

# Multivariate Pairs Trading with Structural Change Detections in Cointegrated Relationships

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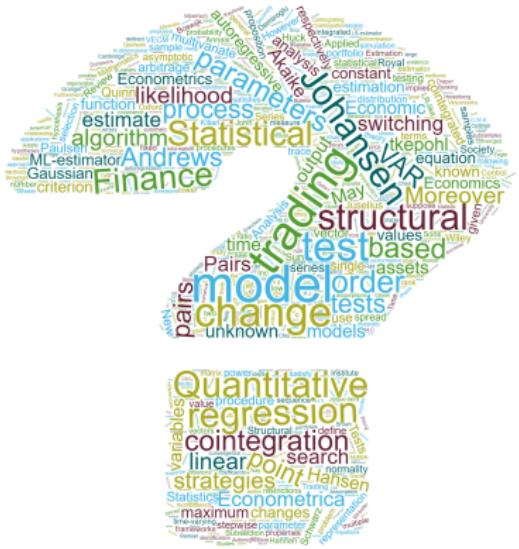
Kuan-Lun Wang, a master student, majors in the generalized pairs trading. The major goal of his research is to develop a algorithmic trading mechanism based on statistical arbitrage. His expertise include automatic search procedures for model selection, multivariate co-integration approach, and structural change test.

## Research Interests

His research interests are time series models, simulation modeling, and portfolio choice. A central theme of application is the study of multivariate pairs trading in real time, searching assets with long-run equilibrium, and building riskless portfolios. Much current work involves structural change analysis and co-integration test of finite order vector autoregressive process and estimates the probability of mean reversion. Such methods are important in a variety of applications, including economic indicators and hedging. One specific example is the index funds tied to indexes with more lower costs and more lower risks.

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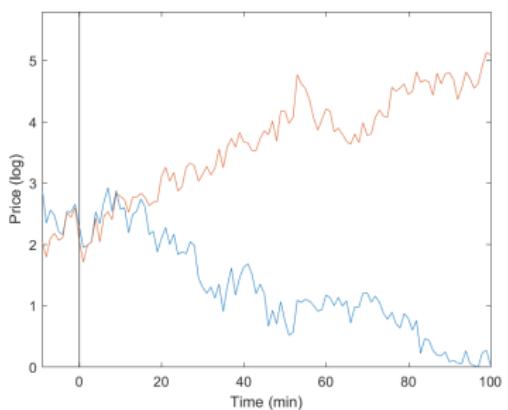


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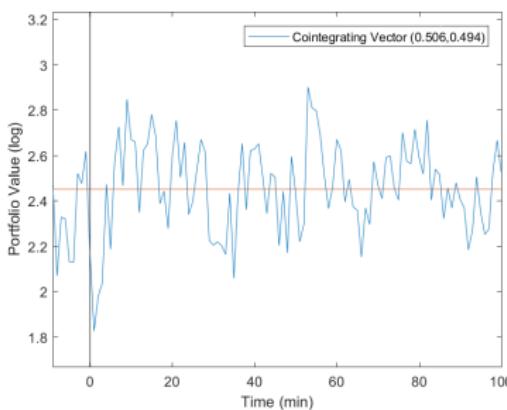
## Background (1/2)

- ① Pairs trading strategies (PTSs),
  - ② A popular short-term speculation strategy on Wall Street [27],
  - ③ The statistical arbitrage goal,
  - ④ Two-step process:
    - ① Find two assets with prices that move together, historically;
    - ② Monitor the subsequent trading spread between the assets.  
Should the spread diverge, short the higher priced asset and long the lower priced asset until the spread converges again.
  - ⑤ Multivariate frameworks [52]:
    - Portfolios of assets against other portfolios of assets.

## Background (2/2)



### (a) Log Prices Process



### (b) Mean Reversion Process

## Figure: An Example for PTSs

# Approaches of PTSs

## ① Cointegration approach [82],

- Others: distance approach [27], time-series approach [24], etc.
- Intent: equilibrium relationships [82, 24, 27, 48].
  - E.g.,  $\beta'y_t = \beta_1y_{1t} + \cdots + \beta_Ky_{Kt} + c = 0$ .

## ② Vector autoregressive (VAR) model:

- VAR of order  $p$  (VAR( $p$ )) [75]:

$$y_t = v + \sum_{i=1}^p A_i y_{t-i} + u_t,$$

- Vector error correction model (VECM) representation [25]:

$$\Delta y_t = \alpha\beta'y_{t-1}^* + \sum_{i=1}^{p-1} \Gamma_i \Delta y_{t-i} + u_t.$$

## ③ Tests and estimator for stable linear combinations,

- Reduced rank regression (RRR) techniques [7],
  - RRR:  $z_{0t} = \alpha\beta'z_{1t} + \Gamma z_{2t} + u_t$ .
- Extensions on likelihood-based theory [39, 43].

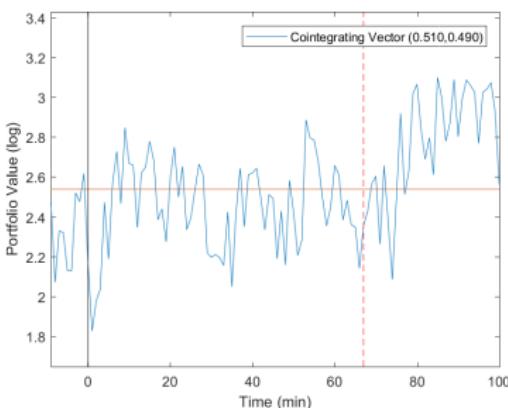
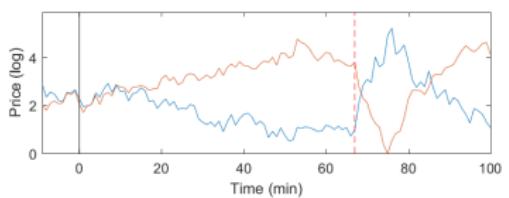
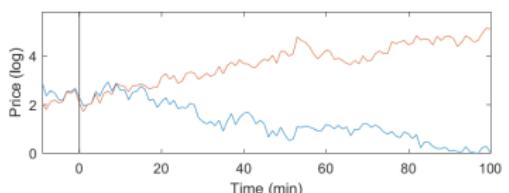
## Problem (1/2)

- ① Time-varying systems [28, 11, 78]:
    - Continuous parameter changes models [18]:
      - Smooth transition regression (STR):  $y_t = X_t(t\beta/T) + u_t$
    - Outliers models [79]:
      - Level changes (LC):  $y_t = X_t + \frac{1}{1-L}\omega\xi_t^m$ .
    - Switching regression models [8]:
      - Two-Regime:  $y_t = \begin{cases} X_t\beta_1 + u_t, & \text{if } t > t_0, \\ X_t\beta_2 + u_t, & \text{if } t \leq t_0. \end{cases}$

Switching low order VAR model:

$$y_t = \begin{cases} v_1 + \sum_{i=1}^p A_{i1} y_{t-i} + u_t, & \text{if } t > t_0, \\ v_2 + \sum_{i=1}^p A_{i2} y_{t-i} + u_t, & \text{if } t \leq t_0. \end{cases}$$

## Problem (2/2)

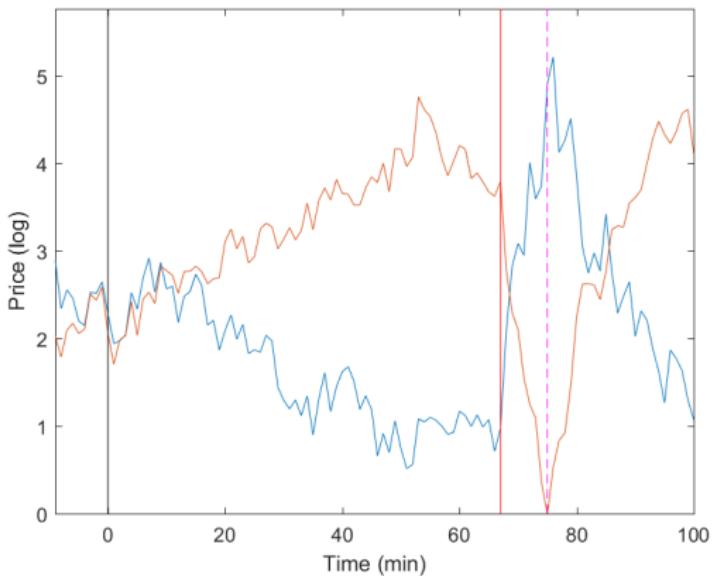


(a) Two-Regime Model

(b) False Estimator

Figure: An Example of PTSs with Single Structural Change Point

# Study First Aim



## Figure: Test and Estimator for Structural Change

# Measures of PTS Portfolio Forms

- Univariate frameworks [27, 35, 72],
  - Sum of Euclidean squared distance (SSD):
$$\overline{ssd}_{P_i, P_j} = T^{-1} \sum_{t=1}^T (p_{it} - p_{jt})^2 \text{ (standardizing).}$$
- Multivariate frameworks:
  - One of the problems is the significant computational power required to assess potential pairs of portfolios, owing to the enormous pool of assets;
  - The second goal of this study is to propose a searching cointegrated price search procedure in the VAR model by taking advantage of the forward and backward stepwise regression procedures [63, 69, 22, 53].

## Static Setting (1/6)

## Model: A $K$ -Dimensional Switching VAR( $p$ ) Model

The logarithmic asset price processes are formulated as a  $K$ -dimensional switching VAR( $p$ ) model, with time-varying parameters given as follows:

$$y_t = \nu(t) + \sum_{i=1}^p A_i(t)y_{t-i} + u_t, \quad t = 1, \dots, T,$$

where  $u_t$  is a white noise process with time-varying covariance matrix  $\Sigma_u(t)$ .

## Static Setting

## Static Setting (2/6)

Model: A  $K$ -Dimensional Switching VAR( $p$ ) Model –Continued

The parameters are given by

$$\nu(t) = \nu_1 1_1(t) + \nu_2 1_2(t)$$

$$A_i(t) = A_{i1}1_1(t) + A_{i2}1_2(t), \quad i = 1, \dots, p;$$

$$\Sigma_u(t) = \Sigma_{u1}1_1(t) + \Sigma_{u2}1_2(t),$$

where  $\pi_0 T$  is, if any, the unknown structural change point,  $1_1(t)$  and  $1_2(t)$  are indicator functions of subsample  $[1, \pi_0 T]$  and  $(\pi_0 T, T]$ , respectively;  $\nu_1$  and  $\nu_2$  are  $(K \times 1)$  intercepts;  $A_{i1}$  and  $A_{i2}$  are the  $(K \times K)$  constant parameters for  $i = 1, \dots, p$ .

## Static Setting

## Static Setting (3/6)

## Model: VECM Representation

Moreover, we consider that the model has a VECM representation

$$\Delta y_t = \alpha(t)\beta(t)'y_{t-1}^* + \sum_{i=1}^{p-1} \Gamma_i(t)\Delta y_{t-i} + u_t, \quad t = 1, \dots, T,$$

where

$$\Gamma_i(t) = \Gamma_{i1}1_1(t) + \Gamma_{i2}1_2(t), \quad i = 1, \dots, p-1$$

where  $\alpha_j \beta'_j = (-(\mathbf{I}_K - \sum_{i=1}^p A_{ij}), \nu_j)$  for  $j = 1, 2$

$$\Gamma_{ij} = -\sum_{k=1}^{p-i} A_{i+k,j} \text{ for } i = 1, \dots, p-1 \text{ and } j = 1, 2$$

## Static Setting (4/6)

## Model: VECM Representation–Continued

Then  $\alpha(t)$  and  $\beta(t)$  are the  $(K \times r)$  adjustment coefficients and the  $((K + 1) \times r)$  cointegration parameters, respectively; and the process  $y_t$  denotes cointegration of rank  $r$ . The VECM model has no  $\alpha(t)\beta(t)'$  or  $\Gamma_i(t)$  if  $r = 0$  or  $p \leq 1$ , respectively.

## Proposition: Well-Defined

The switching VAR( $p$ ) model can be derived from the VECM representation, and vice versa.

## Static Setting (5/6)

Proof.

The process defining  $y_t$  can be written as  $y_t = \Delta y_t + y_{t-1}$ . Then VECM model, with  $\Delta y_t$  replaced by  $y_t - y_{t-1}$ , implies that

$$y_t = \nu(t) + \sum_{i=1}^p A_i(t)y_{t-1} - \sum_{i=1}^{p-1} \sum_{k=1}^{p-i} A_{i+k}(t)y_{t-i-k} + \sum_{i=1}^{p-1} \sum_{k=1}^{p-i} A_{i+k}(t)y_{t-i-1} + u_t.$$

## Static Setting (6/6)

### Proof—Continued.

Introducing  $j = i + 1$ , we get

$$y_t = \nu(t) + \sum_{i=1}^p A_i(t)y_{t-1} - \sum_{i=1}^{p-1} \sum_{k=1}^{p-i} A_{i+k}(t)y_{t-i} \\ + \sum_{j=2}^p \sum_{k=1}^{p-j+1} A_{j+k-1}(t)y_{t-i} + u_t.$$

Combining the coefficients of  $y_{t-i}$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, p$  we obtain the switching VAR( $p$ ) model.

## Common Assumptions

# Common Assumptions (1/6)

### Assumption 1: Sample

The time series  $y_1, \dots, y_T$  is available; that is, we have a sample of size  $T$ .

### Assumption 2: Initial Values

Presamples are also available; that is, we have initial values.

### Assumption 3: Stability or Instability

The process  $y_t$  is stable or integrated of order 1.

What are the stable process and the integrated process?

## Common Assumptions

## Common Assumptions (2/6)

## Definition: Convergent Linear Process [43]

A linear process is defined by  $y_t = \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} C_i u_{t-i}$ ,  $t = 0, 1, \dots$ , where  $C(z) = \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} C_i z^i$  is convergent for  $|z| \leq 1 + \delta$  for some  $\delta > 0$ .

## Definition: Stable Process [43]

A stochastic process  $y_t$  which satisfies that

$y_t - E[y_t] = \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} C_i u_{t-i}$  is stable if  $C = \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} C_i \neq 0$ .

## Definition: Integrated Process [43]

A stochastic process  $y_t$  is called integrated of order  $d$ ,  $d = 0, 1, \dots$ , if  $\Delta^d(y_t - E[y_t])$  is stable.

However, we need more assumptions to give “nice” process.

## Common Assumptions (3/6)

## Assumption 4: Roots

The characteristic polynomials of  $y_t$  satisfy  $|C_1(z)| \neq 0$  and  $|C_2(z)| \neq 0$  for all  $|z| \leq 1$  excluding the case  $z = 1$  where  $C_1(z) = I_K - \sum_{i=1}^p A_{i1}z^i$  and  $C_2(z) = I_K - \sum_{i=1}^p A_{i2}z^i$ .

In other words, we consider the switching VAR( $p$ ) model that exclude explosive roots and seasonal roots other than  $z = 1$ .

## Proposition: Granger's Representation Theorem [39]

Under assumption 4, the processes  $\beta'_1 y_t$  and  $\beta'_2 y_t$  is stationary.

What are the seasonal roots and the stationary process?

## Common Assumptions (4/6)

## Figure: Seasonal Root Examples

## Common Assumptions (5/6)

Definition: (Strictly) Stationary Process [43]

By a stationary process, we mean a process for which the distribution of  $y_{t_1}, \dots, y_{t_m}$  is the same as the distribution of  $y_{t_1+h}, \dots, y_{t_m+h}$  for any  $h = 1, 2, \dots$

## Definition: Cointegrating Rank [43]

Let  $y_t$  be integrated of order 1. We call  $y_t$  cointegrated with cointegrating vector  $\beta \neq 0$  if  $\beta'y_t$  can be made stationary by a suitable choice of its initial distribution. The cointegrating rank is the number of linearly independent cointegrating relations, and the space spanned by the cointegrating relations is the cointegrating space.

## Common Assumptions (6/6)

## Assumption 5: Structural Change

If there exist structural change point, then it must in a closed interval  $T\Pi$ .

## Assumption 6: Stability of Parameters

No structural change if  $\alpha(t)$ ,  $\beta(t)$ , and  $\Gamma_i(t)$  are stable at time  $T\Pi$ .

How can we estimate parameters in the model?

## Measure Terms and Overview

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### ① Measure terms:

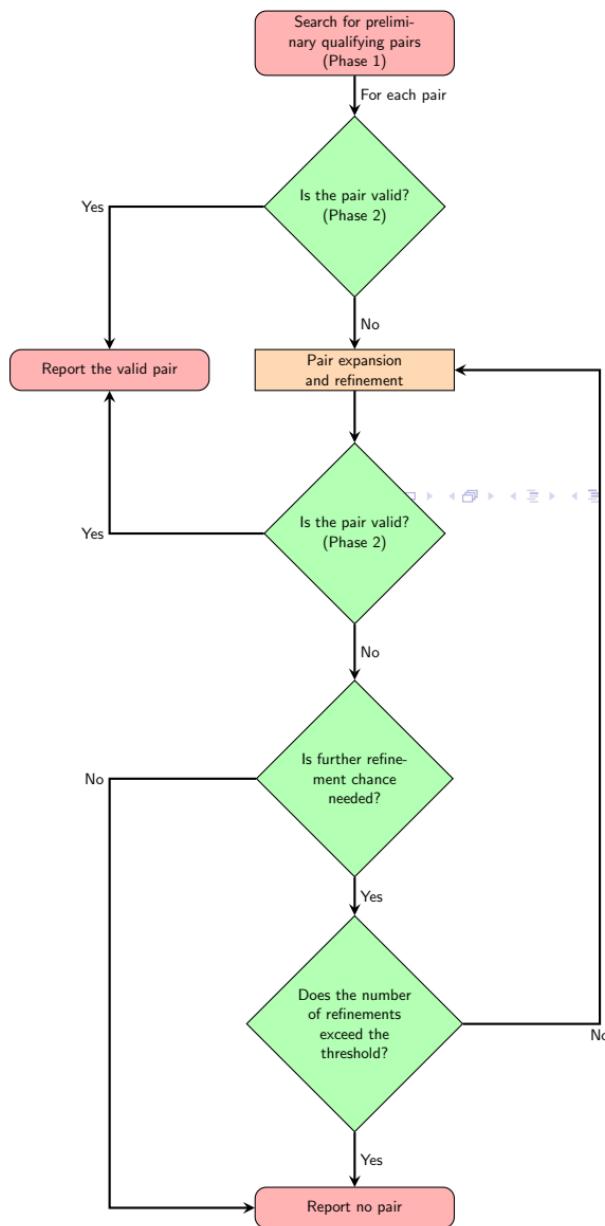
- Information criterion value,
- Cointegration test  $p$ -value,
  - Null hypothesis is no cointegration vector.
- Unknown single structural change test (USSC test)  $p$ -value,
  - Null hypothesis is no change point.
- VAR normality test  $p$ -value.
  - Null hypothesis is normality.

### ② A oversimplifying our cointegrated pairs search algorithm:

- ① Identifying qualifying pairs;
- ② Pair validation;
- ③ Pair expansion and refinement.

# Overview of our Cointegrated Pairs Search Algorithm

Figure: Overview of our Cointegrated Pairs Search Algorithm



## Identifying Qualifying Pairs

## Identifying Qualifying Pairs (1/5)

Give

- ① An enormous pool,
  - ② A predetermined number,  $N$ ,
  - ③ An exogenous probability  $s$ ,
  - ④ Two-stage Bernoulli sampling process.

Proposition: Converge to Bernoulli Distribution

Let the random variable  $z$  be the number of trials required to observe the  $N$ -th successful trial under Bernoulli trials, with success probability  $p$ ; that is,  $z$  has a negative binomial distribution. Let  $z_t$  equal the number of trials required to observe the  $N$ -th success by uniformly sampling  $t$  objects without replacement. Then, the sequence  $z_t$  converges in distribution to  $z$  with an increment of  $t$ .

## Identifying Qualifying Pairs

## Identifying Qualifying Pairs (2/5)

Proof.

Suppose  $z$  has the cumulative distribution function

$$F_z(x) = \sum_{i=N}^x \binom{i-1}{N-1} p^N (1-p)^{i-N}, \quad x = N, N+1, N+2, \dots,$$

and  $z_t$  has the cumulative distribution function

$$F_{z_t}(x) = \sum_{i=N}^x \binom{x-1}{N-1} \left( \prod_{j=1}^i \frac{\lfloor pt \rfloor - j}{t} \right) \left( \prod_{j=i+1}^x \left(1 - \frac{\lfloor pt \rfloor - j}{t}\right) \right)$$

for  $t \geq N$ .

## Identifying Qualifying Pairs

## Identifying Qualifying Pairs (3/5)

Proof–Continued.

Then,

$$\begin{aligned} & \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} F_{z_t}(x) \\ & \leq \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{i=N}^x \binom{x-1}{N-1} \left( \prod_{j=1}^i \frac{\lfloor pt \rfloor}{t} \right) \left( \prod_{j=i+1}^x \left(1 - \frac{\lfloor pt \rfloor - x}{t}\right) \right) \\ & = F_z(x) \end{aligned}$$

and the result

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} F_{z_t}(x) = F_z(x)$$

for all  $x = N, N + 1, N + 2, \dots$ . Therefore,  $F_{z_t} \rightarrow F_z$  as  $t \rightarrow \infty$ , and  $z_t$  converges in distribution to  $z$ .

## Identifying Qualifying Pairs

## Identifying Qualifying Pairs (4/5)

## First Stage in Two-Stage Bernoulli Sampling Process

- ① Picks  $N_{\text{criterion}}$  pairs with an information criterion for model fitting ranked as the top  $p_{\text{criterion}}$  percentage from all possible trading pairs,
- ② Uniformly samples  $x_{\text{criterion}}$  pairs from all pairs and selecting the top  $N_{\text{criterion}}$  pairs with better information criterion values from sampled pairs.

The proposition suggests the minimum number of  $x_{\text{criterion}}$  in order to achieve the goal of the first stage with an exogenous probability  $s$ .

## Identifying Qualifying Pairs

## Identifying Qualifying Pairs (5/5)

## Second Stage in Two-Stage Bernoulli Sampling Process

- ① We picks  $N_{\text{portfolios}}$  pairs cointegration test  $p$ -values ranked in the top  $p_{CI}$  percent of the pairs generated in the first stage,
- ② The proposition again suggests the minimum number of samples  $x_{CI}$  to be drawn uniformly from  $N_{\text{criterion}}$  pairs generated in the first stage in order to achieve the second-stage goal with probability  $s$ .
- ③ We pick  $N_{\text{portfolios}}$  pairs with the smallest  $p$ -values from  $x_{CI}$  samples to obtain those pairs that are “more” likely to have the cointegration property.

# PTSs Validation

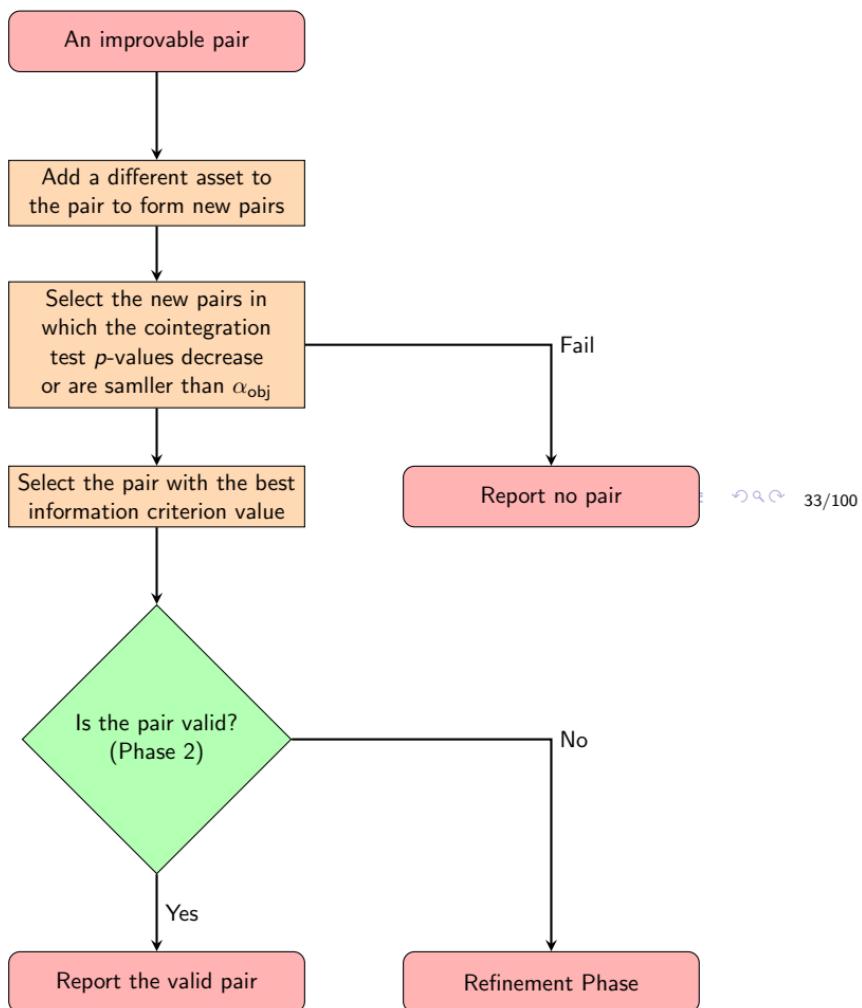
## Definition: PTSs Validation

Give an objective test  $p$ -value  $\alpha_{\text{obj}}$ . Then a pairs is valid if

- ① the pair cointegration test  $p$ -value small than  $\alpha_{\text{obj}}$ ,
- ② the pair USSC test  $p$ -value not small than  $\alpha_{\text{obj}}$ ,
- ③ the pair normality test  $p$ -value not small than  $\alpha_{\text{obj}}$ .

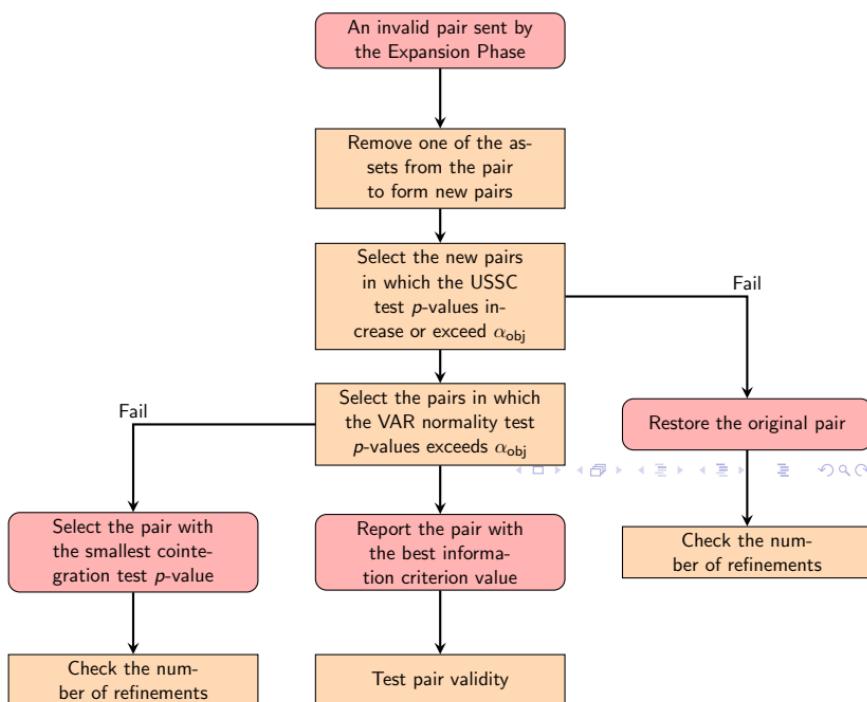
# Overview of pair Expansion and Refinement Phase (1/2)

Figure: Overview of the Expansion Phase



# Overview of PTSs Expansion and Refinement Phase (2/2)

Figure: Overview of the Refinement Phase



# Order Estimators and Information Criterions

- ① Criteria for VAR order selection:
  - Likelihood ratio (LR) testing procedures [67],
  - Final prediction error criterion (FPE) [3, 4],
  - Akaike's information criterion (AIC) [5, 6],
  - Schwarz criterion (SC) [74],
  - Hannan-Quinn criterion (HQ) [30].
- ② Consistency of VAR( $p$ ) model order estimator [30, 71, 66],
  - X: FPE and AIC,
  - O: SC and HQ.
- ③ The best,
  - Low order VAR:  $SC > LR, FPE, AIC, HQ$  [57].

What is the SC?

# VAR( $p$ ) Model

## Definition: VAR( $p$ ) [58]

Let  $y_t$  be a  $K$ -dimensional process as in

$$y_t = \nu + \sum_{i=1}^p A_i y_{t-i} + u_t, \quad t = 0, \pm 1, \pm 2, \dots,$$

where  $\nu$  is a  $(K \times 1)$  constant vector,  $A_1, \dots, A_p$  are  $(K \times K)$  constant matrices with  $A_p \neq 0$ , and  $u_t$  is a white noise process with the covariance matrix  $\Sigma_u$ . Then the process  $y_t$  is a VAR( $p$ ) process.

# Estimators for VAR Model

Proposition: The LS and Gaussian ML Estimators of  $\Sigma_u$  [58]

The LS estimator and the Gaussian ML estimator of  $\Sigma_u$  is

$$\hat{\Sigma}_u = \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^T (y_t - Bx_t)(y_t - Bx_t)',$$

where  $B = \left( \sum_{t=1}^T y_t x_t' \right) \left( \sum_{t=1}^T x_t x_t' \right)^{-1}$  and  
 $x_t = (1, y_{t-1}', \dots, y_{t-p}')'$ .

# Schwarz Criterion (SC)

## Definition: Schwarz Criterion (SC) [74]

Let  $p$  be an unknown positive integer, and let  $M$  be a known constant which  $p \leq M$ . Thus, the SC is defined as

$$\text{SC}(m) = \log |\hat{\Sigma}_u(m)| + m \frac{K^2 \log T}{T},$$

where  $\hat{\Sigma}_u(m)$  is the Gaussian ML estimator of  $\Sigma_u$  by fitting a VAR( $m$ ) model for  $m = 0, \dots, M$ , and the estimate  $\hat{p}$  of  $p$  based on the SC is

$$\hat{p} = \arg \min \{\text{SC}(m) : m = 0, \dots, M\}.$$

# Consistency of VAR Order Estimators

## Proposition: Consistency of VAR Order Estimators [58]

Let  $y_t$  be a  $K$ -dimensional stationary, stable VAR( $p$ ) process with standard white noise (that is,  $u_t$  is independent white noise with bounded fourth moments). Suppose the maximum order  $M \geq p$  and  $\hat{p}$  is chosen so as to minimize a criterion

$$\text{Cr}(m) = \log |\hat{\Sigma}_u(m)| + m \frac{c_T}{T}$$

over  $m = 0, 1, \dots, M$ . Here  $\hat{\Sigma}_u(m)$  denotes the (quasi) ML estimator of  $\Sigma_u$  obtained for a VAR( $m$ ) model and  $c_T$  is a nondecreasing sequence of real numbers that depends on the sample size  $T$ . Then  $\hat{p}$  is consistent if and only if

$$c_T \rightarrow \infty \text{ and } \frac{c_T}{T} \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } T \rightarrow \infty.$$

Measure of the Cointegrated Relationship

# Measure of the Cointegrated Relationship

- ① For low dimensional equation method,
  - Small sample power [59],
    - trace test [39, 43] > maximum eigenvalue test [45, 43].
  - Problem,
    - These tests are based on Gaussian ML estimator.
- ② For normality test in VAR model,
  - Jarque-Bera normality test [50].

What are the trace test and the Jarque-Bera normality test?

# Vector Error Correction Model

## Definition: VECM Representation [58]

The VAR( $p$ ) process  $y_t$  has a VECM representation as in

$$\Delta y_t = \alpha\beta'y_{t-1}^* + \sum_{i=1}^{p-1} \Gamma_i \Delta y_{t-i} + u_t$$

where  $\alpha\beta' = (-(I_K - \sum_{i=1}^p A_i)', \nu')'$ ,  $y_{t-1}^* = (y_{t-1}', 1)'$ , and  $\Gamma_i = -\sum_{j=1}^{p-i} A_{i+j}$  for all  $i = 1, \dots, p-1$ , and the loading matrix of VECM and the cointegration matrix are  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$ , respectively.

# Reduced Rank Regression

## Definition: Reduced Rank Regression [39, 43]

Let  $y_t$  be a  $K$ -dimensional  $\text{VAR}(p)$  process with cointegrated of rank  $r$ . Define  $z_{0t} = \Delta y_t$ ,  $z_{1t} = (y'_{t-1}, 1)'$ ,  $\Gamma = (\Gamma_1, \dots, \Gamma_{p-1})$ ,  $z_{2t} = (\Delta y'_{t-1}, \dots, \Delta y'_{t-p+1})'$ . These definitions enable us to express  $y_t$  as the regression equation

$$z_{0t} = \alpha\beta' z_{1t} + \Gamma z_{2t} + u_t, \quad t = 1, \dots, T.$$

# Kronecker Product (1/2)

## Definition: Kronecker Product [58]

Let  $A = (a_{ij})$  and  $B = (b_{ij})$  be  $(m \times m)$  and  $(p \times q)$  matrices, respectively. The  $(mp \times nq)$  matrix

$$A \otimes B = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11}B & \cdots & a_{1n}B \\ \vdots & & \vdots \\ a_{m1}B & \cdots & a_{mn}B. \end{pmatrix}$$

is the Kronecker product (or direct product) of  $A$  and  $B$ .

## Measure of the Cointegrated Relationship

## Kronecker Product (2/2)

## Example: An Example for Kronecker Product [58]

The Kronecker product of  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 4 & -1 \\ 2 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$  and  $B = \begin{pmatrix} 5 & -1 \\ 3 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$  is

$$A \otimes B = \begin{pmatrix} 15 & -3 & 20 & -4 & -5 & 1 \\ 9 & 9 & 12 & 12 & -3 & -3 \\ 10 & -2 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 6 & 6 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

and

$$B \otimes A = \begin{pmatrix} 15 & 20 & -5 & -3 & -4 & 1 \\ 10 & 0 & 0 & -2 & 0 & 0 \\ 9 & 12 & -3 & 9 & 12 & -3 \\ 6 & 0 & 0 & 6 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

## Measure of the Cointegrated Relationship

## vec Operator (1/2)

## Definition: vec Operator [58]

Let  $A = (a_1, \dots, a_n)$  be an  $(m \times n)$  matrix with  $(m \times 1)$  columns  $a_i$ . The *vec operator* transforms  $A$  into an  $(mn \times 1)$  vector by stacking the columns, that is,

$$\text{vec}(A) = \begin{pmatrix} a_1 \\ \vdots \\ a_n \end{pmatrix}.$$

## vec Operator (2/2)

## Example: An Example for vec Operator [58]

For instance, if  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 4 & -1 \\ 2 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$  and  $B = \begin{pmatrix} 5 & -1 \\ 3 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$ , then

$$\text{vec}(A) = \begin{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \\ 4 \\ 0 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \\ 4 \\ 0 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \text{ and } \text{vec}(B) = \begin{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ 3 \\ -1 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ 3 \\ -1 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}.$$

# Gaussian ML Estimator

Proposition: Gaussian ML Estimator of parameters [39, 43]

Furthermore, we define

$$S_{ij} = M_{ij} - M_{i2}M_{22}^{-1}M_{2j}, \quad i, j = 0, 1$$

where  $M_{ij} = T^{-1} \sum_{t=1}^T z_{it} z'_{jt}$  for  $i, j = 0, 1, 2$ . In addition, we define  $\lambda_1 > \dots > \lambda_K$  and  $V = (v_1, \dots, v_K)$  as the eigenvalues and the corresponding orthonormal eigenvectors of  $S_{10}S_{00}^{-1}S_{01}$  with respect to  $S_{11}$ , respectively, and normed by  $V'S_{11}V = I_K$ . Then the Gaussian ML estimators of  $\beta$ ,  $\alpha$ ,  $\Gamma$ ,  $u_t$ , and  $\Sigma_u$  are

$$\hat{\beta} = (v_1, \dots, v_r), \quad \hat{\Gamma} = (M_{02} - \hat{\alpha}\hat{\beta}'M_{12})M_{22}^{-1}, \quad \hat{\Sigma}_u = S_{0,0} - \hat{\alpha}\hat{\alpha}',$$
$$\hat{\alpha} = S_{01}\hat{\beta}, \quad \hat{u}_t = z_{0t} - \hat{\alpha}\hat{\beta}'z_{1t} - \hat{\Gamma}z_{2t},$$

respectively.

## Measure of the Cointegrated Relationship

## Asymptotic Distribution of Trace Test Statistic (1/2)

Proposition: Asymptotic Distribution of Test Statistic [39, 43]

The trace statistic

$$\lambda_{trace} \xrightarrow{d} \text{tr} \left( \int_0^1 (\text{d} B_t) F'_t \left( \int_0^1 F_t F'_t \text{d} t \right)^{-1} \int_0^1 F_t (\text{d} B_t)' \right),$$

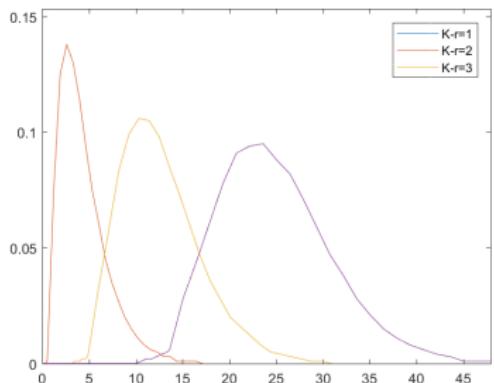
where  $\lambda_{trace} = \sum_{i=r+1}^K \lambda_i$ ,  $B_t$  is a  $(K - r)$ -dimensional Brownian motion, and  $F_t = (B'_t, 1)'$ .

Simulation: Asymptotic Critical Values

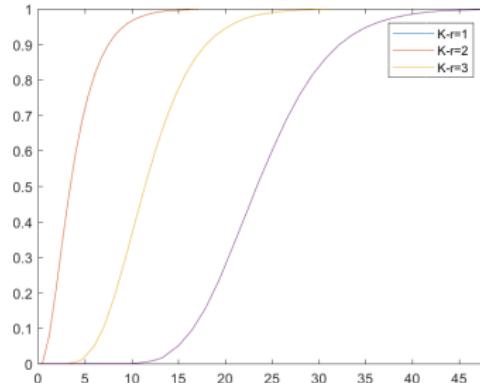
We give the asymptotic critical value of the trace test was based on 100,000 simulation repetitions and 3,600 steps.

## Measure of the Cointegrated Relationship

## Asymptotic Distribution of Trace Test Statistic (2/2)



(a) PDF



(b) CDF

Figure: The Asymptotic Distribution of Trace Statistics

# Test for Cointegration

## Test for Cointegration Rank [39, 43]

$H_0: \text{rk}(\alpha\beta') = r_0$  against  $H_1: r_0 < \text{rk}(\alpha\beta') \leq K.$

## Test Strategy of cointegration test [58]

Test a sequence of null hypotheses,

$H_0: \text{rk}(\alpha\beta') = 0, \dots, H_0: \text{rk}(\alpha\beta') = K - 1.$

However, these estimator and tests for cointegration based on the Gaussian property.

How can we test for normality?

# Normality

## Definition: Normality [33]

The random variable  $X$  has a normal distribution if its p.d.f is defined by

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{\sigma\sqrt{2\pi}} \exp\left\{-\frac{(x-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}\right\}, \quad -\infty < x < \infty$$

where  $\mu$  and  $\sigma$  are parameters satisfying  $-\infty < \mu < \infty$  and  $0 < \sigma < \infty$ .

## Definition: $K$ -Variate Normality [29]

Let  $X$  be a  $(K \times 1)$  random vector whose elements  $X_i$  are independent identically  $N(0, 1)$  distributed. Then the distribution of  $X$  is called  $K$ -variate (standard) normal distribution.

# Measures of Distribution (1/2)

## Definition: Skewness Measure [33]

One measure of the asymmetry of the distribution is skewness and is defined by

$$\frac{E[(X - \mu)^3]}{E[(X - \mu)^2]^{3/2}} = \frac{E[(X - \mu)^3]}{\sigma^3}.$$

When a distribution is symmetrical about the mean, the skewness is equal to zero.

## Proposition: Normality has Zero Skewness Measure [33]

The normal distribution is asymmetry that immediately that the skewness of it is 0.

## Measures of Distribution (2/2)

### Definition: Kurtosis Measure [58]

One measure of the tailedness of the distribution is Kurtosis and is defined by

$$\frac{E[(X - \mu)^4]}{E[(X - \mu)^2]^{4/2}} - 3 = \frac{E[(X - \mu)^4]}{\sigma^4} - 3.$$

The reason to subtract off 3 is that the normal distribution has zero Kurtosis measure.

# Normality Proposition

## Proposition: An Asymptotic Distribution about Normality [50]

Let  $X_1, \dots, X_N$  be independent and have  $K$ -variate normal distributions. Then

$$\sqrt{T} \begin{pmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 - 3_K \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{d} N\left(0, \begin{pmatrix} 6I_K & 0 \\ 0 & 24I_K \end{pmatrix}\right)$$

where  $b_1 = (b_{11}, \dots, b_{1K})'$  and  $b_2 = (b_{21}, \dots, b_{2K})'$  with  
 $b_{1i} = T^{-1} \sum_{n=1}^N X_{1n}^3$  and  $b_{2i} = T^{-1} \sum_{n=1}^N X_{2n}^4$  for  $i = 1, \dots, K$ .

# Chi-Square ( $\chi^2$ ) Distribution and Tests for Normality

## Definition: Chi-Square $\chi^2$ Distribution [29]

Let  $X$  be  $K$ -variate normal distribution. Then the distribution of  $Y = X'X$  is called (central) chi-square distribution with  $K$  degree of freedom  $\chi_K^2$ .

## Proposition: Jarque-Bera Normality Test [50]

Take  $S = Tb_1'b_1/6$  and  $K = T(b_2 - 3_K)'(b_2 - 3_K)/24$ . Then the asymptotic distributions of  $S$  and  $K$  are

$$S \xrightarrow{d} \chi_K^2 \text{ and } K \xrightarrow{d} \chi_K^2.$$

Moreover, define the Jarque-Bera normality test statistic  $J = S + K$ , and the asymptotic distribution of  $J$  is

$$J \xrightarrow{d} \chi_{2K}^2.$$

### Jarque-Bera normality test for VAR( $p$ )

Proposition: LS Estimator of  $u_t$  in levels VAR( $p$ ) [58]

The LS estimator of  $u_t$  satisfies the restriction  $\nu = 0$  is

$\tilde{u}_t = y_t - Bx_t$  where  $B = (\sum_{t=1}^T y_t x'_t) (\sum_{t=1}^T x_t x'_t)^{-1}$  and

$$x_t = (y'_{t-1}, \dots, y'_{t-p})'$$

Proposition: Jarque-Bera Normality Test for  $\text{VAR}(p)$  [50]

Define  $\tilde{w}_t = (\tilde{w}_{1t}, \dots, \tilde{w}_{Kt})' = \tilde{P}^{-1}\tilde{u}_t$  where  $\tilde{P}$  is the lower triangular matrix with positive diagonal satisfying  $\tilde{P}\tilde{P}' = \tilde{\Sigma}_u$  where  $\tilde{\Sigma}_u = (T - Kp - 1)^{-1} \sum_{t=1}^T (\tilde{u}_t - \bar{u}_t)(\tilde{u}_t - \bar{u}_t)'$  with sample mean  $\bar{u}$  of  $\tilde{u}_t$ . Then,

where  $\tilde{S} = T\tilde{b}'_1\tilde{b}_1/6$  and  $\tilde{K} = T(\tilde{b}_2 - 3_K)'(\tilde{b}_2 - 3_K)/24$  where  $\tilde{b}_1 = (\tilde{b}_{11}, \dots, \tilde{b}_{1K})'$  and  $\tilde{b}_2 = (\tilde{b}_{21}, \dots, \tilde{b}_{2K})'$  with  $\tilde{b}_{1i} = T^{-1} \sum_{t=1}^T \tilde{w}_{it}^3$  and  $\tilde{b}_{2i} = T^{-1} \sum_{t=1}^T \tilde{w}_{it}^4$  for  $i = 1, \dots, K$ .

Measure of a Single Structural Change

# Measure of a Single Structural Change

- ① Estimators of the switching cointegrated VAR [31],
  - Two convergence properties:
    - Convergence rate,
    - Converge to the global or local optimum.
  - Switching algorithms,
    - Boswijk (1995) [15] > Johansen and Juselius (1992) [46]
- ② Test for structural changes in cointegrated VAR model:
  - With a known single structural changes [31],
    - Based on Boswijk (1995) [15].
  - With an unknown single structural change,
    - Power [8, 10]:  
 $\text{Exp LR [10]} > \text{Avg LR [10]} > \text{Sup LR [8]} > \text{CUMSUM [17]}$
    - Based on LR test statistic.

How can we test USSC in cointegrated VAR model?

# Another Reduced Rank Regression

Definition: Another Reduced Rank Regression [31]

Define  $Z_{1t} = (z'_{1t}1_1(t), z'_{1t}1_2(t))'$  and  $\Gamma = (\Gamma_1, \Gamma_2)$  where  $\Gamma_i = (\Gamma_{1i}, \dots, \Gamma_{p-1,i})$  for  $i = 1, 2$ , and  $Z_{2t} = (z_{2t}1_1(t)', z_{2t}1_2(t)')'$ . Then, the our switching VAR( $p$ ) model has a RRR representation as in

$$z_{0t} = \alpha\beta'Z_{1t} + \Gamma Z_{2t} + u_t, \quad t = 1, \dots, T$$

where  $\alpha = (\alpha_1, \alpha_2)$ ,  $\beta = \begin{pmatrix} \beta_1 & 0 \\ 0 & \beta_2 \end{pmatrix}$ .

Notation: Meaning of RRR

The above RRR shows the following regression switching RRR:

$$z_{0t} = \alpha_1\beta'_1 z_{1t}1_1 + \alpha_2\beta'_2 z_{1t}1_2 + \Gamma_1 z_{2t}1_1 + \Gamma_2 z_{2t}1_2 + u_t$$

## Restriction in Switching cointegrated VAR Model (1/2)

## Notation: Observed vec Operator of Parameters

The vec operator implies

$$\text{vec}(\alpha, \Gamma) = \begin{pmatrix} \text{vec}(\alpha) \\ \text{vec}(\Gamma) \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \text{vec}(\alpha_1) \\ \text{vec}(\alpha_2) \\ \text{vec}(\Gamma_1) \\ \text{vec}(\Gamma_2) \end{pmatrix}$$

and

$$\text{vec}(\beta) = \begin{pmatrix} \text{vec}(\beta_1) \\ \text{vec}(0_{(K+1) \times r}) \\ \text{vec}(0_{(K+1) \times r}) \\ \text{vec}(\beta_2) \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \text{vec}(\beta_1) \\ 0_{(2Kr+2r) \times 1} \\ \text{vec}(\beta_2) \end{pmatrix}.$$

## Measure of a Single Structural Change

## Restriction in Switching cointegrated VAR Model (2/2)

## Restriction: Stable Parameters versus Instable Parameters

The restriction forms:  $\text{vec}(\alpha, \Gamma) = G\psi$  and  $\text{vec}(\beta) = H\phi$ .

- With a single structural change:

$$G_0 = I_{2(Kr+K^2(p-1))} \text{ and } H_0 = \begin{pmatrix} I_{(K+1)r} & 0_{(K+1)r} \\ 0_{2(K+1)r} & I_{(K+1)r} \\ 0_{(K+1)r} & I_{(K+1)r} \end{pmatrix}.$$

- Without structural change:

$$G_1 = \begin{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \otimes I_{Kr} & 0_{2Kr \times K^2(p-1)} \\ 0_{2K^2(p-1) \times Kr} & \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \otimes I_{K^2(p-1)} \end{pmatrix} \text{ and } H_1 = \begin{pmatrix} I_{(K+1)r} \\ 0_{2(K+1)r \times (K+1)r} \\ I_{(K+1)r} \end{pmatrix}.$$

## Measure of a Single Structural Change

# Estimator of the Switching Cointegrated VAR Model (1/3)

### Proposition: Gaussian ML Estimator of Parameters [31]

The ML estimator of  $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$ , and  $\Gamma$  satisfy the restrictions  
 $\text{vec}(\alpha, \Gamma) = G\psi$  and  $\text{vec}(\beta) = H\phi$  satisfy

$$\begin{aligned}\text{vec}(\hat{\alpha}, \hat{\Gamma}) &= G \left( G' \sum_{t=1}^T \begin{pmatrix} \hat{\beta}' Z_{1t} Z'_{1t} \hat{\beta} & \hat{\beta}' Z_{1t} Z'_{2t} \\ Z_{2t} Z'_{1t} \hat{\beta} & Z_{2t} Z'_{2t} \end{pmatrix} \otimes \hat{\Sigma}_{ut}^{-1} \right)^{-1} G \\ &\quad \times G' \sum_{t=1}^T \text{vec}(\hat{\Sigma}_{ut}^{-1} z_{0t} (Z'_{1t} \hat{\beta}, Z'_{2t})),\end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}\text{vec}(\hat{\beta}) &= H \left( H' \sum_{t=1}^T (\hat{\alpha}' \hat{\Sigma}_{ut}^{-1} \hat{\alpha} \otimes Z_{1t} Z'_{1t}) H \right)^{-1} \\ &\quad \times H' \sum_{t=1}^T \text{vec}(Z_{1t} (z_{0t} - \hat{\Gamma} Z_{2t})' \hat{\Sigma}_{ut}^{-1} \hat{\alpha}).\end{aligned}$$

## Estimator of the Switching Cointegrated VAR Model (2/3)

Proposition: Gaussian ML Estimator of Parameters [31]

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The Gaussian ML estimator of  $\Sigma_{ut}$  satisfy the restrictions

$\text{vec}(\alpha, \Gamma) = G\psi$  and  $\text{vec}(\beta) = H\phi$  satisfy

$$\hat{\Sigma}_{ui} = (\Delta T_i)^{-1} \sum_{t=1}^T \hat{u}_t \hat{u}'_t 1_i, \quad i = 1, 2$$

where  $\Delta T_1 = \pi_0 T$ ,  $\Delta T_2 = T - \pi_0 T$ ,  $\hat{u}_t = z_{0t} - \hat{\alpha}\hat{\beta}'Z_{1t} - \hat{\Gamma}Z_{2t}$ ,  
and the maximum value of the likelihood function is given by

$$L_{\max}(\hat{\alpha}, \hat{\beta}, \hat{\Gamma}, \hat{\Sigma}_{ut}) = (2\pi)^{-Tp/2} \prod_{t=1}^T |\Sigma_{ut}|^{-1/2} \exp\left(-\frac{Tp}{2}\right).$$

## Estimator of the Switching Cointegrated VAR Model (3/3)

## Algorithm: Gaussian ML estimated Iterative Algorithm [31]

- ① Give the initial value of  $\{\hat{\alpha} = \hat{\alpha}_0, \hat{\beta} = \hat{\beta}_0, \hat{\Gamma} = (\hat{\Gamma}_0, \hat{\Gamma}_0), \hat{\Sigma}_{u1} = \hat{\Sigma}_{u0}, \hat{\Sigma}_{u2} = \hat{\Sigma}_{u0}\}$ .
- ② For fixed values of  $\hat{\beta}$ ,  $\hat{\Sigma}_{u1}$ , and  $\hat{\Sigma}_{u2}$  estimate  $\hat{\alpha}$  and  $\hat{\Gamma}$ .
- ③ For fixed values of  $\hat{\alpha}$ ,  $\hat{\Gamma}$ ,  $\hat{\Sigma}_{u1}$ , and  $\hat{\Sigma}_{u2}$  estimate  $\hat{\beta}$ .
- ④ For fixed values of  $\hat{\alpha}$ ,  $\hat{\beta}$ , and  $\hat{\Gamma}$  estimate  $\hat{\Sigma}_{u1}$  and  $\hat{\Sigma}_{u2}$ .
- ⑤ Repeat the steps until the value of the maximum likelihood function has converged.

In the our algorithm stops when the different values of maximum likelihood function is lower than 0.000001 or after a maximum of 500 iterations has been reached.

## Measure of a Single Structural Change

# Test for a Known Single Structural Change

### Definition: LR Test Statistic [58]

Let  $M_1$  be a submodel of model  $M_0$ , and the values of maximum likelihood function for  $M_0$  and  $M_1$  are  $L_{max,0}$  and  $L_{max,1}$ . Then the LR test statistic  $\lambda_{LR}$  is  $-2 \log L_{max,1}/L_{max,0}$ .

### Proposition: Asymptotic Distribution of LR Tests [31]

If  $M_1$  is a submodel of model  $M_0$  with  $q$  fewer parameters, then  $\chi_q^2$  is the asymptotic distribution of the LR test of  $M_1$ , tested against  $M_0$ .

### Notation: Degrees of Freedom for $\chi^2$ Distribution

The degrees of freedom for  $\chi^2$  in our case is  $f_G + f_H$  where  $f_G = \text{rk}(G_0) - \text{rk}(G_1)$  and  $f_H = \text{rk}(H_0) - \text{rk}(H_1)$ .

## Measure of a Single Structural Change

## Test for an Unknown Single Structural Change (1/2)

## Proposition: Asymptotic Distribution of LR Statistics [10]

For one model in the time interval  $[1, T]$  with an unknown single structural change point in  $T\Pi \subsetneq [1, T]$ , we define the statistic  $\lambda_{LR,\pi}$  is the LR test statistic for  $\pi \subseteq \Pi$ . Then

$$\lambda_{Exp} \equiv \log \left( \frac{1}{\#(T\Pi)} \sum_{\pi \in \Pi} \exp \left( \frac{\lambda_{LR,\pi}}{2} \right) \right) \xrightarrow{d} \log \left( \frac{1}{|\Pi|} \int_{\Pi} \exp \left( \frac{Q(\pi)}{2} \right) d\pi \right)$$

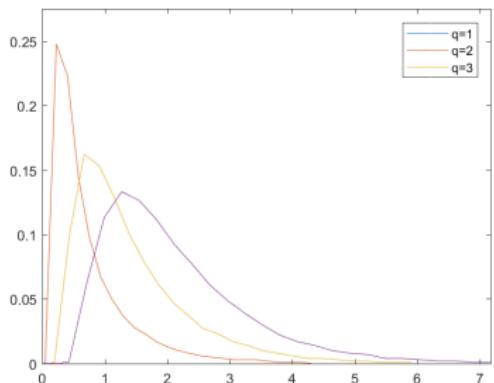
where  $\lambda_{Exp}$  is the exponential LR (Exp LR) test statistic and  $Q(\pi) = (\tilde{B}_{\pi} - \pi \tilde{B}_1)'(\tilde{B}_{\pi} - \pi \tilde{B}_1)/(\pi(1-\pi))$  where  $\tilde{B}_{\pi}$  is the  $q$ -dimensional Brownian motion.

## Notation: Asymptotic Critical Values

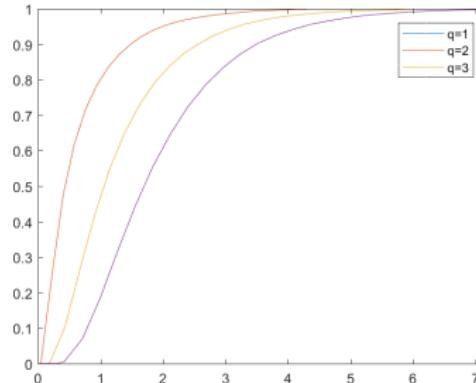
We give the asymptotic critical values based on 100,000 simulation repetitions and 3,600 values of grid of  $[0, 1]$ .

## Measure of a Single Structural Change

## Test for an Unknown Single Structural Change (2/2)



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Figure: The Asymptotic Distribution of Exp-LR Statistics for  $\Pi = [0.15, 0.85]$

## Trading Strategy

# Trading Strategy

## Definition: USSC strategy

Give

- a trading time bound  $h$ .
- a specifying arbitrage probability  $q_{\text{arbitrage}}$ ,
- an estimated arbitrage probability  $q_{\text{est}}$ ,
- a transaction cost at the chosen level of  $b_{\text{cost}}$  basis points per trade per dollar,

The USSC strategy:

- if  $q_{\text{est}} \geq q_{\text{arbitrage}}$ , then we can build a portfolio in which the return is irrelevant to the market return with a sufficiently high probability by investing both assets with weights defined by the cointegration vector component as the investment proportions;
- if  $q_{\text{est}} < q_{\text{arbitrage}}$ , then we do not build any portfolio.

## Arbitrage Probability Estimator

## Arbitrage Probability Estimator (1/5)

Review: Logarithm USSC Pair Price Process  $y_t$ 

Suppose a logarithm USSC pair price process  $y_t$  with  $((K + 1) \times r)$  cointegration parameters  $\beta_0 = (\beta_{01}, \dots, \beta_{0r})$ . the linear combination asset process  $(\beta'_{0i} y_t^*)'$  is normal and stationary for  $i = 1, \dots, r$ .

- ① There is no loss of generality in the case  $i = r_0$ ;
- ② Suppose two random vectors:

- $Y_1 = (\beta'_{0r_0} y_1, \dots, \beta'_{0r_0} y_T)'$ ,
- $Y_2 = (Y_{21}, \dots, Y_{2h})' = (\beta'_{0r_0} y_{T+1}, \dots, \beta'_{0r_0} y_{T+h})'$ .
- $Y \sim N(\mu, \Sigma)$  where

$$Y = \begin{pmatrix} Y_1 \\ Y_2 \end{pmatrix}, \mu = \begin{pmatrix} \mu_1 \\ \mu_2 \end{pmatrix}, \text{ and } \Sigma = \begin{pmatrix} \Sigma_{11} & \Sigma_{12} \\ \Sigma_{21} & \Sigma_{22} \end{pmatrix}$$

## Arbitrage Probability Estimator (2/5)

Proposition: Marginal and Conditional Distributions of a Multivariate Normal [73, 47, 58, 32]

Let  $y_1$  and  $y_2$  be two random vectors such that

$$\begin{pmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \end{pmatrix} \sim N\left(\begin{pmatrix} \mu_1 \\ \mu_2 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} \Sigma_{11} & \Sigma_{12} \\ \Sigma_{21} & \Sigma_{22} \end{pmatrix}\right),$$

where the partitioning of the mean vector and covariance matrix corresponds to the vector  $(y'_1, y'_2)'$ . Then,

- ①  $y_2 \sim N(\mu_2, \Sigma_{22})$ ,
- ② the conditional distribution of  $y_2$  given  $y_1 = c$  is

$$(y_2 | y_1 = c) \sim N(\mu_2 + \Sigma_{21}\Sigma_{11}^{-1}(c - \mu_1), \Sigma_{22} - \Sigma_{21}\Sigma_{11}^{-1}\Sigma_{12}).$$

## Arbitrage Probability Estimator (3/5)

Proposition: Marginal and Conditional Distributions of a Multivariate Normal [73, 47, 58, 32]

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Let  $y_1$  and  $y_2$  be two random vectors such that

$$\begin{pmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \end{pmatrix} \sim N\left(\begin{pmatrix} \mu_1 \\ \mu_2 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} \Sigma_{11} & \Sigma_{12} \\ \Sigma_{21} & \Sigma_{22} \end{pmatrix}\right),$$

where the partitioning of the mean vector and covariance matrix corresponds to the vector  $(y'_1, y'_2)'$ . Then,

- ③ If  $\Sigma_{11}$  is singular, the inverse can be replaced by a generalized inverse;
- ④  $y_1$  and  $y_2$  are independent if and only if  $\Sigma_{12} = \Sigma'_{21} = 0$ .

## Arbitrage Probability Estimator

## Arbitrage Probability Estimator (4/5)

- ① The conditional distribution of  $Y_2$  given  $Y_1 = c$ , where  $c$  is the real observed price vector is multivariate normal,

$$(Y_2 | Y_1 = c) \sim N(\mu_{2|1}, \Sigma_{2|1}),$$

where

$$\mu_{2|1} = \begin{pmatrix} \mu_{21|1} \\ \vdots \\ \mu_{2h|1} \end{pmatrix} = \mu_2 + \Sigma_{21}\Sigma_{11}^{-1}(c - \mu_1)$$

and

$$\Sigma_{2|1} = \Sigma_{22} - \Sigma_{21}\Sigma_{11}^{-1}\Sigma_{12},$$

- ② The random variable  $Y_{21|1} \equiv (Y_{21} | Y_1 = c)$  is also normal, with the mean  $\mu_{21|1}$ .

## Arbitrage Probability Estimator

## Arbitrage Probability Estimator (5/5)

It follows easily immediately that the real arbitrage probability is

$$\begin{aligned} q_{\text{est}} &= \Pr(\omega) \\ &= \Pr(\exists h_0 > 1 \ni Y_{2h_0} \leq C_0 | Y_{21|1} \geq \mu_{21|1}) \Pr(Y_{21|1} \geq \mu_{21|1}) \\ &\quad + \Pr(\exists h_0 > 1 \ni Y_{2h_0} \geq C_1 | Y_{21|1} \leq \mu_{21|1}) \Pr(Y_{21|1} \leq \mu_{21|1}) \\ &= 1 - \Pr(Y_{21|1} \geq \mu_{21|1}, Y_{22}, \dots, Y_{2h} > C_0) \\ &\quad - \Pr(Y_{21|1} \leq \mu_{21|1}, Y_{22}, \dots, Y_{2h} < C_1), \end{aligned}$$

where

$$C_i = \mu_{21|1} + (-1)^i \log(1 - 0.01 b_{\text{cost}} \%) + (-1)^{1+i} \log(1 + 0.01 b_{\text{cost}} \%)$$

for  $i = 0, 1$ .

# Arbitrage Probability Estimator Problem (1/3)

- Only one observed sample at a time,
  - The covariance matrices are difficult to estimate.
- The weak case  $Y_1 = (\beta'_{0r_0} y_{T-h+1}^*, \dots, \beta'_{0r_0} y_T^*)'$ ,
  - the stationary property implies that the mean  $\mu$  may be estimated as

$$\hat{\mu} = \mathbf{1}_{2h} \otimes \hat{\mu}^* \equiv \mathbf{1}_{2h} \otimes \left( \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^T \beta_{0r_0} y_t \right),$$

- the  $(i, j)$ -element of the covariance matrix may be estimated as

$$\hat{\Sigma}(i, j) = \frac{1}{T - |i - j|} \sum_{t=|i-j|+1}^T (y_t - \hat{\mu}^*)(y_{t-|i-j|} - \hat{\mu}^*).$$

## Arbitrage Probability Estimator Problem (2/3)

### Definition: Insurance Principle [13]

With all risk sources independent, and with investment spread across many securities, exposure to any particular source of risk is negligible. This is an application of the law of large numbers. The reduction of risk to very low levels because of independent risk sources is called the insurance principle.

This insurance principle do not suggest that investor builds two or more portfolios based on same assets.

How can we do?

# Arbitrage Probability Estimator Problem (3/3)

- ① A “nice” mean-reverting spread with high variance [82],
- ② Give a  $K$ -dimensional USSC process  $y_t$  with covariance matrix  $\Sigma_{y_t}$  is cointegrated of rank  $r$ ,
- ③ The optimal portfolio weight  $\beta_* = \beta_0 w$  for some  $w$  in  $\mathbb{R}^K$  are the solutions to the following quadratic programming:

$$\beta_* = \arg \max_{\|\beta_0 w\|_1=1} w' \Sigma_{\beta_0' y_0} w.$$

# Data

The USSC strategy of pairs trading is tested using the S&P 500 minute closing prices for the period 2008-2016 from Quandl; there are 2265 trading days with 390 trading minutes per day.

## Empirical Prediction

## Static Setting

We suppose the number of tickers with all minute closing prices at the tested day,  $d$ , is  $S$ . The procedure and trading parameters are given as follows:

- the closed structural change interval  $\Pi$  is  $[0.15, 0.85]$ ,
- the sample size  $T$  is 100,
- the number  $N_{\text{criterion}}$  and top  $p_{\text{criterion}}$  percentage of picked pairs in the first-stage Bernoulli sampling process are  $\lceil 0.025S \rceil$  and 0.05, respectively,
- the number  $N_{\text{portfolios}}$  and top  $p_{\text{CI}}$  percentage of picked pairs in the second-stage Bernoulli sampling process are 5 and 0.01, respectively,
- the predetermined successful probability  $s$ , significance level, and predetermined threshold  $\alpha_{\text{obj}}$  are all 0.1,
- the bounded order  $M$  of the VAR model is 3,
- the threshold number of refinements is 5,
- the chosen level of  $b_{\text{cost}}$  basis points per trade per dollar of transaction cost is 10, and
- the trading time bound  $h$  is 15 (minutes).

## Empirical Prediction

## Empirical Prediction (1/3)

For a pair  $n = 1, \dots$ , the estimated arbitrage probability  $q_{\text{est},n}$  and corresponding mean-reversion outcome  $q_{\text{outcome},n}$  are formulated as a regression model with a binary response variable,

$$q_{\text{outcome},n} = q_{\text{est},n} + \epsilon_n, \quad n = 1, \dots,$$

where  $\epsilon_n$  is the error term.

# Empirical Prediction (2/3)

Theorem: Khinchine's Theorem [73]

Let  $\{x_t\}$  be a sequence of i.i.d. random variables with  $E(x_t) = \mu < \infty$ . Then

$$\bar{x}_T := \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^T x_t \xrightarrow{p} \mu.$$

If  $\epsilon_1, \epsilon_2, \dots$  are independent and identically distributed (i.i.d.) random variables, we have the following result:

$$\bar{\epsilon}_N \equiv \sum_{n=1}^N \frac{\hat{\epsilon}_n}{N} \xrightarrow{p} \mu_\epsilon \text{ as } N \rightarrow \infty,$$

where  $\hat{\epsilon}_n$  is the observed error term, and  $\mu_\epsilon$  is the mean of  $\epsilon_n$ .

## Empirical Prediction

## Empirical Prediction (3/3)

We uniformly sample 258 start trading times and 360 trading minutes, between 16 and 375, to find that

- ① the number of observed USSC pairs is 379,
- ② the observed  $\bar{e}_{379}$  is 0.4399, and
- ③ the sample mean and sample standard deviation of  $q_{\text{outcome},n}$  are 0.5303 and 0.5133, respectively.

Moreover, for the estimated arbitrage probability greater than 0.0001, we have that

- ① the number of observed USSC pairs is 119,
- ② the observed  $\bar{e}_{119}$  is 0.8358, and
- ③ the sample mean and sample standard deviation of  $q_{\text{outcome},n}$  are 1.0000 and 0.1595, respectively.

Therefore, we underestimated the real arbitrage probability.

# Conclusions

- ① We propose an automatic search procedure for pairs trading based on the cointegration approach, with an unknown single structural change,
- ② As compared with other studies, the novelty of this procedure is its multi-variability and flexibility,
- ③ The stationary and normal properties of the generated profits, from searched pairs, imply a computable arbitrage probability,
- ④ The empirical result shows that the real arbitrage probability is not less than the estimated arbitrage probability.



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