled by joint density  $f_\theta$  across a class indexed by  $\theta$ .
- **Estimation:** Parameter  $\theta$  estimated by solving  $\sum_{t=1}^n \psi(X_t, \theta) = 0$ .

# Problem setup

- **Training Sample:** First  $m$  observations.
- **Hypotheses:**  $H_0 : \theta = \theta_0$  for all  $t = 1, 2, \dots, m + mT$  versus  $H_1 : \theta$  changes at  $t^*$  to  $\theta_1$ ,  $t^* = m + k^*$ .
- **Monitoring Horizon:**  $mT$  where  $T$  is fixed;  $mT \rightarrow \infty$  as  $m \rightarrow \infty$ .
- **Estimation Consistency:**  $\hat{\theta}_m \xrightarrow{P} \theta_0$  under suitable conditions.
- **Generalized Residuals vs. Generalized Forecast Errors:** No change-point implies  $\{\psi(X_t, \hat{\theta}_m)\}_{t=1}^m$  and  $\{\psi(X_t, \hat{\theta}_m)\}_{t=m+1}^{mT}$  are similar in a probabilistic sense.

# Problem setup

- **CUSUM Statistic:**  $S_m(k, \hat{\theta}_m) = \sum_{t=m+1}^{m+k} \psi(X_t, \hat{\theta}_m)$ , expected to mimic Brownian motion when there is no change-points.
- **Temporal Dependence and Needs for LRV Estimation:** Generalized residuals and forecast errors often contain temporal dependencies, except in special cases like IID error terms, which necessitate LRV standardization, typically via a HAC estimator.
- **Challenges with HAC:** HAC robust tests can show poor size performance in finite samples with realistic dependencies. Alternative Methods such as the fixed- $b$  asymptotics, block bootstrap, and subsampling, each requiring tuning parameters.

# Problem setup

- **SSMS:** Introduced by Chan, Ng, and Yau (2021) using the SN approach from Shao (2010) for sequential change-point monitoring. SSMS utilizes a KS-type statistic for monitoring changes in the sequence.
- **Simulation Studies:** Shao and Zhang (2010) found that the self-normalized KS test statistic has decreasing power with increasing levels of structural shifts.
- **Stability and Sensitivity Issues:** Stability of the model based on  $\{X_t\}_{t=1}^m$  is crucial. Mild breakpoints in the training sample can inflate the self-normalizer, reducing the sensitivity of the monitoring statistic.
- **Long-Term Implications:** With a fixed  $T$  and increasing  $m$  leading to  $mT \rightarrow \infty$ , “mild” structural changes will be inevitably included in the training sample due to Type II errors, jeopardizing the effectiveness of this approach in detecting change-points.

# Problem setup

- We propose using Hong et al. (2024)'s adjusted-range-based self-normalization (SN). The adjusted-range statistic offers robust detection, even with “mild” structural changes in the training sample.
- $\psi(X_t, \hat{\theta}_m)$  has temporal dependence.
  - We start from a consistent estimator for the variance-covariance matrix, e.g., the sample estimator.
  - Apply the square root-free Cholesky (LDL) decomposition to the sample variance-covariance matrix such that  $\widehat{\Sigma}_m = \widehat{\mathbf{C}}_m \widehat{\mathbf{D}}_m \widehat{\mathbf{C}}'_m$ .
  - Define  $\psi^\dagger$ :  $\psi^\dagger(X_t, \hat{\theta}_m) = \widehat{\mathbf{C}}_m^{-1} \psi(X_t, \hat{\theta}_m)$ , which consists of no temporal dependence.

# Problem setup

- Define

$$S_m^+ \left( k, \hat{\theta}_m \right) = \left\{ s_m^{+(1)} \left( k, \hat{\theta}_m \right), \dots, s_m^{+(d)} \left( k, \hat{\theta}_m \right) \right\}' = \sum_{t=m+1}^{m+k} \psi^+ \left( X_t, \hat{\theta}_m \right) \in \mathbb{R}^d, \quad (1)$$

for  $k = 1, 2, \dots, mT$ .

- Set

$$\tilde{S}_m^+ \left( k, \hat{\theta}_m \right) = \left\{ \tilde{s}_m^{+(1)} \left( k, \hat{\theta}_m \right), \dots, \tilde{s}_m^{+(d)} \left( k, \hat{\theta}_m \right) \right\}' = \sum_{t=1}^k \psi^+ \left( X_t, \hat{\theta}_m \right) \in \mathbb{R}^d, \quad (2)$$

for  $k = 1, 2, \dots, m$ .

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$$\mathbf{R}_m \left( \hat{\theta}_m \right) = m^{-1/2} \text{diag} \begin{pmatrix} \max_{1 \leq k \leq m} \left( \tilde{s}_m^{(1)} \left( k, \hat{\theta}_m \right) \right) - \min_{1 \leq k \leq m} \left( \tilde{s}_m^{(1)} \left( k, \hat{\theta}_m \right) \right) \\ \vdots \\ \max_{1 \leq k \leq m} \left( \tilde{s}_m^{(d)} \left( k, \hat{\theta}_m \right) \right) - \min_{1 \leq k \leq m} \left( \tilde{s}_m^{(d)} \left( k, \hat{\theta}_m \right) \right) \end{pmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^d \times \mathbb{R}^d, \quad (3)$$

where  $\text{diag}(\cdot)$  creates a square matrix with the given vector as its diagonal entries.

# Problem setup

- The adjusted-range based monitoring statistic is

$$\mathbb{M}_m^R(k) = \frac{S_m^+ \left( k, \hat{\theta}_m \right)' \mathbf{R}_m \left( \hat{\theta}_m \right)^{-2} S_m^+ \left( k, \hat{\theta}_m \right)}{m \left( 1 + \frac{k}{m} \right)^2 \left( \frac{k}{k+m} \right)^{2\gamma}}, \quad (4)$$

- The proposed monitoring scheme uses a stopping time criterion defined as:

$$\mathbb{T}_m^R = \begin{cases} \min \{ k : \mathbb{M}_m^R(k) > c_R, 1 \leq k \leq mT \}, & \text{if such } k \text{ exists;} \\ mT + 1, & \text{if } \mathbb{M}_m^R(k) \leq c_R \text{ for all } 1 \leq k \leq mT, \end{cases} \quad (5)$$

where  $c_R$  is a decision boundary.

# Problem setup

- The stopping rule consists of:

- ① **Initialization:** Choose  $T$  to set the monitoring duration and specify boundary functions to control type I error rate, ensuring it approaches the desired level  $\alpha$ .
- ② **Early Termination:** Stop at the smallest  $k$ , where  $\mathbb{M}_m^R(k) > c_R$  within  $1 \leq k \leq mT$ .
- ③ **Completion without Termination:** If  $\mathbb{M}_m^R(k) \leq c_R$  for all  $1 \leq k \leq mT$ , set the stopping time to  $mT + 1$ , indicating no change is detected.

# The simulated asymptotic critical values for the RSMS for $T = 1, 2, 5, 10$ when $d = 2$ .

		$\gamma = 0$								$\gamma = 0.15$							
		$T = 1$		$T = 2$		$T = 5$		$T = 10$		$T = 1$		$T = 2$		$T = 5$		$T = 10$	
$d \setminus \alpha$	$\alpha$	5%	10%	5%	10%	5%	10%	5%	10%	5%	10%	5%	10%	5%	10%	5%	10%
1	2.1	1.5	2.7	2	3.4	2.5	3.9	2.8	2.7	2	3.3	2.5	3.9	2.9	4.3	3.2	
2	3.2	2.4	5.2	4.1	10.9	8.3	21.1	15.9	4.8	3.7	8	6.2	19.2	14.7	44.6	33.1	
3	4	3.3	6.5	5.1	13.8	10.8	26.6	21.1	5.8	4.7	9.6	7.9	23.8	18.4	53.8	41.7	
4	4.8	3.9	7.6	6.2	16.2	12.8	30.7	24	6.9	5.7	11.5	9.2	28.1	22.2	63.4	49.7	
5	5.5	4.5	8.9	7.3	18.3	14.8	35.3	28.6	7.8	6.5	12.7	10.4	29.9	24.5	71.3	55.3	

**Note:** The number of Monte Carlo replications is set to 10,000. The Brownian motion simulations utilize  $10,000 \times (m/T + 1)$  i.i.d.  $N(0, 1)$  random variables. Here,  $T = 1, 2$  represent short monitoring horizons,  $T = 5$  corresponds to a medium horizon, and  $T = 10$  represents a long monitoring horizon.

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# Asymptotic properties under $H_0$

## Assumption A.3

*The true parameter  $\theta_0$  lies within the interior region of  $\Theta$ .*

## Assumption A.4

$\mathbb{E} [\sup_{\theta \in \Theta} \|\psi(X_t, \theta)\|] < \infty$ , and  $\theta_0$  is the unique solution such that  $\mathbb{E} [\psi(X_t, \theta)] = 0$ . Specifically, for any given constant  $\epsilon > 0$ , there exists a constant  $\kappa > 0$  such that  $\|\theta - \theta_0\| > \epsilon$  implies  $\mathbb{E} [\psi(X_t, \theta)] > \kappa$ .

# Asymptotic properties under $H_0$

## Assumption A.5

$\mathbb{E}[\sup_{\theta \in \Theta} \|\psi(X_t, \theta_0)\|^{2+\delta}] < \infty$ , for some  $\delta > 0$ , and  $\{X_t\}$  is a strong mixing sequence with mixing coefficients  $\alpha_k$  satisfying  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \alpha_k^{\delta/(2+\delta)} < \infty$ .

## Assumption A.6

$\psi(X_t, \theta)$  is continuously differentiable with respect to  $\theta$  in a neighborhood  $V_{\theta_0}$  of  $\theta_0$ , and  $\mathbb{E}\left(\sup_{\theta \in V_{\theta_0}} \|\partial\psi(X_t, \theta) / \partial\theta\|\right) < \infty$ .

# Asymptotic properties under $H_0$

## Theorem 1

Under Assumptions A.1-A.6, we have  $\widehat{\theta}_m = \theta_0 + o_p(m^{-1/2})$ , and furthermore, we have

- a)  $\mathbf{R}_m^2 \left( \widehat{\theta}_m \right) \xrightarrow{\mathcal{D}} \left( \Sigma_{\psi}^{1/2} \right) \mathbf{R} \left( \Sigma_{\psi}^{1/2} \right)' \text{ as } m \rightarrow \infty, \text{ where}$

$$\mathbf{R} = \left[ \text{diag} \left\{ \sup_{r \in (0,1]} (\mathbb{B}_d(r) - r\mathbb{B}_d(1)) - \inf_{r \in (0,1]} (\mathbb{B}_d(r) - r\mathbb{B}_d(1)) \right\} \right]^2,$$

$\mathbb{B}_d(r)$  is a standard  $d$ -dimensional Brownian motion, and  $\mathbf{R}_m \left( \widehat{\theta}_m \right)$  is defined in Equation (3), and  $\Sigma_{\psi} = \text{Var}(\psi(X_t, \theta_0)) = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} \mathbb{E}[\psi(X_t, \theta_0)\psi(X_{t+k}, \theta_0)']$ .

- b) The asymptotic size of the RSMS with decision boundary  $c_R$  for  $T < \infty$  is

$$\lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} P \left( \mathbb{T}_m^R \leq mT \mid H_0 \right) = P \left( \sup_{1 \leq s \leq T} \frac{\mathbb{U}_d(s)' \mathbf{R}^{-1} \mathbb{U}_d(s)}{(1+s)^2 \left( \frac{s}{s+1} \right)^{2\gamma}} > c_R \right), \quad (6)$$

where  $\mathbb{U}_d(s) = \mathbb{B}_d(1+s) - (1+s)\mathbb{B}_d(1)$ .

# Asymptotic properties under $H_0$

- e) For  $T = \infty$ , if  $\{X_t\}$  is a geometrically  $\rho$ -mixing sequence, meaning that the  $\rho$ -mixing coefficient satisfies

$$\rho(k) := \sup_{f \in \mathcal{L}^2(\mathcal{A}_0), g \in \mathcal{L}^2(\mathcal{B}_k)} |\text{Corr}(f, g)| = O(a^k), \quad 0 < a < 1,$$

where  $\mathcal{A}_0$  and  $\mathcal{B}_k$  are the  $\sigma$ -fields generated by  $\{X_t : t \leq 0\}$  and  $\{X_t : t \geq k\}$ , respectively, and  $\mathcal{L}^2(\mathcal{F})$  is the space of square-integrable  $\mathcal{F}$ -measurable random variables, then

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} P \left( \mathbb{T}_m^R < \infty \mid H_0 \right) &= P \left( \sup_{1 \leq s < \infty} \frac{\mathbb{U}_d(s)' \mathbf{R}^{-1} \mathbb{U}_d(s)}{(1+s)^2 \left( \frac{s}{s+1} \right)^{2\gamma}} > c_R \right) \\ &= P \left( \sup_{0 < u \leq 1} \frac{\mathbb{B}_d^\dagger(u)' \mathbf{R}^{-1} \mathbb{B}_d^\dagger(u)}{u^{2\gamma}} > c_R \right), \end{aligned} \quad (7)$$

where  $\mathbb{U}_d(s) = \mathbb{B}_d(1+s) - (1+s)\mathbb{B}_d(1)$ , and  $\mathbb{B}_d^\dagger(u)$  is a standard  $d$ -dimensional Brownian motion independent of  $\mathbf{R}$ .

# Asymptotic properties under $H_0$

- The decision boundary  $c_R$  can be determined such that the asymptotic size is equal to a prespecified significance level  $\alpha$ , i.e.

$$P \left( \sup_{1 \leq s \leq T} \frac{[\mathbb{B}_d(1+s) - (1+s)\mathbb{B}_d(1)]' \mathbf{R}^{-1} [\mathbb{B}_d(1+s) - (1+s)\mathbb{B}_d(1)]}{(1+s)^2 \left(\frac{s}{s+1}\right)^{2\gamma}} > c_R \right) = \alpha, \quad (8)$$

or

$$P \left( \sup_{0 < u \leq 1} \frac{\mathbb{B}_d^t(u)' \mathbf{R}^{-1} \mathbb{B}_d^t(u)}{u^{2\gamma}} > c_R \right) = \alpha. \quad (9)$$

# Asymptotic properties under $H_1$

## Assumption A.7

- a) Write the process as  $\{X_t^*\}_{t \geq t^*}$  after the change-point, and assume that  $\mathbb{E}(\psi(X_t^*, \theta_0)) = c \neq 0$  for some constant  $c \in \mathbb{R}^d$ .
- b) Assume that  $\mathbb{E}(\sup_{\theta \in U_{\theta_0}} \|\psi(X_t^*, \theta)\|) < \infty$  for some neighborhood  $U_{\theta_0}$  of  $\theta_0$ .

# Asymptotic properties under $H_1$

## Assumption A.8

Under the alternative hypothesis ( $H_1 : \theta_1 \neq \theta_0$ ), assume the change occurs at  $m + k^* = \lfloor mc \rfloor$  for some  $c \in (1, T+1)$ . Moreover, assume the existence of two Brownian bridges,  $(\mathbb{B}_d(s) - s\mathbb{B}_d(1))$  and  $(\mathbb{B}_d(s) - \mathbb{B}_d(c) - (s-c)\mathbb{B}_d(1))$ , such that the joint weak convergence

$$\left( \begin{array}{l} \left\{ \frac{1}{\sqrt{m}} \sum_{t=1}^{\lfloor ms \rfloor} \mathbf{IF}(X_t, \theta_0) \right\}_{s \in (0, c]} \\ \left\{ \frac{1}{\sqrt{m}} \sum_{t=\lfloor mc \rfloor + 1}^{\lfloor ms \rfloor} \mathbf{IF}(X_t^*, \theta_1) \right\}_{s \in (c, T+1]} \end{array} \right) \xrightarrow{\mathcal{D}} \left( \begin{array}{l} \left\{ \sqrt{\Sigma^{(1)}} (\mathbb{B}_d(s) - s\mathbb{B}_d(1)) \right\}_{s \in (0, c]} \\ \left\{ \sqrt{\Sigma^{(2)}} (\mathbb{B}_d(s) - \mathbb{B}_d(c) - (s-c)\mathbb{B}_d(1)) \right\}_{s \in (c, T+1]} \end{array} \right)$$

holds, where  $\Sigma^{(1)}$  and  $\Sigma^{(2)}$  are positive definite matrices, defined as

$$\Sigma^{(\ell)} = M^{-1} \Sigma_\psi^{(\ell)} (M^{-1})' = M^{-1} \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} E \left[ \psi^{(\ell)}(X_t, \theta_0) \psi^{(\ell)}(X_{t+k}, \theta_0)' \right] (M^{-1})', \quad \ell = 1, 2.$$

# Asymptotic properties under $H_1$

## Theorem 2

For the RSMS with a decision boundary  $c_R$  satisfying Equations (8) or (9) for a given significance level  $\alpha \in (0, 1)$ , and under Assumptions A.7 and A.8, the asymptotic power of the RSMS is 1, i.e.,

$$\lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} P \left( T_m^R \leq mT \mid H_1 \right) = 1 \text{ for } T < \infty,$$

and

$$\lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} P \left( T_m^R \leq mT \mid H_1 \right) = 1 \text{ for } T = \infty.$$

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# Online Change-Point Detection for Conditional Mean Using the AR Model

- We consider online change-point detection for the conditional mean using the AR model, as well as online change-point detection for both the conditional mean and variance using the PAR model.
- We use Monte Carlo simulations to assess model accuracy with metrics such as Type I error, rejection rate, and average run length (ARL).

# Online Change-Point Detection for Conditional Mean Using the AR Model

## Data generating processes

- DGP1: Simple Homoskedastic Errors.** We consider a bivariate VAR(1) model given by  $X_t = \Psi X_{t-1} + \varepsilon_t$ , where  $\Psi = \begin{pmatrix} 0.5 & 0.0 \\ 0.0 & 0.5 \end{pmatrix}$ , and  $\{\varepsilon_t\}$  follows an IID multivariate normal distribution  $MN(\mathbf{0}, I_2)$ , where  $MN$  stands for a multivariate normal distribution and  $I_2$  is a  $2 \times 2$  identity matrix.
- DGP2: VAR with Homoskedastic Errors.** Everything else remains the same as in DGP1, except that we now allow for some cross-dependence in  $\{X_t\}$  and  $\{\varepsilon_t\}$ , namely  $\Psi = \begin{pmatrix} 0.5 & 0.1 \\ 0.1 & 0.5 \end{pmatrix}$ , and  $\{\varepsilon_t\} \sim MN(\mathbf{0}, \Sigma_\varepsilon)$ , with  $\Sigma_\varepsilon = \begin{pmatrix} 1.0 & 0.1 \\ 0.1 & 1.0 \end{pmatrix}$ .

# Online Change-Point Detection for Conditional Mean Using the AR Model

## Data generating processes

- **DGP3: VAR with Conditional Heteroskedastic Errors.** The settings resemble DGP2, though we include conditional heteroskedasticity in the errors. Specifically, the sequence  $\{\varepsilon_t\}$  follows a GARCH(1,1) process, such that

$$\varepsilon_t = \Sigma_t^{1/2} e_t, \quad \sigma_{i,t}^2 = (1 - \alpha_1 - \beta_1) + \alpha_1^2 \varepsilon_{i,t-1}^2 + \beta_1 \sigma_{i,t-1}^2, \quad i = 1, 2$$

where  $\Sigma_t = \begin{pmatrix} \sigma_{1,t}^2 & 0 \\ 0 & \sigma_{2,t}^2 \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $(\alpha_1, \beta_1) = (0.1, 0.2)$ , and  $\{e_t\}$  is a vector of innovations following IID  $\text{MN}(\mathbf{0}, \Sigma_e)$ .

- **DGP4: VAR with Unconditional Heteroskedastic Errors.** In this instance, we consider a jump in volatility:

$$\sigma_{i,t}^2 = \sigma_0^2 [1 + \delta I(t > m/2)], \quad \sigma_0 = 1, \quad \delta = 0.2, \quad i = 1, 2.$$

Everything else remains identical to DGP 2.

# Online Change-Point Detection for Conditional Mean Using the AR Model

## Testing Constancy of Mean Level

- The purpose is to test the constancy of the mean level.
- Null hypothesis:  $H_0 : \mu = \mu_0$
- Alternative hypothesis:  $H_1: H_0$  is not true
- Set  $\psi(X_t, \hat{\mu}_m) = X_t - \hat{\mu}_m$ , where

$$\hat{\mu}_m = \frac{1}{m} \sum_{t=1}^m X_t$$

- The function  $\psi(X_t, \hat{\mu}_m)$  is used to construct the RSMS, SSMS, and CSMS statistics.

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## Stopping Times and Monitoring Horizon

- The RSMS stopping time for the mean is defined as:

$$C_m = \left\{ \min \left\{ k : \frac{\left| \sum_{t=m+1}^{m+k} (X_t - \hat{\mu}_m) \right|}{\mathbf{R}_m(\hat{\mu}_m)} > m^{1/2} \left( 1 + \frac{k}{m} \right) c_R \right\}, mT + 1 \right\}$$

- The stopping times for SSMS and CSMS are defined similarly, with  $\mathbf{R}_m(\hat{\mu}_m)$  replaced by the square root of either Shao's 2010 self-normalizer or the LRV estimator, respectively.
- For CSMS, the LRV is estimated using Silverman's Rule of Thumb for bandwidth selection.
- Monitoring horizons:  $mT$ , with  $T = 1, 2, 5, 10$  under  $H_0$ , and  $T = 1, 2, 5$  under  $H_1$ .
- Note:  $T = 10$  approximates the open-end scheme ( $T = \infty$ ), which is practically infeasible.

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Simulated type I error rates for the RSMS (R), SSMS (S), and CSMS (C) for a change in the mean ( $\gamma = 0$  and 0.15).

	T=1						T=2						T=5						T=10								
	R			S			C			R			S			C			R			S			C		
	5%	10%	5%	10%	5%	10%	5%	10%	5%	10%	5%	10%	5%	10%	5%	10%	5%	10%	5%	10%	5%	10%	5%	10%	5%	10%	
$\gamma = 0$																											
DGP1	$m = 100$	9.0	14.4	2.6	5.1	12.4	18.8	10.5	16.2	3.0	5.8	9.0	13.1	8.2	12.6	3.6	5.9	2.2	3.0	7.4	14.0	2.6	6.4	0.0	0.3		
	$m = 500$	4.3	7.3	1.5	2.5	5.0	9.0	3.3	6.8	1.1	2.0	1.8	3.7	4.2	8.6	1.4	2.9	0.1	0.3	3.4	5.3	1.4	2.6	0.0	0.0		
	$m = 1000$	3.9	6.2	1.5	3.2	3.3	5.9	3.1	5.4	0.7	2.0	1.9	3.3	2.9	7.8	2.0	3.7	0.1	0.3	2.8	5.1	0.9	2.4	0.0	0.0		
DGP2	$m = 100$	10.8	16.0	2.8	4.4	11.9	18.1	11.4	16.9	3.0	6.2	8.0	12.9	10.9	16.7	4.0	6.3	1.7	3.0	10.1	15.5	2.8	5.6	0.2	0.3		
	$m = 500$	5.0	8.4	1.4	2.6	4.6	8.5	5.4	10.0	1.1	2.0	1.8	4.0	5.8	8.8	1.4	2.9	0.1	0.3	3.6	7.2	1.6	2.4	0.0	0.0		
	$m = 1000$	4.4	7.0	1.5	3.2	3.0	5.4	4.7	8.0	0.7	2.0	2.0	3.4	4.2	7.1	2.0	3.8	0.1	0.3	3.8	6.8	0.9	2.3	0.0	0.0		
DGP3	$m = 100$	10.9	16.3	2.5	4.9	11.8	17.8	11.2	17.4	2.9	6.3	7.9	12.7	10.5	16.1	3.9	5.8	1.7	3.0	10.7	15.2	2.9	5.8	0.1	0.3		
	$m = 500$	4.8	8.6	1.2	2.8	5.5	8.4	5.3	10.0	1.0	1.9	1.8	4.0	5.8	9.3	1.4	2.7	0.1	0.4	4.3	7.1	1.7	2.2	0.0	0.0		
	$m = 1000$	4.5	6.9	1.6	3.0	2.9	5.9	4.7	8.1	1.0	2.5	1.8	3.6	4.5	6.8	1.9	3.9	0.1	0.2	3.9	7.3	1.1	2.3	0.0	0.0		
DGP4	$m = 100$	13.6	19.2	3.7	5.5	15.5	21.8	13.0	19.9	3.5	7.1	10.1	15.5	12.5	17.7	4.1	7.1	1.5	4.0	11.3	16.7	3.1	6.7	0.1	0.2		
	$m = 500$	6.8	11.0	2.0	4.0	6.5	11.4	6.6	12.2	1.3	2.5	2.4	5.3	6.1	10.8	1.7	3.0	0.1	0.4	4.2	7.9	1.5	2.7	0.0	0.0		
	$m = 1000$	5.4	8.9	1.8	3.7	4.4	7.6	5.2	9.6	1.2	2.8	2.6	4.2	4.4	8.1	2.2	4.6	0.2	0.4	4.3	7.6	1.3	2.9	0.0	0.0		
$\gamma = 0.15$																											
DGP1	$m = 100$	14.1	20.5	0.8	1.5	14.7	20.9	14.9	20.5	1.1	1.9	8.2	13.5	11.4	18.1	0.9	2.2	1.7	2.6	12.5	19.1	1.0	1.8	0.0	0.0		
	$m = 500$	6.6	11.8	0.1	0.8	6.5	10.3	6.4	12.0	0.2	0.9	1.7	3.5	7.7	11.5	0.3	0.8	0.1	0.3	6.1	11.4	0.4	1.0	0.0	0.0		
	$m = 1000$	6.4	9.8	0.5	0.8	4.0	6.6	5.1	8.6	0.3	0.5	1.7	3.1	6.4	10.6	0.7	1.4	0.1	0.2	5.8	10.0	0.0	0.5	0.0	0.0		
DGP2	$m = 100$	15.7	21.7	1.0	2.1	13.7	20.0	15.6	22.2	1.3	1.9	8.3	13.0	15.3	20.5	1.0	2.5	1.4	2.3	14.6	21.4	1.1	2.2	0.0	0.3		
	$m = 500$	8.5	14.0	0.1	0.7	6.6	9.9	9.1	14.8	0.2	0.9	1.2	3.3	9.4	15.2	0.4	0.9	0.1	0.3	7.6	12.6	0.5	1.1	0.0	0.0		
	$m = 1000$	7.1	11.7	0.5	0.8	3.7	6.6	7.5	11.9	0.3	0.5	1.7	3.2	6.3	11.4	0.7	1.3	0.1	0.2	6.8	12.6	0.0	0.7	0.0	0.0		
DGP3	$m = 100$	16.0	21.6	0.8	1.5	14.1	19.9	15.9	22.5	1.3	2.0	7.8	12.0	14.8	20.1	1.2	2.4	1.1	2.2	14.1	20.6	1.2	2.7	0.1	0.3		
	$m = 500$	8.4	13.9	0.1	0.8	6.5	9.2	9.4	14.8	0.3	0.8	1.5	3.3	9.4	14.9	0.5	1.1	0.1	0.3	7.4	12.6	0.5	0.9	0.0	0.0		
	$m = 1000$	7.0	11.5	0.5	0.8	3.7	6.8	7.7	12.6	0.4	0.7	1.6	3.2	6.8	11.6	0.6	1.0	0.1	0.2	6.9	11.8	0.1	0.5	0.0	0.0		
DGP4	$m = 100$	18.8	26.6	1.3	2.6	18.2	24.9	18.5	25.8	1.5	2.6	10.1	16.0	16.4	22.4	1.5	2.6	1.3	2.7	15.9	22.4	1.1	2.4	0.1	0.1		
	$m = 500$	11.3	17.6	0.3	1.1	8.5	13.6	11.8	18.5	0.2	1.0	2.2	5.7	11.7	18.1	0.3	0.8	0.2	0.3	8.0	14.2	0.6	1.4	0.0	0.0		
	$m = 1000$	9.1	14.7	0.6	0.8	5.8	9.9	9.5	14.8	0.3	1.0	2.3	4.1	8.3	14.5	0.6	1.3	0.1	0.2	8.2	13.4	0.1	1.0	0.0	0.0		

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Type I Error Control: RSMS, SSMS, CSMS

- Type I error rates evaluated for RSMS, SSMS, and CSMS under the null hypothesis.
- **RSMS:** Type I errors cluster near nominal 5% and 10% levels, especially for moderate/large  $m$  (500, 1000); stable across all  $T$ .
- **SSMS:** Consistently conservative; type I error rates almost always below nominal, sometimes close to or below 1% for large  $m$  and  $T$ .
- **CSMS:** Most conservative; realized type I errors frequently at or near zero for moderate/large  $m$  and  $T$ .

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## Effect of $\gamma$ and Overall Conclusions

- **Impact of  $\gamma$ :**

- Increasing  $\gamma$  from 0 to 0.15 makes RSMS more liberal (size above nominal), SSMS even more conservative, and CSMS largely unaffected.

- **Conclusion:**

- RSMS provides the most reliable size control, especially for  $m = 500$  or  $1000$  and  $T = 10$ .
- SSMS and CSMS remain overly conservative and may be too restrictive for practical use.

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## Empirical Rejection Rates under $H_1$

- Evaluate power of RSMS, SSMS, and CSMS under alternative hypothesis  $H_1$
- Data-generating process modified to introduce a change-point at  $t^* = m + k^*$
- Training sample size fixed at  $m = 500$  for balance between size and efficiency
- Magnitude of structural change:  $\Delta \in \{0.25, 0.50, 0.75, 1.00\}$
- Monitoring periods:  $T = 1, 2, 5$  (focus on shorter horizons due to CSMS size issues)

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## Structural Break Scenarios

### (i) Abrupt Change

$$Y_t = \begin{cases} X_t, & 1 \leq t \leq t^* \\ \Delta + X_t, & t^* < t \leq m + mT \end{cases}$$

### (ii) Smooth Change

$$Y_t = \begin{cases} X_t, & 1 \leq t \leq t^* \\ \Delta \cdot \frac{t}{m+mT} + X_t, & t^* < t \leq m + mT \end{cases}$$

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## Key Considerations

- Both abrupt and smooth structural breaks are examined to assess robustness of monitoring schemes
- Results focus on early detection ability given restricted monitoring windows ( $T = 1, 2, 5$ )
- Performance metrics: empirical rejection rates (power) for each scheme across varying  $\Delta$

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Rejection percentages of the RSMS (R), SSMS (S), and CSMS (C) for detecting a change in the mean with  $m = 500$  and  $k^* = 50, 200$  ( $\gamma = 0$ , Type i and ii).

$k^* = 50$																			$k^* = 200$																		
T	$\Delta$	DGP1			DGP2			DGP3			DGP4			DGP1			DGP2			DGP3			DGP4			R			S			C					
		R	S	C	R	S	C	R	S	C	R	S	C	R	S	C	R	S	C	R	S	C	R	S	C	R	S	C	R	S	C						
Type i - abrupt change																																					
T = 1	0.25	45.9	40.0	40.5	35.1	21.9	12.4	12.8	11.8	59.4	37.0	36.9	33.8	20.1	18.9	19.0	18.3	9.2	6.7	6.3	6.3	29.1	18.5	18.6	19.0												
T = 1	0.5	97.6	91.9	92.1	84.4	73.0	49.7	50.0	42.9	99.4	92.4	92.5	85.6	71.9	60.2	60.0	50.1	37.4	22.9	23.1	19.2	83.0	57.2	56.7	48.2												
T = 1	0.75	100.0	99.9	99.9	99.0	93.6	82.4	82.6	74.4	100.0	100.0	99.9	99.5	97.2	91.6	91.8	83.8	72.0	48.8	48.6	41.6	99.2	91.8	91.6	84.4												
T = 1	1	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	98.2	94.9	95.0	90.7	100.0	100.0	100.0	99.9	99.1	99.2	97.0	90.5	73.6	73.4	63.0	100.0	99.6	99.6	97.9													
T = 2	0.25	54.1	46.0	46.1	39.6	32.5	18.7	18.6	16.1	66.7	41.5	41.9	35.5	37.0	32.6	32.6	28.6	21.1	12.5	12.3	10.9	47.6	28.7	29.2	24.9												
T = 2	0.5	99.4	96.9	96.9	92.4	86.6	66.5	66.8	58.4	100.0	97.7	97.8	92.4	95.7	89.3	89.4	81.2	74.0	51.5	51.6	43.2	98.7	87.4	87.7	79.0												
T = 2	0.75	100.0	100.0	100.0	99.8	98.4	90.8	90.4	86.2	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	99.5	99.4	98.8	95.2	82.3	82.1	75.0	100.0	99.9	99.9	99.1												
T = 2	1	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	99.9	98.0	98.0	95.8	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	99.0	94.2	94.2	91.2	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0												
T = 5	0.25	36.4	32.6	32.4	25.4	43.9	26.5	26.9	22.3	49.1	25.0	25.0	19.4	30.2	26.2	26.5	20.7	38.5	22.3	23.1	18.6	40.6	19.8	19.9	16.2												
T = 5	0.5	98.6	94.3	94.2	87.7	91.0	77.0	77.1	69.4	100.0	95.3	95.2	87.6	97.3	90.6	90.6	82.9	87.7	72.3	72.2	63.6	99.9	91.2	90.8	80.3												
T = 5	0.75	100.0	100.0	100.0	99.7	99.4	95.5	95.8	92.1	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	99.9	99.9	99.4	99.1	93.7	93.6	89.5	100.0	100.0	100.0	99.8												
T = 5	1	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	99.9	99.6	99.6	98.7	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	99.9	99.1	99.1	97.7	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0												
Type ii - smooth change																																					
T = 1	0.25	26.6	23.8	24.6	22.0	12.1	8.0	8.0	7.7	36.8	23.2	23.3	22.7	14.7	15.0	14.9	14.4	6.7	5.4	4.9	5.4	21.4	14.6	14.9	16.2												
T = 1	0.5	84.2	71.5	71.9	62.1	49.1	31.8	31.8	26.7	91.4	71.2	70.9	61.3	52.6	44.5	44.8	37.6	26.3	14.6	14.8	12.6	66.2	40.9	40.8	36.5												
T = 1	0.75	99.7	96.4	96.4	91.8	83.0	60.1	59.8	51.2	100.0	97.2	97.1	92.6	90.3	78.5	79.2	69.4	56.7	36.8	37.1	31.1	94.9	78.6	78.6	68.3												
T = 1	1	100.0	100.0	99.9	99.0	93.9	83.7	83.5	75.0	100.0	100.0	99.9	99.5	95.4	95.4	90.1	80.8	56.8	57.5	48.1	100.0	96.4	96.2	90.9													
T = 2	0.25	22.3	21.1	21.6	19.0	11.7	7.6	6.9	7.1	29.2	19.0	19.0	16.9	17.2	17.6	17.8	15.8	9.5	5.8	5.4	5.8	23.5	15.2	15.2	14.0												
T = 2	0.5	83.4	71.4	71.2	61.3	54.6	33.3	33.3	27.4	91.1	67.5	67.1	56.5	73.3	61.6	61.5	51.3	44.7	26.5	26.5	21.8	83.7	56.1	56.1	46.4												
T = 2	0.75	99.4	97.0	97.0	92.0	86.7	66.4	66.5	57.7	100.0	97.7	97.6	91.7	97.7	93.3	93.4	86.5	80.4	57.5	57.4	49.4	99.6	93.3	92.9	84.7												
T = 2	1	100.0	99.9	99.8	99.2	96.5	86.3	85.9	79.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	99.6	100.0	99.4	99.3	98.1	94.1	79.9	79.6	71.9	100.0	99.7	99.6	98.8												
T = 5	0.25	6.6	6.9	7.0	5.7	13.1	8.4	8.3	8.0	9.4	4.5	4.5	3.6	6.0	6.5	6.6	5.5	12.6	8.2	8.2	7.9	9.1	4.2	4.4	3.4												
T = 5	0.5	53.0	44.1	43.7	33.6	54.9	33.2	33.6	26.8	66.4	35.4	35.6	26.0	50.0	42.0	41.7	32.1	53.1	31.4	32.3	26.2	63.4	33.0	33.2	24.4												
T = 5	0.75	95.2	85.4	85.6	75.1	84.0	66.9	66.5	56.8	99.4	84.4	84.0	70.5	94.3	83.8	83.8	72.6	82.6	64.6	64.7	54.9	99.2	81.7	81.5	68.0												
T = 5	1	99.9	99.0	99.0	95.7	96.3	86.2	85.3	79.0	100.0	99.4	99.4	96.5	99.9	98.7	98.6	95.2	96.0	85.0	84.4	77.8	100.0	99.1	99.0	95.8												

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Rejection percentages of the RSMS (R), SSMS (S), and CSMS (C) for detecting a change in the mean with  $m = 500$  and  $k^* = 50, 200$  ( $\gamma = 0.15$ , Type i and ii).

		$k^* = 50$												$k^* = 200$											
T	$\Delta$	DGP1			DGP2			DGP3			DGP4			DGP1			DGP2			DGP3			DGP4		
		R	S	C	R	S	C	R	S	C	R	S	C	R	S	C	R	S	C	R	S	C	R	S	C
Type i - abrupt change																									
T = 1	0.25	48.2	42.5	42.6	37.6	10.3	5.8	5.4	5.2	61.3	39.3	39.1	36.7	22.4	20.5	20.3	20.4	3.5	2.0	2.0	2.2	30.8	20.2	20.5	21.1
T = 1	0.5	97.9	92.3	92.4	85.6	53.7	33.3	33.2	27.5	99.4	92.9	92.8	86.5	74.0	61.9	61.7	52.5	21.4	10.1	9.8	7.9	84.3	58.5	58.9	49.8
T = 1	0.75	100.0	100.0	99.9	99.1	87.0	65.5	65.8	55.9	100.0	100.0	100.0	99.6	97.7	92.3	92.4	85.1	52.9	32.3	32.1	26.2	99.3	92.3	92.1	85.5
T = 1	1	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	95.6	87.5	87.7	79.6	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	99.3	99.3	99.3	97.2	78.9	53.9	54.0	45.1	100.0	99.6	99.6	98.0
T = 2	0.25	51.8	44.8	44.8	38.1	17.1	8.6	8.5	7.1	64.1	39.2	39.6	33.5	34.2	31.1	31.2	27.1	10.2	4.9	4.5	4.5	44.1	26.4	26.4	23.2
T = 2	0.5	99.1	96.4	96.5	91.7	73.7	50.3	49.7	40.9	100.0	97.4	97.2	91.0	95.0	88.2	88.4	79.6	56.8	34.1	33.9	26.6	98.4	85.6	85.6	76.6
T = 2	0.75	100.0	100.0	100.0	99.8	95.1	82.4	81.9	74.9	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	99.4	99.4	98.8	88.6	69.6	69.4	60.6	100.0	99.8	99.8	99.1
T = 2	1	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	99.0	94.2	94.2	90.9	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	97.3	88.0	87.9	82.1	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
T = 5	0.25	30.8	27.4	27.5	21.4	27.1	13.3	14.1	10.9	41.2	19.2	19.5	15.3	24.1	21.4	21.7	16.8	22.2	11.4	11.5	9.2	32.3	15.2	15.3	11.3
T = 5	0.5	97.8	92.2	92.3	84.7	81.2	62.2	62.5	53.7	99.9	92.8	92.8	82.2	96.1	87.4	87.4	77.7	76.5	57.1	56.4	46.9	99.8	86.7	86.5	73.3
T = 5	0.75	100.0	99.9	99.9	99.6	97.9	89.7	89.3	83.6	100.0	100.0	100.0	99.9	100.0	99.7	99.7	99.1	96.4	86.8	85.7	79.8	100.0	100.0	100.0	99.7
T = 5	1	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	99.6	97.7	97.9	95.2	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	99.6	96.2	96.4	93.3	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Type ii - smooth change																									
T = 1	0.25	28.7	26.0	26.3	24.2	5.2	3.0	2.6	3.0	38.7	25.1	25.1	25.1	16.5	16.2	16.3	16.4	2.8	1.5	1.5	1.7	22.9	16.0	16.4	18.0
T = 1	0.5	85.1	72.9	73.1	64.3	30.0	15.3	15.7	11.8	91.7	72.3	72.3	62.9	55.2	46.3	47.0	40.1	12.7	6.2	6.5	5.5	67.8	42.1	42.2	38.1
T = 1	0.75	99.7	96.5	96.7	92.2	65.6	42.0	42.0	34.5	100.0	97.2	97.3	93.2	91.0	79.8	80.4	71.0	36.7	20.4	20.1	15.0	95.3	79.3	79.8	69.9
T = 1	1	100.0	100.0	99.9	99.1	87.4	67.0	67.0	56.5	100.0	100.0	99.6	99.6	95.9	95.8	91.0	62.7	39.6	40.3	32.6	100.0	96.6	96.5	91.7	
T = 2	0.25	19.9	19.6	20.1	17.9	5.8	3.0	2.5	2.8	27.1	17.1	16.7	15.3	15.8	16.4	16.6	15.3	4.3	2.2	2.2	2.3	21.4	13.2	13.2	12.6
T = 2	0.5	81.7	69.2	68.8	58.6	36.6	18.5	14.7	8.9	63.9	64.3	53.6	70.1	59.4	59.4	49.3	28.8	14.1	13.8	10.6	81.4	53.0	53.1	43.5	
T = 2	0.75	99.2	96.4	96.5	91.3	73.8	50.3	49.9	40.4	100.0	97.0	96.9	90.3	97.3	92.6	92.3	85.1	65.2	40.1	40.2	32.0	99.6	91.4	91.4	82.4
T = 2	1	100.0	99.8	99.8	99.1	91.5	74.8	74.4	66.2	100.0	100.0	99.4	100.0	99.4	99.2	98.0	86.7	66.7	66.7	57.1	100.0	99.6	99.6	98.4	
T = 5	0.25	4.8	5.1	5.3	4.3	6.1	3.5	3.6	3.1	6.2	2.8	3.1	2.6	4.5	4.8	4.9	3.9	5.6	3.3	3.2	2.9	5.6	2.6	3.0	2.5
T = 5	0.5	44.7	37.2	37.5	27.4	37.3	18.8	18.9	14.3	58.2	28.1	27.8	20.2	42.1	35.1	35.0	25.9	35.2	17.5	17.9	13.6	54.7	25.9	25.6	18.5
T = 5	0.75	93.1	81.7	81.7	69.7	72.0	49.1	49.5	39.9	98.8	78.0	77.8	63.7	91.8	79.1	79.8	67.1	70.4	47.2	47.5	37.9	97.8	75.0	74.7	60.1
T = 5	1	99.8	98.2	98.1	94.3	89.6	74.8	74.4	66.0	100.0	99.0	98.8	94.9	99.6	97.8	97.7	93.1	88.6	73.2	72.6	64.0	100.0	98.3	98.5	93.2

# Online Change-Point Detection for Conditional Mean Using the AR Model

## Power Analysis: General Patterns

- Power increases with larger change magnitude ( $\Delta$ ) and is higher for abrupt vs. smooth changes.
- Early changes ( $k^* = 50$ ) are easier to detect than later ones ( $k^* = 200$ ).
- Increasing monitoring horizon  $T$  initially raises power, but excessive  $T$  reduces power due to noise accumulation.

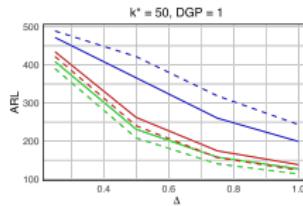
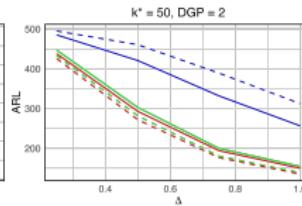
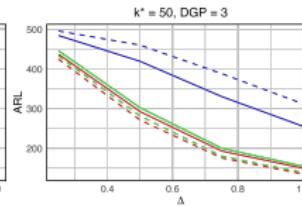
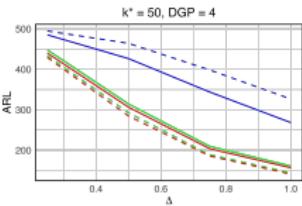
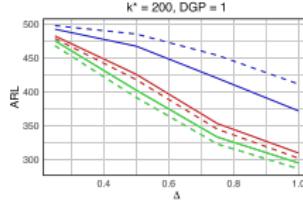
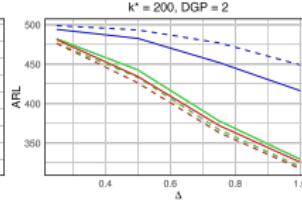
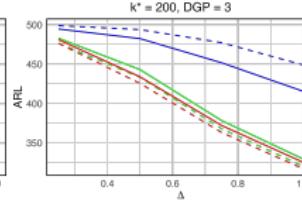
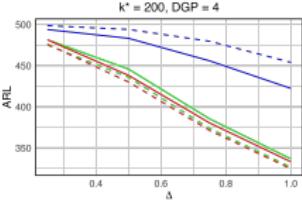
# Online Change-Point Detection for Conditional Mean Using the AR Model

## Power Analysis: Monitoring Schemes

- **RSMS:** Consistently achieves highest or near-highest power across most scenarios, especially for large  $\Delta$ .
- **SSMS:** Slightly lower power than RSMS, especially for small breaks or challenging DGPs.
- **CSMS:** Lowest power in most DGPs, but performs better under DGP 3.
- Introducing  $\gamma = 0.15$  generally increases power, especially for early/abrupt changes and small  $\Delta$ ; largest gains for RSMS.
- For long horizons or smooth changes, power improvements from  $\gamma$  are limited or negative for SSMS/CSMS.

# Online Change-Point Detection for Conditional Mean Using the AR Model

## ARL Curves for Online Monitoring Schemes

DGP1,  $k^* = 50$ DGP2,  $k^* = 50$ DGP3,  $k^* = 50$ DGP4,  $k^* = 50$ DGP1,  $k^* = 200$ DGP2,  $k^* = 200$ DGP3,  $k^* = 200$ DGP4,  $k^* = 200$ 

ARL curves of RSMS, SSMS, and CSMS for a change in the mean ( $T = 1$ , type I alternative). ARL curves of RSMS, SSMS, and CSMS for a change in the mean ( $T = 1$ , type I alternative). Solid lines:  $\gamma = 0$ , dashed:  $\gamma = 0.15$ .

# Online Change-Point Detection for Conditional Mean Using the AR Model

## Average Run Length (ARL) Insights

- **ARL** (Average Run Length) measures the expected delay before detecting a change—crucial in real-time risk, finance, and environmental monitoring.
- Simulations focus on  $T = 1$  and abrupt changes (Type I); larger changes ( $\Delta$ ) yield shorter ARLs.
- **CSMS** achieves the shortest ARLs under DGP1, while **RSMS** is fastest for DGPs 2–4.
- Setting  $\gamma = 0.15$  reduces ARLs for CSMS and RSMS (faster detection), but increases ARL for **SSMS**.
- **SSMS** consistently has the longest ARLs (slowest detection) across all DGPs and settings.
- **Conclusion:** **RSMS** delivers the best balance of timely detection and accurate size control, making it well suited for high-stakes, dynamic environments.

# Online Change-Point Detection of Both Conditional Mean and Variance Using the PAR Model

## The PAR(1) Model: Definition

- The Poisson Autoregressive process of order 1 (PAR(1)) is a count time series:  $X_t \in \mathbb{Z}_+$ .
- Recursion:  $X_t = \alpha \circ X_{t-1} + \varepsilon_t$ , where  $\varepsilon_t \sim \text{Pois}(\lambda)$ .
- Binomial thinning:  $\alpha \circ X_{t-1} = \sum_{i=1}^{X_{t-1}} Z_i$ , with  $Z_i \sim \text{Bernoulli}(\alpha)$  i.i.d.
- Parameters:  $\theta = (\alpha, \lambda)$ , where  $\alpha \in [0, 1]$  controls dependence and  $\lambda > 0$  is the innovation rate.

# Online Change-Point Detection of Both Conditional Mean and Variance Using the PAR Model

## Motivation and Properties

- Marginal process is Poisson: mean = variance; enables joint monitoring of both parameters.
- Forecast error-based detection not directly applicable; use ML estimation for score-based monitoring.
- PAR(1) is relevant for practical applications (e.g., epidemic counts) and preserves count data properties (non-negativity, discreteness).
- Increased interest in count time series models since COVID-19, supporting practical value of PAR(1).

# Online Change-Point Detection of Both Conditional Mean and Variance Using the PAR Model

## Likelihood and Monitoring Procedure

- Conditional log-likelihood (given  $X_1$ ):

$$I(\alpha, \lambda) = \sum_{t=2}^n \log P(X_t | X_{t-1})$$

- Transition probability:

$$P(X_t | X_{t-1}) = \sum_{i=0}^{X_{t-1}} \binom{X_{t-1}}{i} \alpha^i (1-\alpha)^{X_{t-1}-i} \frac{e^{-\lambda} \lambda^{X_t-i}}{(X_t - i)!}$$

- Score functions:  $\psi(X_t, \theta) = \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial \alpha} I, \frac{\partial}{\partial \lambda} I \right)'$
- Hypotheses:  $H_0$ :  $\theta$  constant;  $H_1$ : change in  $\theta$ .
- Use ML estimator  $\widehat{\theta}_m$  from training sample; evaluate scores for monitoring (RSMS, SSMS, CSMS).

# Online Change-Point Detection of Both Conditional Mean and Variance Using the PAR Model

Simulated type I error rates for RSMS (R), SSMS (S), and CSMS (C) under the PAR(1) null hypothesis.

	T=1						T=2						T=5						T=10					
	R		S		C		R		S		C		R		S		C		R		S		C	
	5%	10%	5%	10%	5%	10%	5%	10%	5%	10%	5%	10%	5%	10%	5%	10%	5%	10%	5%	10%	5%	10%	5%	10%
$\gamma = 0$																								
$m = 100$	9.2	12.3	3.9	7.1	11.5	15.4	8.7	13.9	3.1	5.8	8.1	11.6	8.3	12.9	3.4	6.3	2.1	3.9	8.5	12.1	3.3	5.5	0.8	1.3
$m = 500$	4.6	8.2	1.1	3.5	2.9	6.3	4.3	8.5	1.4	3.3	1.6	3.8	4.8	7.1	1.8	3.0	0.1	0.3	4.3	6.4	1.7	3.5	0.0	0.0
$m = 1000$	2.8	5.5	1.1	3.0	1.4	3.9	2.7	6.5	1.2	2.5	0.7	1.7	2.9	5.3	1.7	3.0	0.0	0.2	2.3	4.7	1.6	2.8	0.0	0.0
$\gamma = 0.15$																								
$m = 100$	13.4	18.1	1.5	2.7	13.3	17.5	13.4	19.5	1.1	2.4	8.6	12.0	12.1	18.1	1.5	2.8	2.3	3.1	12.8	18.1	1.5	2.8	0.6	1.1
$m = 500$	8.0	13.4	0.3	0.6	4.2	7.8	7.9	11.8	0.3	1.3	1.6	3.5	6.9	11.9	0.3	1.2	0.1	0.1	7.2	12.5	0.2	1.1	0.0	0.0
$m = 1000$	5.6	10.1	0.0	0.6	2.3	5.2	6.3	10.5	0.2	0.7	0.5	1.4	6.0	9.8	0.5	1.0	0.0	0.0	5.8	10.3	0.6	1.2	0.0	0.0

# Online Change-Point Detection of Both Conditional Mean and Variance Using the PAR Model

## Type I Error Rates: PAR(1) Model

- For  $\gamma = 0$  and  $m = 100$ , CSMS and RSMS are closest to nominal size for small  $T$ ; SSMS is most conservative at  $T = 1, 2$ .
- As  $T$  increases, CSMS becomes most conservative, while RSMS remains well-sized even for  $T = 10$ .
- Increasing  $m$  makes all methods more conservative; Type I error rates drop below nominal sizes.
- For  $\gamma = 0.15$  and  $m = 100$ , CSMS and RSMS show inflated rejection rates at small  $T$ , but quickly become conservative as  $m$  grows; all methods under-reject for large  $m$  and  $T$ .
- Overall: CSMS and RSMS are well-sized or liberal for small samples; all methods (especially SSMS) become conservative as  $m$  or  $T$  increase.
- Practical focus: Report power for  $T = 1, 2, 5$  and restrict ARL analysis to  $T = 1$  for relevance to fast detection.

# Online Change-Point Detection of Both Conditional Mean and Variance Using the PAR Model

## Power Analysis: Change-Point Detection in PAR(1) Model

- Empirical rejection frequencies of monitoring schemes are evaluated under  $H_1$ .
- Simulations use  $m = 500$ , with a change-point at  $t^* = m + k^*$ ,  $k^* \in \{50, 200\}$ .
- Two types of structural changes are considered:
  - **(i) Abrupt shift:**  $\alpha_t$  and  $\lambda_t$  switch instantly from  $(\alpha_1, \lambda_1)$  to  $(\alpha_2, \lambda_2)$  after  $t^*$ .
  - **(ii) Smooth change:**  $\alpha_t$  and  $\lambda_t$  evolve gradually after  $t^*$  via an exponential decay function.

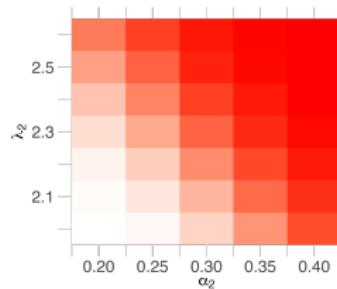
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## Simulation Design: Parameter Grid and Scenarios

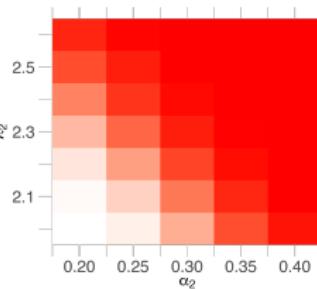
- Before change-point:  $\alpha_1 = 0.2$ ,  $\lambda_1 = 2$ .
- After change-point:  $\alpha_2 \in \{0.2, 0.25, \dots, 0.35\}$ ,  $\lambda_2 \in \{2.0, 2.1, \dots, 2.5\}$ .
- For smooth change, the transition is governed by rate  $\delta = 0.05$ .
- This two-dimensional grid systematically examines power under a wide range of signal strengths.
- Results reveal how detection power varies by change magnitude, abruptness, and delay ( $k^*$ ).

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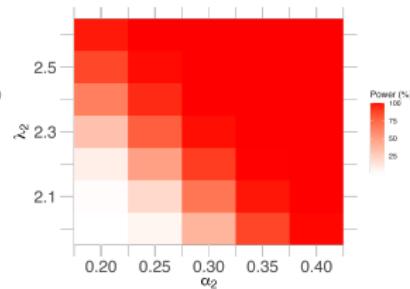
RSMS Heatmaps: Empirical Power Across  $T$  and  $\gamma$



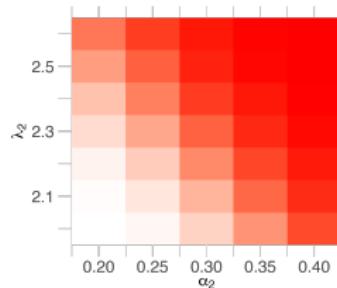
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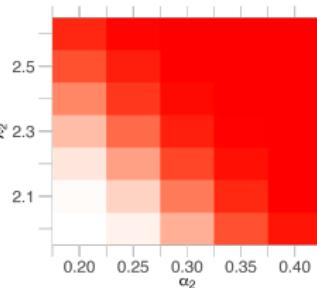
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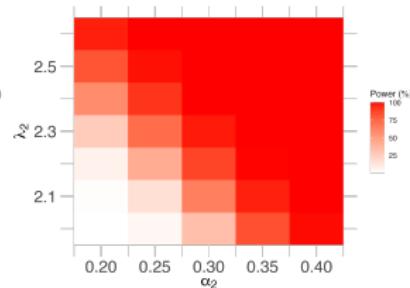
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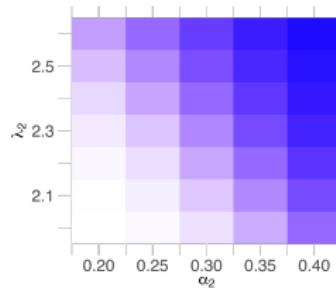
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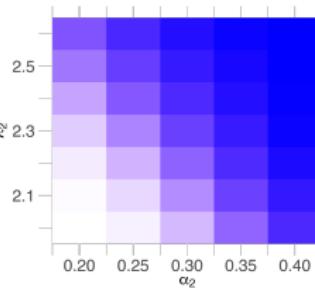
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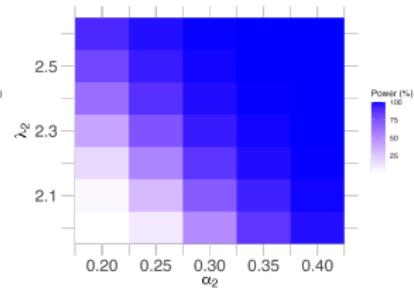
SSMS Heatmaps: Empirical Power Across  $T$  and  $\gamma$



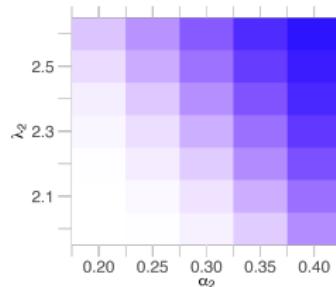
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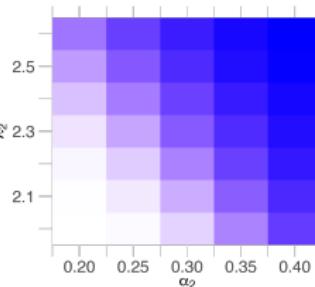
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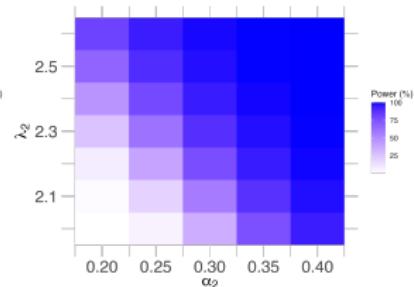
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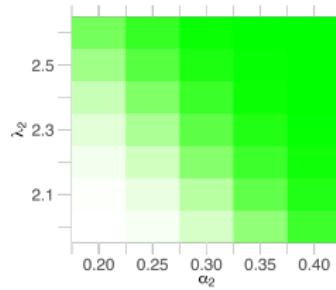
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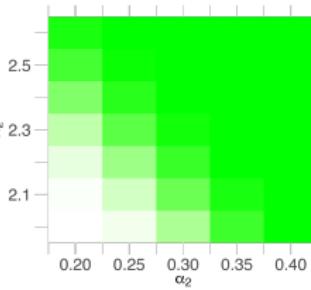
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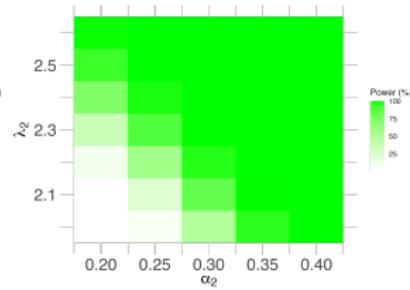
CSMS Heatmaps: Empirical Power Across  $T$  and  $\gamma$



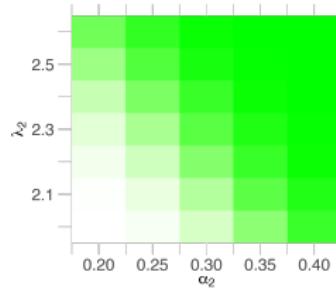
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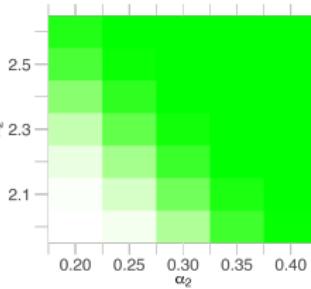
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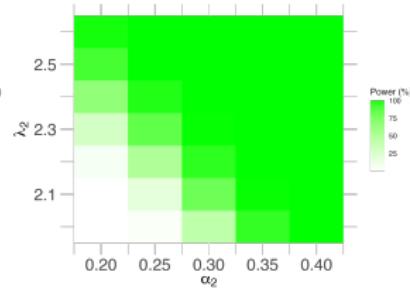
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# Online Change-Point Detection of Both Conditional Mean and Variance Using the PAR Model

Empirical Power Heatmaps: RSMS, SSMS, CSMS

- Heatmaps show empirical rejection rates for RSMS, SSMS, and CSMS across post-change parameter grids.
- Top row:  $\gamma = 0$ ; Bottom row:  $\gamma = 0.15$ . Columns:  $T = 1, 2, 3$ .
- Color intensity reflects detection power (darker = higher rejection rate).
- **RSMS** and **CSMS**: Rapid, reliable power increase as the signal strengthens; upper-right corners approach 100% rejection.
- **SSMS**: Weaker performance; lighter heatmap regions indicate lower sensitivity and fewer cases of full rejection.

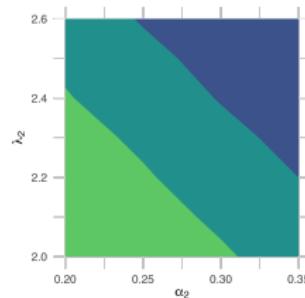
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## ARL Contours: Early Detection Performance

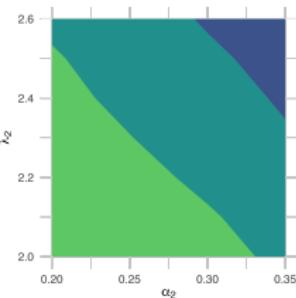
- Contour plots display ARL (Average Run Length) for RSMS, SSMS, and CSMS under Type (i) abrupt breaks.
- Scenario:  $k^* = 50$ , monitoring horizon  $T = 1$  (early detection focus).
- ARL grid is divided into 5 intervals; darker colors represent faster detection (lower ARL).
- Results highlight the sensitivity of each method to signal strength, with rapid detection corresponding to higher color intensity.
- Observed patterns persist under smooth changes (Type (ii)), but with generally longer ARLs.

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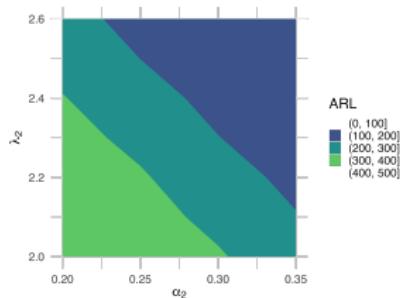
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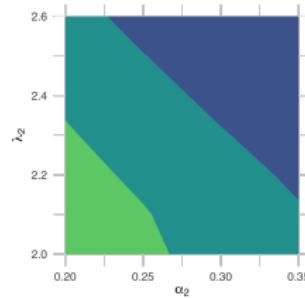
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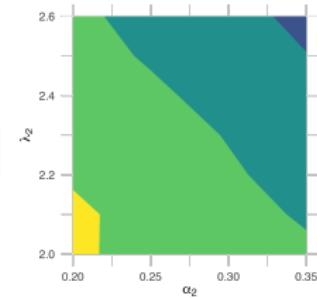
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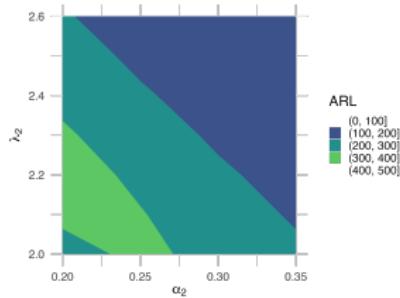
CSMS,  $\gamma = 0$



PCMCS 0.15



Sequential change point detection



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# Online Change-Point Detection of Both Conditional Mean and Variance Using the PAR Model

## ARL Contour Results: Sensitivity to Post-Change Parameters

- Each contour plot shows ARL across a grid of post-change parameters:  $\alpha_2$  (horizontal axis) and  $\lambda_2$  (vertical axis).
- Across all schemes and both  $\gamma$  values, increasing  $\alpha_2$  and  $\lambda_2$  results in lower ARL—stronger changes are detected faster.
- **Effect of  $\gamma$ :**
  - For RSMS and CSMS, setting  $\gamma = 0.15$  further reduces ARL; dark (fast detection) regions expand.
  - For SSMS,  $\gamma = 0.15$  leads to a yellow region (ARL 400–500), indicating slower detection.
- **Conclusion:** Early-stage detection is enhanced by  $\gamma > 0$  for RSMS and CSMS, but not for SSMS.

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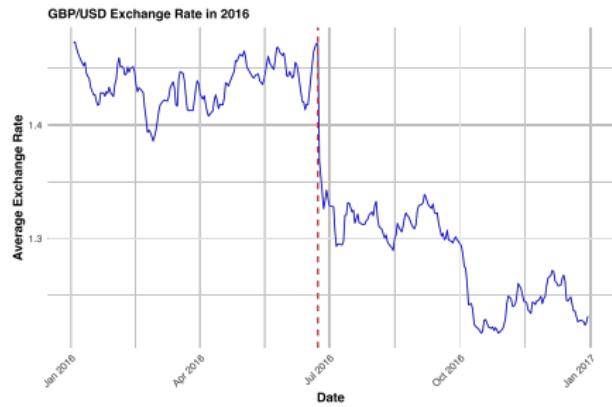
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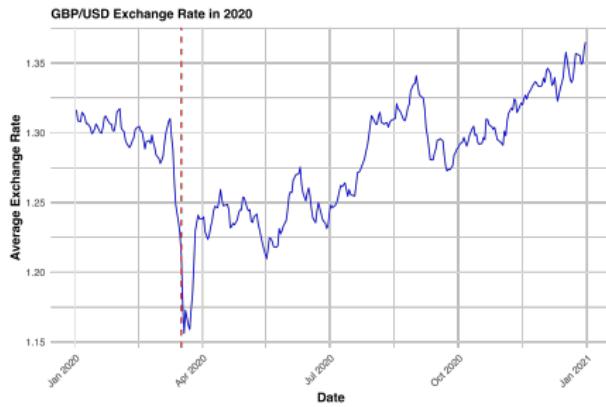
- We analyze USD/GBP exchange rates during 2016 (EU referendum), 2020, and 2022, using 5-minute intraday data from REFINITIV EIKON.
- We rescale exchange rates by 100 for numerical stability and standardize timestamps to  $[0, 1]$ .
- We smooth each curve using a cubic B-spline basis (number of basis functions =  $\min\{21, 80\% \times [\text{min obs}/\text{day}]\}$ ).
- The final sample comprises 312 valid daily curves for both 2019 and 2020.
- We apply functional principal component analysis (FPCA) to extract dominant variation modes for robust online detection.
- We compute functional principal component scores for the test set by projecting each daily curve onto eigenfunctions estimated from the training sample, ensuring comparability.
- This framework naturally extends online monitoring to functional time series (see, e.g., Sun et al. (2025) for FPCA-based KS test).

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## USD/GBP Exchange Rates During Major Events



2016 Brexit referendum. Dashed line: 23 June 2016.



2020 COVID-19 panic. Dashed line: 17 March 2020.

**Daily average USD/GBP exchange rates during 2016 and 2020.**

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Summary of RSMS, SSMS, and CSMS test results (USD/GBP, 2016)

$m$	$T$	$\gamma$	Scheme	Statistic	Reject $H_0$ ?	Date
50	5	0.00	RSMS	213.92	Yes	12-07-2016
50	5	0.00	SSMS	459.22	Yes	16-08-2016
50	5	0.00	CSMS	186.74	Yes	15-07-2016
50	5	0.15	RSMS	225.94	Yes	26-07-2016
50	5	0.15	SSMS	459.22	Yes	20-09-2016
50	5	0.15	CSMS	197.23	Yes	01-08-2016
75	2	0.00	RSMS	41.83	Yes	18-07-2016
75	2	0.00	SSMS	132.23	Yes	10-08-2016
75	2	0.00	CSMS	57.21	Yes	17-07-2016
75	2	0.15	RSMS	47.24	Yes	22-07-2016
75	2	0.15	SSMS	132.23	Yes	01-09-2016
75	2	0.15	CSMS	64.61	Yes	21-07-2016

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$m$	$T$	$\gamma$	Scheme	Statistic	Reject $H_0$ ?	Date
100	1	0.00	RSMS	22.28	Yes	17-07-2016
100	1	0.00	SSMS	133.54	Yes	27-07-2016
100	1	0.00	CSMS	39.88	Yes	14-07-2016
100	1	0.15	RSMS	27.43	Yes	18-07-2016
100	1	0.15	SSMS	133.54	Yes	08-08-2016
100	1	0.15	CSMS	49.10	Yes	15-07-2016
100	2	0.00	RSMS	188.70	Yes	19-07-2016
100	2	0.00	SSMS	1131.14	Yes	31-07-2016
100	2	0.00	CSMS	337.83	Yes	15-07-2016
100	2	0.15	RSMS	213.11	Yes	22-07-2016
100	2	0.15	SSMS	1131.14	Yes	14-08-2016
100	2	0.15	CSMS	381.53	Yes	19-07-2016

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## 2016 USD/GBP Exchange Rate: Structural Break Detection Results

- Choices of  $m$  and  $T$  ensure post-Brexit period is within the monitoring window (sample size: 312 trading days).
- **RSMS consistently delivers the earliest detection**, especially for larger  $T$ .
- When  $H_0$  is rejected, RSMS detects change-points earlier than SSMS, and often earlier than CSMS.
- Example: With ( $m = 50, T = 5, \gamma = 0.00$ ), RSMS signals on 12-07-2016; CSMS, 15-07-2016; SSMS, 16-08-2016.
- Example: With ( $m = 75, T = 2, \gamma = 0.15$ ), RSMS (22-07-2016) and CSMS (21-07-2016) outperform SSMS (01-09-2016).

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Summary of RSMS, SSMS, and CSMS test results based on the USD/GBP exchange rate in 2019.

$m$	$T$	$\gamma$	Monitoring Scheme	Statistic	Reject $H_0$ ?	Date of Rejection
50	1	0.00	RSMS	2.38	Yes	04-04-2019
50	1	0.00	CSMS	3.09	Yes	02-04-2019
50	1	0.15	CSMS	3.92	Yes	15-04-2019
50	5	0.00	RSMS	21.48	Yes	05-08-2019
50	5	0.00	SSMS	56.59	Yes	10-10-2019
50	5	0.00	CSMS	27.88	Yes	04-08-2019
50	5	0.15	RSMS	23.00	Yes	27-08-2019
50	5	0.15	CSMS	29.86	Yes	23-08-2019

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## 2019 USD/GBP Exchange Rate: Detection of Structural Breaks

- For  $(m = 50, T = 5, \gamma = 0.00)$ , RSMS signals a break on 5 August, nearly matching CSMS (4 August); SSMS alarms much later (10 October).
- Increasing  $\gamma$  to 0.15 does not improve early detection and often delays or prevents rejection (e.g., RSMS does not trigger for  $T = 1$  with  $\gamma = 0.15$ ).
- SSMS fails to detect any changes with  $m = 50, T = 1$  for both  $\gamma$  values, and also fails for  $m = 5, \gamma = 0.15$ .
- These results highlight the limitations of SSMS when the training sample is short or contaminated by early pandemic shifts, which can inflate the self-normalizer and hinder detection.

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## Summary: Early Detection and Tuning Parameter Effects

- RSMS consistently provides the earliest detection and shortest ARL across all settings, aligning with simulation results.
- Evidence demonstrates the robustness and responsiveness of RSMS in dynamic environments (e.g., post-Brexit, COVID-19), making it well suited for practitioners needing timely anomaly detection.
- Setting  $\gamma = 0.15$  does not generally improve detection sensitivity; its benefit is seen only under CSMS (empirical) and for both RSMS and CSMS (simulations), while it has negligible or slightly negative impact on SSMS.
- Overall, the effect of  $\gamma$  is highly scheme- and context-dependent, and should be considered with care.

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# Conclusion

- We propose the RSMS: an adjusted-range-based self-normalized online change-point detection scheme that builds on the CUSUM framework and leverages robust self-normalization.
- RSMS requires no LRV estimation or tuning of bandwidth, kernel, or block size, and achieves accurate type I error control and consistent detection.
- Simulations show RSMS is robust across DGPs and break types, outperforming SSMS and CSMS in power and ARL.
- Empirical analysis on USD/GBP exchange rates (2016 Brexit, COVID-19) confirms RSMS's effectiveness and rapid detection of structural breaks.
- **Future work:** Apply RSMS to areas like climate data and social media; integrate with deep learning for improved adaptability in real-time detection.

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# Feedback

Thank you! Any question or feedback.