**Practical 1**

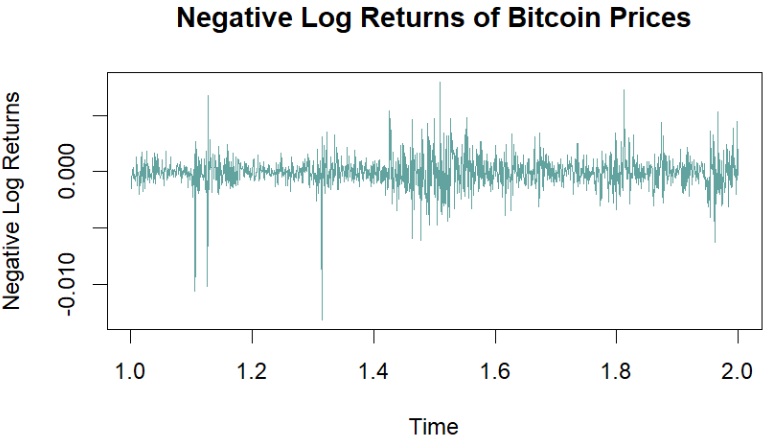
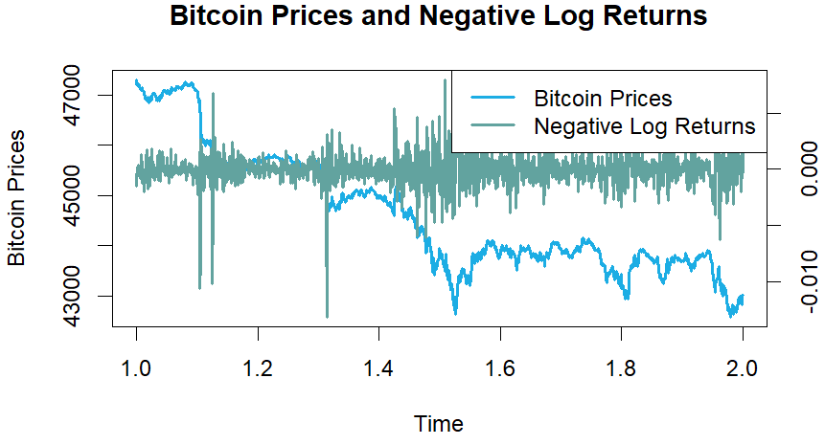
**Part 1: Financial returns and normality**

1. **Read Crypto data.csv. Then, assess the stationarity of the (raw) Bitcoin prices.**

The cumulative periodogram (Appendix 1.1.1) shows clearly that the data base **is not stationary** as the observations are outside the confidence interval of white noise stationarity. This statement is confirmed by the Dickey Fuller Test (Appendix 1.1.2) with a p value higher than 0.5.

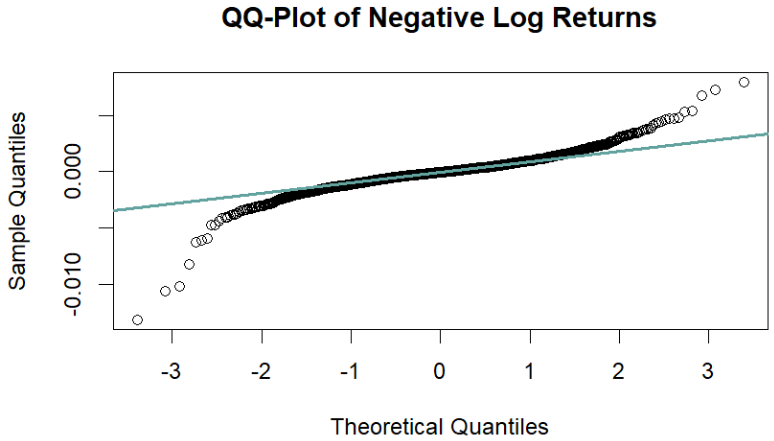
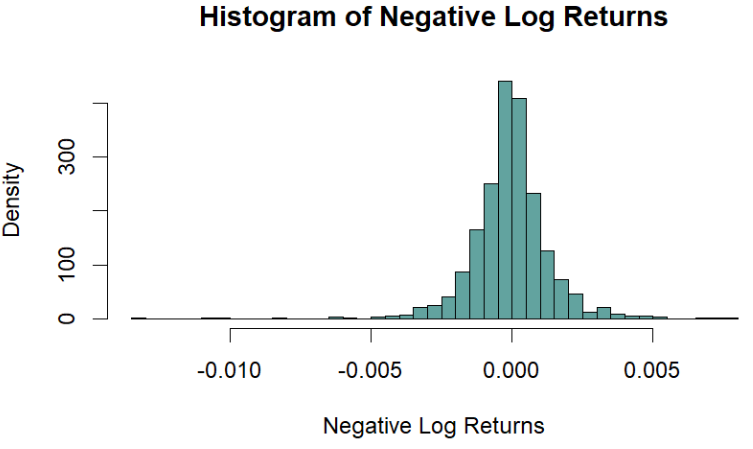
1. **Create a function to transform the Bitcoin prices into their negative log returns. Plot the latter series and assess their stationarity. To compare the series, also plot the negative log returns on a common scale.**

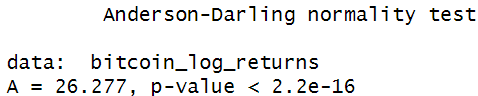
This graph suggests us that the negative log returns are more similar to a stationary data base than the original one.



1. **Are the negative log returns normally distributed? Draw histograms, check QQ-plots and use an Anderson-Darling testing procedure to answer this question.**

The histogram suggests a normal distribution while the QQplot shows some desviations at the tails that make us believe that there could be some problems with the normality.



Finally, as the p value is lower than 5% we can reject the normality and confirm that the negative log returns are not normally distributed

1. **Fit a t-distribution to the negative log returns using fitdistr(). Using a QQ-plot, decide whether the t is better than with a Normal distribution, based on your answer in (3).**

Comparing the appendix 1.1.3 QQ Plot graphs with the normal distribution plot, we can say that the normal distribution was better than the t distribution as it is closer to the blue line.

1. **Compare the tails of the densities of the t-distribution and the normal distribution. Can we expect more extreme, unexpected events in t-distribution or in normal distribution? What can you conclude about the extreme events of our bitcoin data?**

Both tails deviate significantly from the blue line, indicating that Bitcoin is prone to extreme events. However, the t-distribution exhibits greater tail density compared to the normal distribution, suggesting that the t-distribution allows for a higher likelihood of unexpected, extreme events.

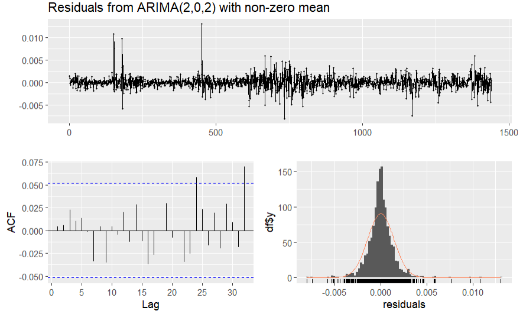
**Part 2: Financial time series, heteroscedasticity and the random walk hypothesis**

1. **Plot the ACF of the raw series as well as the negative log returns. Which one do you think are easier to model?**

The ACF of the raw Bitcoin price series (Appendix 1.2.1) shows high autocorrelation at multiple lags, indicating a strong positive, declining trend and non-stationarity. In contrast, the ACF of the negative log returns (Appendix 1.2.2) is mostly within the confidence intervals, suggesting little to no autocorrelation and a stationary series. Since the negative log returns exhibit less persistence and randomness, they are easier to model and more suitable for time series analysis.

1. **Use a Ljung-Box procedure to formally test for (temporal) serial dependence in the raw series andin the negative log return series. What is your conclusion?**

The Ljung-Box tests (Appendix 1.2.3) for both raw Bitcoin price series and the negative log returns, so we reject the null hypothesis. This confirms that the raw Bitcoin series is non-stationary and exhibits strong trends and patterns over time, as suggested by the ACF plot. While the negative log returns series is closer to stationarity (as indicated by the ACF plot), there is still a slight level of autocorrelation present.

1. **Propose ARIMA models for the negative log returns series, based on visualization tools (e.g. ACF, PACF).**

ARIMA(1,0,1) and ARIMA(2,0,2) are fitted (Appendix 1.2.4). The auto ARIMA(2, 0, 2) model is likely preferred because it has a lower AIC value. The first model provides a simpler representation but may not capture the underlying dynamics as effectively as the second model. We reject the null hypothesis of no autocorrelation in the residuals for manual ARIMA(1, 0, 1) model (Appendix 1.2.5). The model may not adequately capture the time series dynamics, suggesting that it might be beneficial to consider a more complex model. For auto ARIMA(2, 0, 2) we accept the null hypothesis of no autocorrelation in the residuals.

1. **Fit GARCH models to the negative log returns with both normal and standardized t-distributions,**

**with order (1, 1), using the garchFit() function from the fGarch library. Assess the quality of the**

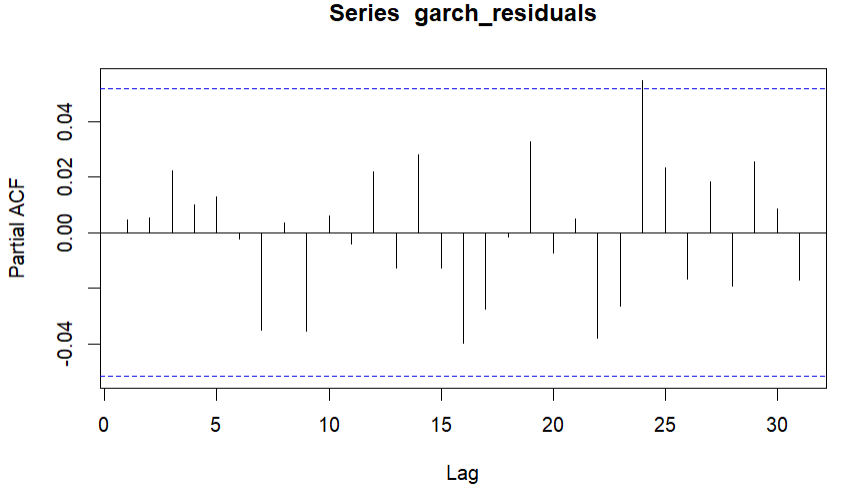
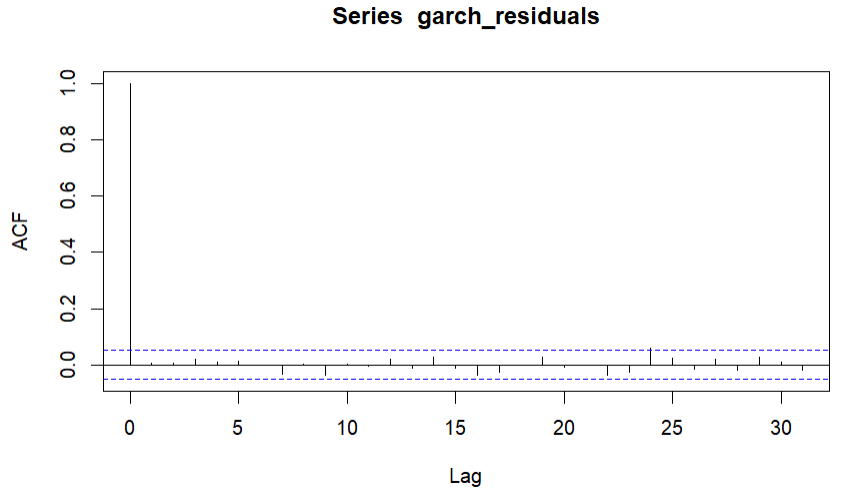
**fit by evaluating the residuals.**

The GARCH(1,1) model with a standardized t-distribution provide a better fit for the negative log returns based on the log-likelihood, AIC, and the inclusion of a shape parameter (Appendix 1.2.7). Both models demonstrate significant coefficients for ω, α​, and β1. While residuals from both models exhibit non-normality, they effectively capture the autocorrelation structure of the returns (Appendix 1.2.8).

1. **Residual serial correlation can be present when fitting a GARCH directly on the negative log returns.**

**Proceed with the above recipe. Assess the quality of the above fit.**

The GARCH(1, 1) model on the residuals of the ARIMA(2, 0, 2) (Appendix 1.2.9) model indicates significant volatility persistence, as evidenced by the significant α1 and β1 coefficients. The Ljung-Box test results suggest that the residuals do not exhibit serial correlation, indicating a good fit for the model. ACF(Appendix 1.2.10) and PACF(Appendix 1.2.11) of the residuals indicate that GARCH model has adequately captured the temporal dependencies in the data suggesting that the model is a good fit for the data.



1. **Compare the three models from the previous parts. Which is more suitable? In which of these**

**models is the homoscedasticity assumption violated?**

To compare the three models (ARIMA, GARCH, and ARIMA-GARCH) we consider various criteria such as model fit, statistical significance, and the homoscedasticity assumption. The ARIMA-GARCH model is the most suitable because it effectively captures both the mean and the variance of the negative log returns. It addresses the limitations of the ARIMA model alone, which may not handle volatility adequately, while also confirming the improvements in fit over the standalone GARCH model. The ARIMA model is where the homoscedasticity assumption is most likely violated, as it does not account for the changing variance inherent in financial time series data. In contrast, both the GARCH and ARIMA-GARCH models explicitly model volatility, thereby addressing this assumption.

**Part 3: Dependence between time series**

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Test Statistic (t)** | **Degrees of Freedom (df)** | **p-value** | **95% Confidence Interval** | **Sample Correlation Estimate** |
| -0.11935 | 1437 | 0.905 | [-0.0548, 0.0485] | -0.0031 |

1. **Are the negative log returns of Bitcoin and ETH dependent? Compute the correlation using cor.test() function. Can we conclude that these series are independent?**

Given the extremely low correlation coefficient, the high p-value, and the confidence interval that includes zero, there is no significant linear relationship. This implies that negative extreme events in Bitcoin prices are not related to negative extreme events in Ethereum prices.

1. **A graph with numbers and lines

   Description automatically generatedCalculate the cross-correlation function (CCF) between the negative log returns of Bitcoin and ETH. What do you observe?**

The CCF plot shows **no significant lead-lag relationship** between the negative log returns of Bitcoin and Ethereum. The only notable correlation occurs at **lag 0**, implying that the two assets' negative log returns are correlated when they happen **at the same time**, but there is no evidence of either asset consistently leading the other in terms of negative returns. This result is consistent with the Pearson correlation analysis.

1. **Is one of the time series good predictor of the second? Assess whether there is any predictive power between the negative log returns of Bitcoin and ETH. You can use grangertest() in the lmtest package with carefully chosen hyperparameter order. What is your conclusion?**

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| **Lags** | **Direction** | **F-Statistic** | **p-value** | **Conclusion** |
| 2 | Bitcoin → Ethereum | 2.78 | 0.062 | Weak evidence of causality (significant at 10% level) |
| 2 | Ethereum → Bitcoin | 0.64 | 0.525 | No evidence of causality. |
| 3 | Bitcoin → Ethereum | 5.13 | 0.0016\*\* | Significant causality at 1% level. |
| 3 | Ethereum → Bitcoin | 0.46 | 0.712 | No evidence of causality. |
| 4 | Bitcoin → Ethereum | 7.09 | 1.19e-05\*\*\* | Strong evidence of causality at 0.1% level. |
| 4 | Ethereum → Bitcoin | 0.54 | 0.708 | No evidence of causality. |

Unidirectional Causality: Bitcoin's past negative log returns have significant predictive power over Ethereum’s returns, especially when using 3 or 4 lags. Stronger Predictive Power with More Lags: The evidence strengthens as the lag order increases, with the most robust relationship observed at 4 lags.

No Evidence of Reverse Causality: Ethereum’s past returns do not Granger cause Bitcoin’s returns, as no significant relationship was found for any lag order.

Practical Implication: The results suggest that Bitcoin's market behavior influences Ethereum, but Ethereum's behavior does not influence Bitcoin. This insight could be useful for forecasting Ethereum’s movements using Bitcoin’s historical data.

1. **Based on your answer in (c), answer the following questions:**
   1. **We observe an extreme sudden drop in Bitcoin stocks. What should we expect that will happen with ETH stocks?**

The Granger causality suggests that Bitcoin’s past behavior influences Ethereum’s future performance, so a significant negative movement in Bitcoin (such as a sudden drop) could lead to a similar negative impact on Ethereum over the next few days (based on the lag structure). The effect might not be immediate, but it could unfold over the subsequent few days, particularly within 3 to 4 days after the drop in Bitcoin.

* 1. **We observe an extreme sudden drop in ETH stocks. What should we expect, that will happen with Bitcoin stocks?**

According to the Granger causality test, if there is an extremely sudden drop in Ethereum stocks, we should not expect Bitcoin stocks to be directly influenced by this drop, at least not in a predictable or systematic way based on the historical relationship between the two assets.

**Practical 2**

**Part 1: Block Maxima Approach**

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It appears that the data could fit into a Gumbel Distribution. There is a rapid decay in the frequency of observations and the Gumbel distribution can model this behavior well and considering that we are focusing on the extreme heavy rainfall events.

1. **Extract the yearly maximum values. Draw their histogram. Which distribution would best fit the data?**

Most of the yearly maximum precipitation values are clustered between 40 and 70 mm, indicating that these values are typical for Lausanne's climate during the period analyzed. Precipitation levels exceeding 100 mm are rare, as seen by the few bars on the far right of the histogram.

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Description automatically generatedAs seen in Appendix 2.1, by examining the scale parameters of the distributions, which indicate the variability of the data, we can observe that the Frechet distribution has the smallest scale parameter (9.97), closely followed by the Gumbel distribution (10.30), both indicating less variation in the extreme precipitation events. Both the Gumbel and Frechet distributions show a typical yearly maximum precipitation around 48 mm, which is consistent with what was observed in the histogram. Although both distributions have similar deviance values, the Frechet distribution shows the lowest deviance (666.94), compared to the Gumbel distribution (668.33), suggesting that Frechet provides the best fit for the data. However, the Gumbel distribution also performs reasonably well, and while the Frechet is the better fit, Gumbel remains a valid option for modeling the yearly maximum precipitation events.

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   Description automatically generated**Fit a linear model to the yearly maximum precipitation values and predict the values for the next 10 years. Provide confidence intervals for your predictions and plot it. Do you think that this a reasonable approach?**

The coefficient for Year is -.006, indicating that the maximum precipitation is expected to decrease by approximately 0.006 mm per year. However, given that the p-value is higher than the standard significance level (0.05), we cannot conclude that Year is a significant predictor of maximum precipitation. Additionally, the model has a low explanatory power, as reflected by the R-squared value (Appendix 2.2). This suggests that the linear model with Year as the regressor may not be appropriate for capturing the trends in yearly maximum precipitation. It is not appropriate to assume that maximum precipitation levels will increase each year simply because time has passed.

1. **Fit a GEV with constant parameters to the historical yearly max values. Fit a second GEV model with time varying location parameter. Compare the two models using AIC or BIC. Which one do you recommend using?**

The constant-parameter model has a lower AIC and BIC compared to the time-varying location model (Appendix 2.3). This suggests that the constant model provides a better fit to the data based on these criteria, so the additional complexity introduced by this model does not significantly improve the fit. The constant model, by contrast, assumes that the average extreme precipitation values remain stable over time, which appears to align better with the data.

1. **Draw diagnostic plots of your GEV fit (for example, using gev.diag function). Is it a good fit?**

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Description automatically generated**Using the probability plot, the points generally align along the diagonal, however there are some deviations at the extremes, indicating that the model struggles to fit the most extreme values. This issue is also observed in the Q-Q plot, which further suggests that the model is not accurate for predicting extreme events. While the GEV model provides a better fit, it still falls short in reliably predicting the most extreme precipitation events, particularly at the tails of the distribution

1. A graph with blue dots

   Description automatically generated**Using the model chosen in the previous parts, predict the 10-year return level. Draw your predictions of the 10-year return levels together with your data.**

The blue dots represent the observed maximum precipitation for each year, while the green line represents the 10-year return level predicted by the constant-parameter GEV model. The horizontal nature of the red line reflects the assumption of a constant location parameter, meaning the threshold for extreme events does not change over time. While the observed blue points vary from year to year, there is no evidence of an increasing trend in extreme precipitation based on this model.

1. **Broadly speaking, each year, there is a chance of 1/10 that the observed value is above the 10-year return level. Comment on the results for both the linear model prediction (from c) and the GEV approach (from f). How many historical values were above this 10-year return level? Answer the same question with 20, 50 and 85-year return level.**

As expected, for the 10-year return level using the GEV model, there are 6 historical values where the maximum precipitation exceeds the 10-year return level. For the 20-year return level, there are 4 exceedances, while there are 2 exceedances for the 50-year return level and 1 exceedance for the 85-year return level. These results indicate that the GEV model performs well, capturing the frequency of extreme precipitation values accurately and in line with what is expected for rare events. In contrast, the linear model shows 0 exceedances across all return levels, meaning it fails to account for extreme values. This suggests that the linear model is unsuitable for predicting and modeling extreme events, as it does not adequately capture the distribution's tail.

1. **Using the fitted model, compute the return period of 100 mm of precipitation.**

Precipitation of 100 mm or more can occur once every 71.77 years.

1. **Using the fitted model, compute the probability that there will be a day in the next year when the precipitation exceeds 150 mm.**

The probability of exceeding 150 mm on any day is .0642% and the probability of at least one day in the next year is 20.9%.

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Description générée automatiquement**Part 2: Peaks-over-threshold approach**

1. **Display a time series plot of the daily precipitation across the data range.**

This plot displays the precipitation in Lausanne over several decades. The data shows variability with occasional spikes.

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   Description générée automatiquement**We want to model the high precipitation levels using the POT approach. First step is choosing a threshold. Draw Mean Residual Life Plot (for example using mrlplot in POT library) for the full range of your data. Choose a reasonable threshold. In the plot from part a) highlight the data that exceeds this threshold.**

Between 20 and 40, the plot is relatively stable, with no strong upwards or downwards trend, and the mean excess remains quite constant. In the region around 45-50, the mean excess shows larger fluctuations, and the graph starts to act more erratic. Therefore, we choose 40 as the threshold value.

1. **Fit a GPD for the data exceeding the threshold and draw a diagnostic plot. Is it a reasonable fit? (Hint: if not, you may reconsider the choice of the threshold)**

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Description générée automatiquementWith a threshold value of 40, we get the following diagnostic for our model:

• Probability plot: while our model tends to overestimate low values, it seems overall reliable.

• QQ-Plot: the fit is generally good. However, we notice an extreme value in the upper tail that is not properly captured by the model. Depending on the application, this could be an issue.

• Density Plot: despite some slight variation, our fitted values align generally well with the model.

• Return Level Plot: despite some slight variation in the 20-50 years period, the fit is generally good.

1. **Using the fitted model, compute the 10-year, 20-year, 50-year and 85-year return levels.**

Return levels for period units in years:

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| **10-year level** | **20-year level** | **50-year level** | **85-year level** |
| 74.37276 | 82.17134 | 92.61834 | 98.74085 |

1. **Using the fitted model, compute the return period of 100 mm of precipitation.**

Every 221.82 years, we can expect >100mm of rain

1. **Using the fitted model, compute the probability that there will be a day in the next year when the precipitation exceeds 150 mm.**

The probability that there is a day with >150mm rain next year is 7.03152640343374e-05, (= 0.007%).

1. **Compare the results with the block maxima method. Explain the drawbacks and advantages of using the POT approach compared to the block maxima method. Which method do you prefer?**

Interestingly, our approach to the POT and Block Maxima methods yield similar (in the same range) results for the return period of >100mm rain. However, we find widely different results when computing the probability that there will be a day in the next year when the precipitation exceed 150mm. This could be due to several factor. The first hypothesis is that, because the POT method is better at modelling extreme events than the block maxima (one of the advantages), the probability found by the block maxima method widely over-estimate the risk. The second hypothesis is that the threshold selection for the POT method (40) introduced some bias in the distribution, therefore leading to high variance in estimates (Drawback of the POT, subjective choice, yet critical).

**Part 3: Clustering and Seasonal Variations**

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   Description générée automatiquement**Une image contenant texte, capture d’écran, Tracé, ligne

   Description générée automatiquementUpload the Geneva temperature data. Plot the data. Subset the data for the summer months (June to September).**
2. **Compute the extremal index of the subsetted series with appropriatelly chosen threshold (for example, you can use extremalindex function in extRemes package). Do the extremes occur in clusters? What is the probability that if the temperature today is extreme (above the chosen threshold) then tomorrow will be also extreme?**

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| **Temperature (C)** | **Extremal index** | **Number of clusters** |
| 20 | 0.1518 | 162 |
| 25 | 0.2780 | 40 |

With a threshold of 20 degrees Celcius, our extremal index is close to 0 (0.15), indicating that extreme temperatures tend to happen in blocks (clusters). This can be illustrated for example by heatwaves in Summer. We can use the extremal index to approximate the probability that tomorrow is extreme, if today is extreme. For instance, if today is 25 °C, there is a 73% (1-0,27) probability that tomorrow is also extreme.

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   Description générée automatiquement**Decluster the data using a suitable threshold. Plot the resulting declustered data.**
2. **Fit a Generalized Pareto Distribution (GPD) to the data, both raw and declustered. Compare the models and compute 10-year return level.**

10-year return level

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| --- | --- |
| **Raw data** | **Declustered data** |
| 29.2317 | 29.1623 |

The raw summer data return level for 10-years is 29.23 degrees Celcius. It means that on average, the temperature of 29.23 C will be exceeded on average every 10 years. Without clustering of extreme events, the 10-years return level is 29.16 degrees Celcius. This is very close to the raw data and indicates that the clustering of extreme values does not have a significant impact on the 10-years return level.

**Practical 3**

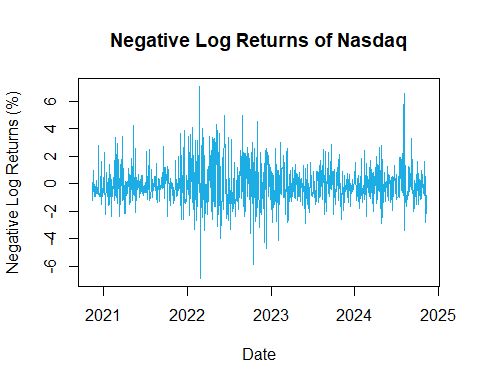
In the following report we will analyze the NASDAQ Composite Index during the periods of Nov 2020 – Nov 2024 to answer the following research questions:

* If an investor had implemented a stop-loss strategy based on historical VaR levels, how many times would it have triggered between 2021 and 2024, and would it have reduced overall losses?
* How well do common risk models (like historical VaR) predict actual losses during the most volatile periods in the Nasdaq Composite Index, and could an alternative model improve accuracy?

The objective is to understand the movements of the index to manage the risk for a potential financial portfolio. To do it, we will review the Value at Risk, Expected Shortfall, and Extreme Values Theory methods to **select the best Stop Loss Strategy**.

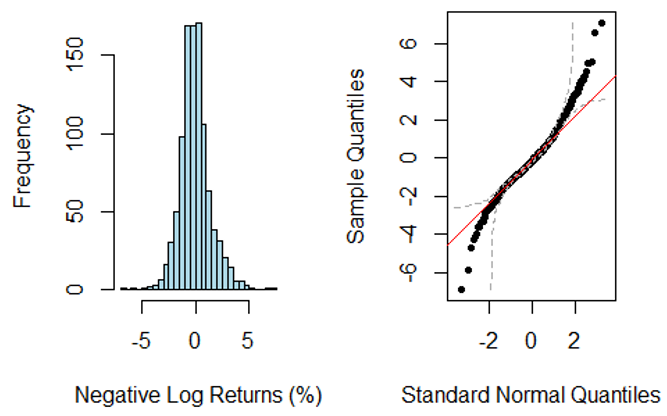
1. **Data Pre-Processing**
   1. **Checking Stationarity**

It is simple to see that the index historical open price is not stationary (Appendix 3.1). Then, we proceed to calculate the negative log returns.



Together the plot and the Dickey-Fuller test (Appendix 3.2), we can conclude that the negative log return is stationary as the p value of the test is less than 5%.

* 1. **Checking Normality**

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Confirmed by the Shapiro test (Appendix 3.3), the daily returns are not normally distributed. Therefore, using parametric Value at Risk and Expected Shortfall could result in under/overestimating the risk.

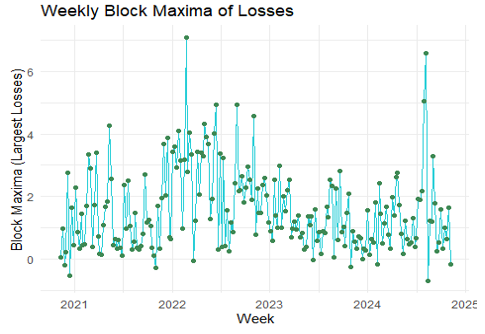
1. **Extreme Values Theory**
   1. **Block Maxima**
      1. **Calculation**

Weekly blocks were created by grouping the data into weeks based on the Date column. For each week, the **maximum return** (largest loss) was calculated, representing the **worst weekly loss** due to the negative log transformation used in the return calculation.

The table shows the **weekly block maxima** (largest losses) for the first six weeks in the dataset:

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| **Year - Week** | **Block Max** |
| 2020-45 | 0.0641 |
| 2020-46 | 0.989 |
| 2020-47 | -0.189 |
| 2020-48 | 0.224 |
| 2020-49 | 2.77 |
| 2020-50 | -0.539 |

Each row highlights the **largest weekly loss** for the index. For example, in the 49th week of 2020, the worst weekly loss was **2.7711**, which reflects a significant drop in returns during that week.



The graph visualizes the weekly **largest losses** over time, highlighting periods of heightened market stress, such as in 2022, where weekly losses reached their most extreme values. Outside of 2022, the general trend indicates that most weekly losses are less severe, reflecting a relatively stable risk profile during those periods. This visualization provides a clear timeline of extreme losses, offering insights into when and where the market experienced the most significant volatility.

1. **VaR and ES**

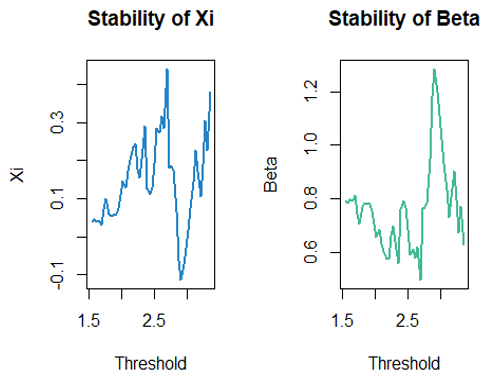
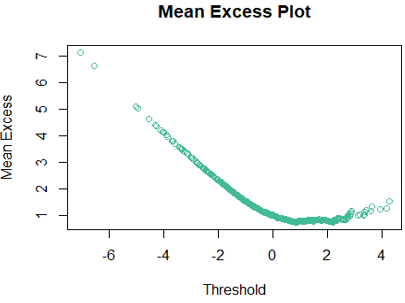
The table compares Value at Risk (VaR) and Expected Shortfall (ES) for 95% and 99% confidence levels using historical and parametric approaches.

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| **Confidence Level** | **Historical VaR** | **Historical ES** | **Parametric VaR** | **Parametric ES** |
| 95% | 0.612% | -0.206% | 0.049% | -0.871% |
| 99% | 0.272% | -0.504% | 0.402% | -0.483% |

The parametric approach shows a wider range, especially in ES at 95%, where the estimated loss magnitude is significantly higher. This discrepancy reflects the sensitivity of the parametric method, which assumes a heavier-tailed GEV model. However, since the underlying distribution is known to be non-normal, the parametric estimates might overstate risks, particularly at lower confidence levels, emphasizing the need for careful model validation.

* 1. **Peaks Over Threshold**
     1. **Parametrical POT**

The choice of threshold is crucial in the POT method. An appropriate threshold balances bias and variance in parameter estimates. The mean excess plot helps identify a suitable threshold where the mean excess over the threshold is linear. Based on the plot, a suitable threshold would be around -2 to 0, where the mean excess stabilizes and becomes linear.



The parameter stability plots provided a guidance to select a threshold. The region 2.2 and 2.8 shows stability, making it reliable range for analyzing extreme events.

* + 1. **Historical POT**

Instead of analyzing all returns, the Historical POT method focuses exclusively on the most extreme losses, ensuring that the potential severity of these events is not underestimated. This approach provides a conservative and realistic estimate of potential losses, making it highly effective for assessing extreme risk scenarios without relying on parametric assumptions.

For this the **95th percentile threshold** was selected as 2.46201, representing the cut-off point for extreme negative returns. The excesses over this threshold were extracted (e.g., 1.059, 0.271, 0.831), which will be used to calculate the Value at Risk (VaR) and Expected Shortfall (ES).

* + 1. **VaR and ES**

The table compares Value at Risk (VaR) and Expected Shortfall (ES) for 95% and 99% confidence levels using historical and parametric approaches.

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| **Confidence Level** | **Parametric VaR** | **Parametric ES** | **Historical VaR** | **Historical ES** |
| 95% | -3.979958 | -4.880986 | -6.600801 | -6.83753 |
| 99.5% | -4.612842 | -5.501092 | -6.719166 | -6.83753 |
| 99.9% | -6.047954 | -6.907230 | -6.813857 | -6.83753 |

The Parametric VaR and ES highlights the increasing severity of potential losses as confidence levels rise, with VaR and ES growing more extreme at 99.9% confidence. Regarding the Historical POT, The VaR grows as the confidence level increases, which is expected because higher confidence levels capture rarer, more extreme events. The 99% VaR indicates that losses will not exceed 6.37% on 99 out of 100 trading days, while the ES shows that when losses exceed the VaR, the average loss is 6.88%. As confidence levels increase, the VaR captures progressively worse losses (up to 6.83% at 99.9% confidence), showing the potential for larger losses in rarer scenarios.

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   Description automatically generated with medium confidence**Model Comparison**

Looking at the results from the comparison between GEV and POT models' VaR and ES, it is clear that POT model captures more extreme losses than GEV, which may be useful for risk averse scenarios. GEV model may be underestimating the risks given that it only considers block maxima, while POT is considering ALL exceedances above the threshold, making the model more sensitive to extreme events.

Given these results, for three different confidence intervals, POT model is better than GEV, especially for financial events which require a more rigourous analysis rather than the simplicity GEV offers.

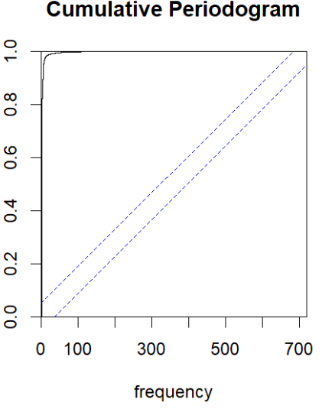
1. **Conclusion**

In order to evaluate extreme risks in the Nasdaq Composite Index using Extreme Value Theory, two models were implemented: Block Maxima (GEV), which focuses on capturing the largest loss in blocks and Peaks Over Threshold (POT), which analyzes losses exceeding a threshold. Through the Stop Loss Strategy, POT models demonstrated its ability to reduce losses during volatile periods, specifically in 2022.

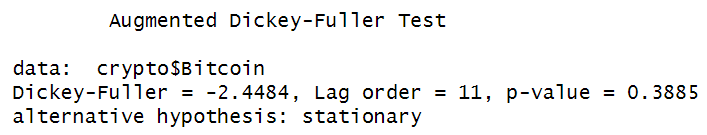
Both models provided VaR and ES estimates for different confidence levels in order to determine which one is better. The results demonstrate POT model performs better for financial events. GEV provides a simple summary within predefined time blocks, so it underestimates extreme events because it only considers the largest loss within each block. This model is more appropriate for lower risk environments which require computational simplicity. In the other hand, POT is more sensitive to extreme events so it produced more conservative VaR and ES estimates, especially for 99% and 99.9% confidence levels. This model works better for volatile environments such as the financial one.

**Appendix:**

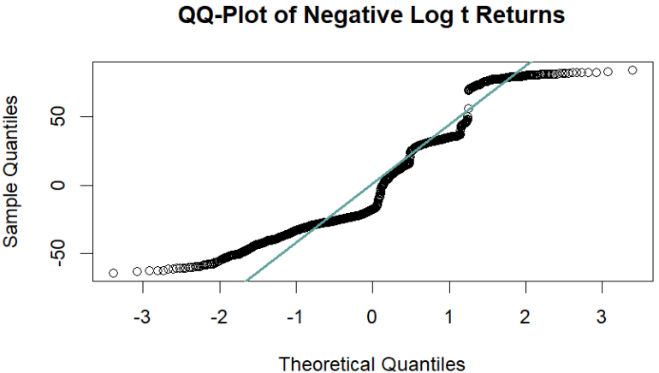
1. **Practical 1**
   * 1. **Dickey Fuller Test**

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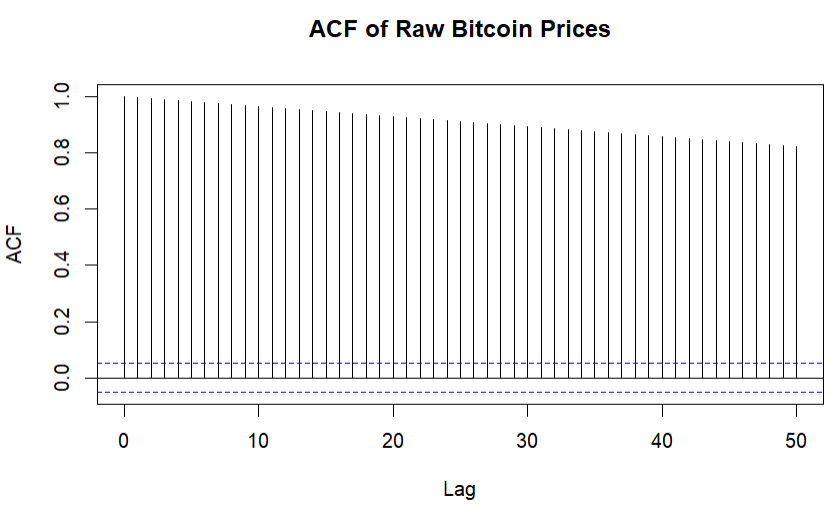
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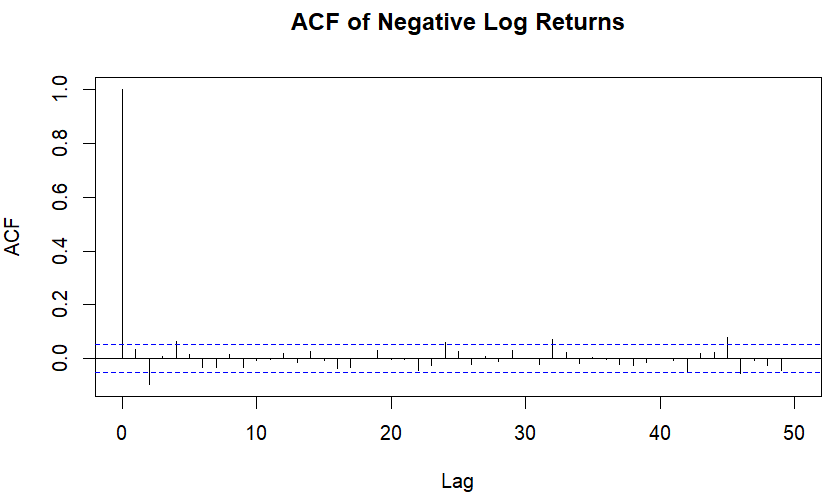
**1.1.3 QQ plot t fitted**



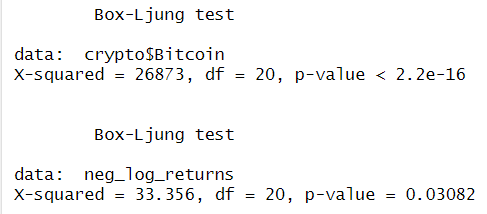
**1.2.1 ACF of Raw Bitcoin Prices**



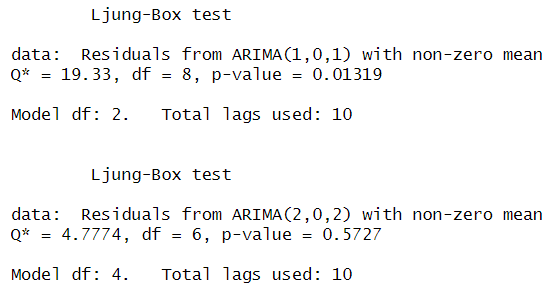
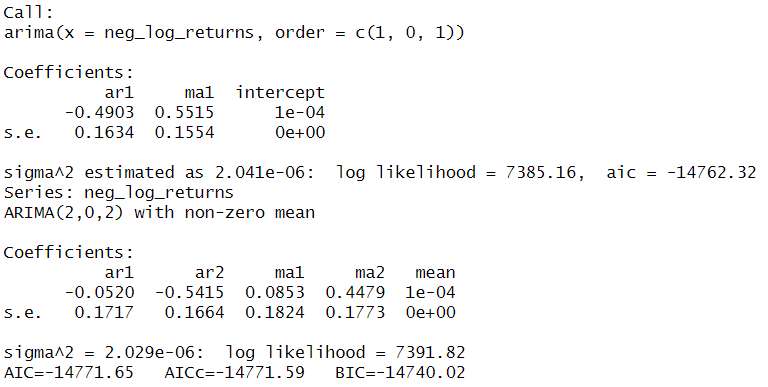
**1.2.2 ACF of Negative Log Returns**



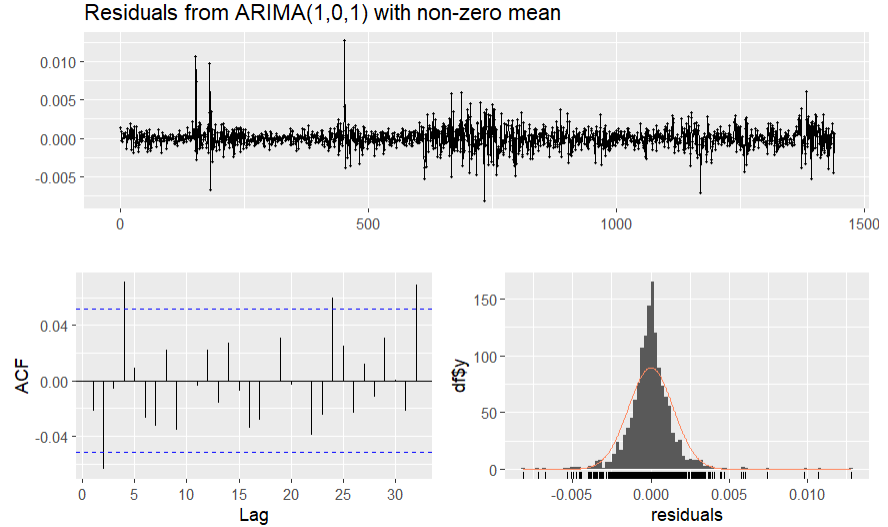
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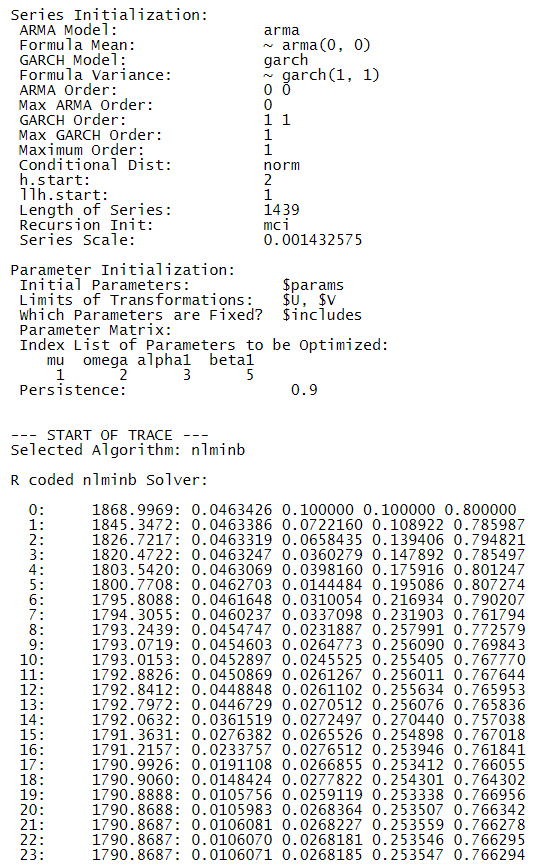
**1.2.4 ARIMA models**

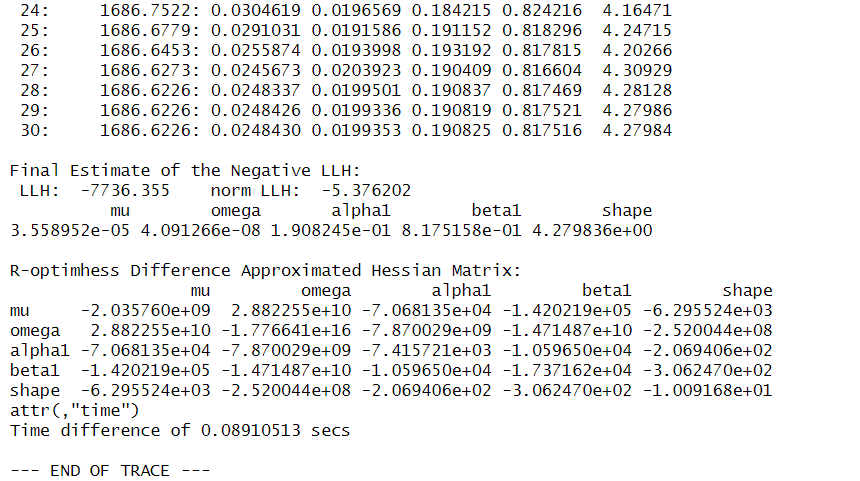


**1.2.5 Residuals from ARIMA(1,0,1)**

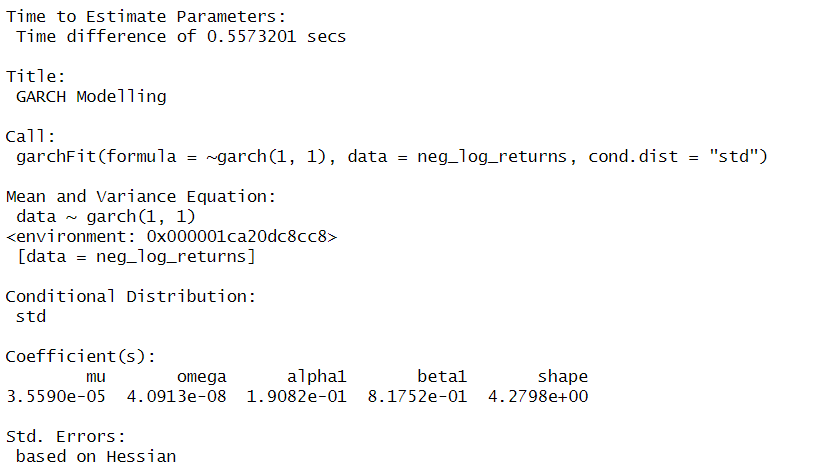
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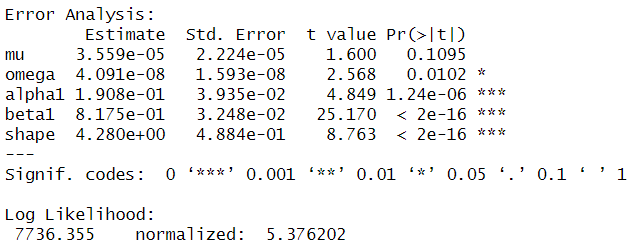
**1.2.6 GARCH model with normal distribution**

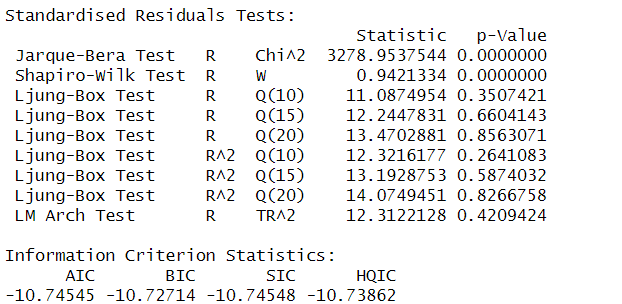




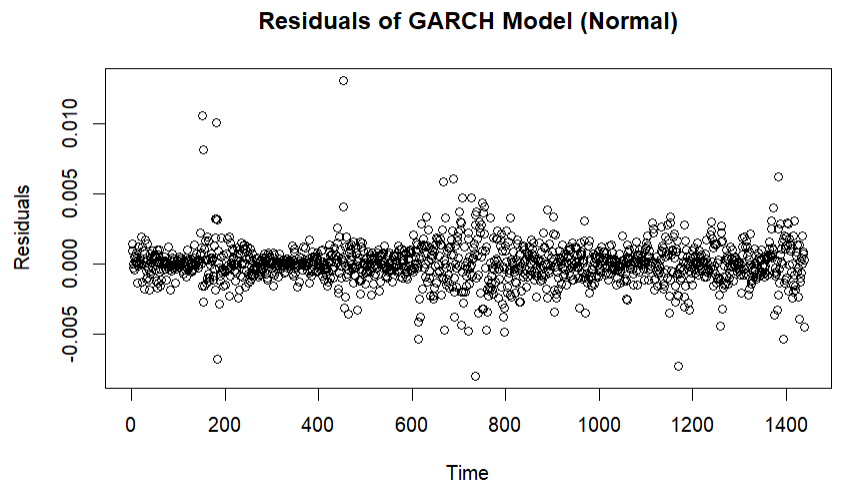
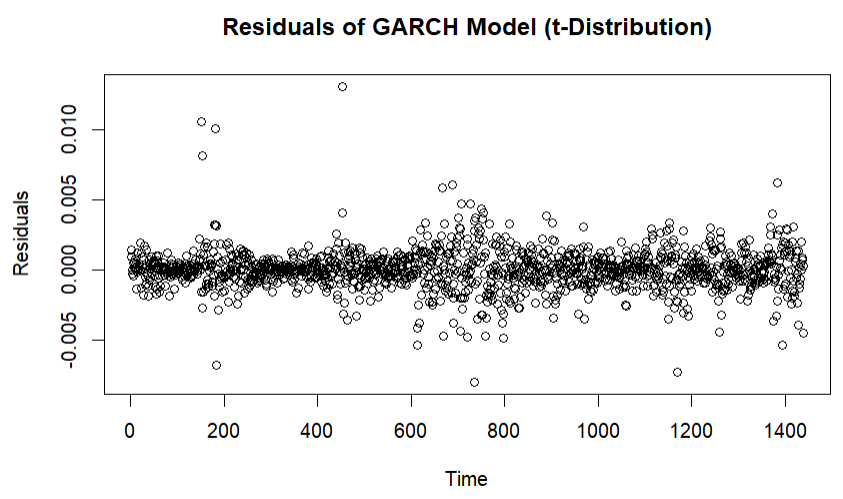
**1.2.7 GARCH model with t-distribution**

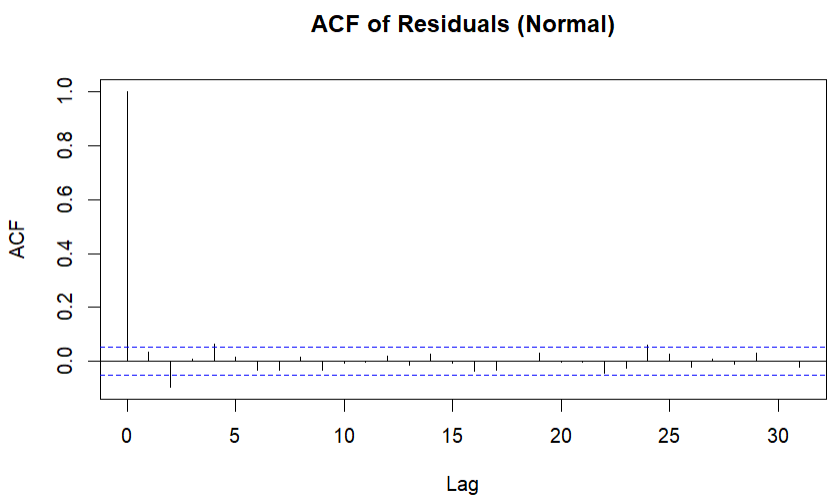
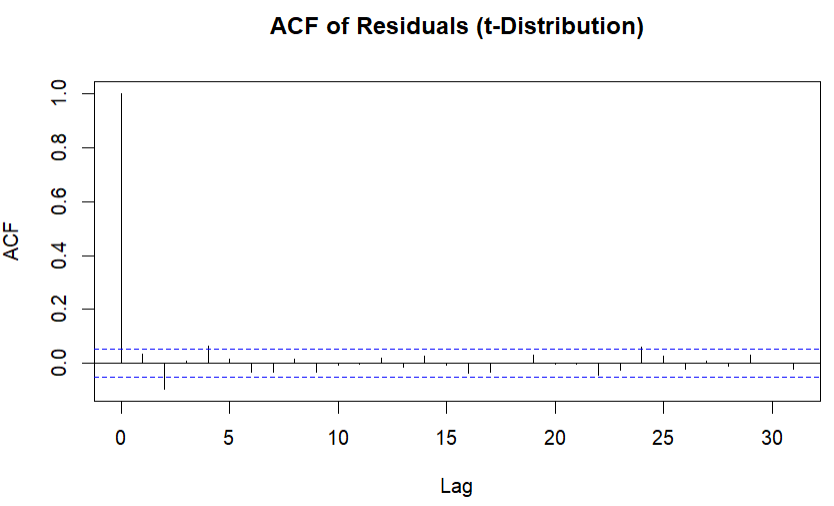




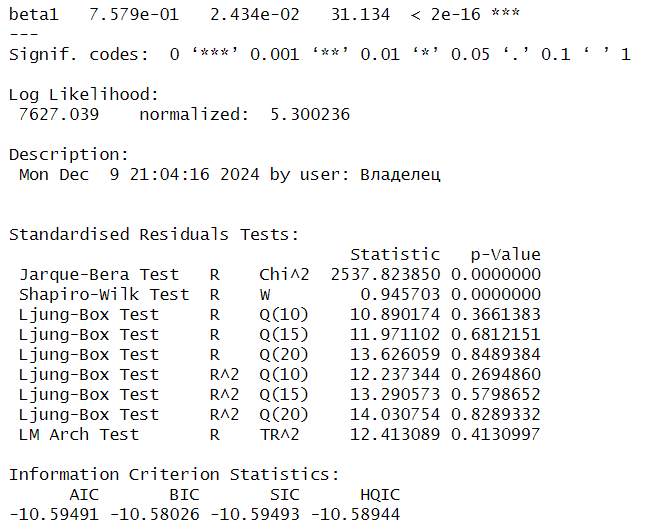


**1.2.8 Plots for GARCH models**

**1.2.9 GARCH(1, 1) model on the ARIMA residuals**



1.3. **Dependence between time series**

#Reading the csv

crypto <- readr::read\_csv("C:/Users/Marcela/Documents/Documentos/3rd Semester/Risk analytics/Week 1/Crypto\_data.csv")

# Calculate log returns for Bitcoin and Ethereum (convert to numeric in case of any issues)

crypto <- crypto %>%

mutate(Bitcoin = as.numeric(Bitcoin),

Ethereum = as.numeric(Ethereum),

Bitcoin\_log\_return = log(Bitcoin / lag(Bitcoin)),

Ethereum\_log\_return = log(Ethereum / lag(Ethereum)))

# Calculate negative log returns for both Bitcoin and Ethereum

crypto <- crypto %>%

mutate(Bitcoin\_negative\_log\_return = -Bitcoin\_log\_return,

Ethereum\_negative\_log\_return = -Ethereum\_log\_return)

# Check the results

head(crypto)

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# Plot the log returns of Bitcoin and Ethereum

plot(crypto$Bitcoin\_log\_return, type = "l", col = "#27CED7",

main = "Log Returns of Bitcoin and Ethereum", ylab = "Log Returns")

lines(crypto$Ethereum\_log\_return, col = "#62A39F")

legend("topright", legend = c("Bitcoin", "Ethereum"), col = c("#27CED7", "#62A39F"), lty = 1)

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* 1. Are the negative log returns of Bitcoin and ETH dependent? Compute the correlation using cor.test() function. Can we conclude that these series are independent?

# Check if the columns are numeric

str(crypto)

# Drop the first row with NA values from the log return calculations (due to lag)

crypto <- na.omit(crypto)

# Check if there are any NA values remaining

sum(is.na(crypto$Bitcoin\_negative\_log\_return)) # Should return 0

sum(is.na(crypto$Ethereum\_negative\_log\_return)) # Should return 0

# Perform the correlation test between Bitcoin and Ethereum negative log returns

correlation\_test <- cor.test(crypto$Bitcoin\_negative\_log\_return, crypto$Ethereum\_negative\_log\_return)

# Print the results of the correlation test

print(correlation\_test)

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* 1. Calculate the cross-correlation function (CCF) between the negative log returns of Bitcoin and ETH. What do you observe?

# Calculate the cross-correlation function (CCF) with a smaller title font size

ccf\_result <- ccf(

crypto$Bitcoin\_negative\_log\_return,

crypto$Ethereum\_negative\_log\_return,

lag.max = 20,

plot = TRUE,

main = "Cross-Correlation:

Bitcoin and Ethereum Negative Log Returns",

cex.main = 0.6 # Adjust title size (smaller font)

)

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* 1. Is one of the time series good predictor of the second? Assess whether there is any predictive power between the negative log returns of Bitcoin and ETH. You can use grangertest() in the lmtest package with carefully chosen hyperparameter order. What is your conclusion?

# Fit ARIMA model to Bitcoin negative log returns and auto-select order based on AIC/BIC

fit\_btc <- auto.arima(crypto$Bitcoin\_negative\_log\_return, ic = "aic")

# Check the selected ARIMA order (p, d, q)

summary(fit\_btc)

# Similarly, for Ethereum

fit\_eth <- auto.arima(crypto$Ethereum\_negative\_log\_return, ic = "aic")

# Check the selected ARIMA order for Ethereum

summary(fit\_eth)

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# Granger causality test with 2 lags based on ARIMA models

granger\_test\_btc\_to\_eth <- grangertest(Ethereum\_negative\_log\_return ~ Bitcoin\_negative\_log\_return, order = 2, data = crypto)

granger\_test\_eth\_to\_btc <- grangertest(Bitcoin\_negative\_log\_return ~ Ethereum\_negative\_log\_return, order = 2, data = crypto)

# Print results

print("Granger causality test: Bitcoin causing Ethereum")

print(granger\_test\_btc\_to\_eth)

print("Granger causality test: Ethereum causing Bitcoin")

print(granger\_test\_eth\_to\_btc)

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# Granger Causality Test with 3 Lags

granger\_test\_btc\_to\_eth\_lag3 <- grangertest(Ethereum\_negative\_log\_return ~ Bitcoin\_negative\_log\_return, order = 3, data = crypto)

granger\_test\_eth\_to\_btc\_lag3 <- grangertest(Bitcoin\_negative\_log\_return ~ Ethereum\_negative\_log\_return, order = 3, data = crypto)

# Print results for 3 lags

print("Granger causality test (3 lags): Bitcoin causing Ethereum")

print(granger\_test\_btc\_to\_eth\_lag3)

print("Granger causality test (3 lags): Ethereum causing Bitcoin")

print(granger\_test\_eth\_to\_btc\_lag3)

# Granger Causality Test with 4 Lags

granger\_test\_btc\_to\_eth\_lag4 <- grangertest(Ethereum\_negative\_log\_return ~ Bitcoin\_negative\_log\_return, order = 4, data = crypto)

granger\_test\_eth\_to\_btc\_lag4 <- grangertest(Bitcoin\_negative\_log\_return ~ Ethereum\_negative\_log\_return, order = 4, data = crypto)

# Print results for 4 lags

print("Granger causality test (4 lags): Bitcoin causing Ethereum")

print(granger\_test\_btc\_to\_eth\_lag4)

print("Granger causality test (4 lags): Ethereum causing Bitcoin")

print(granger\_test\_eth\_to\_btc\_lag4)

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1. **Practical 2**

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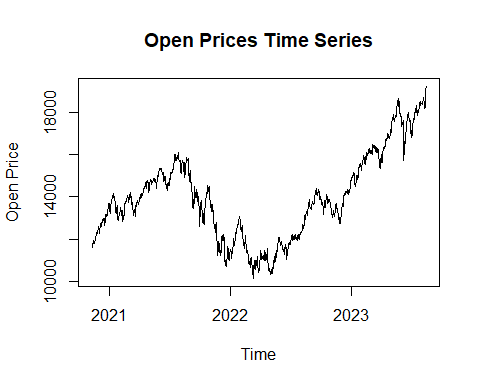
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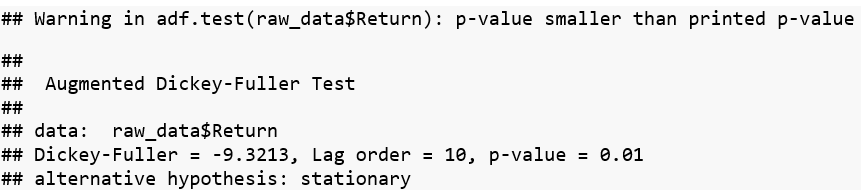
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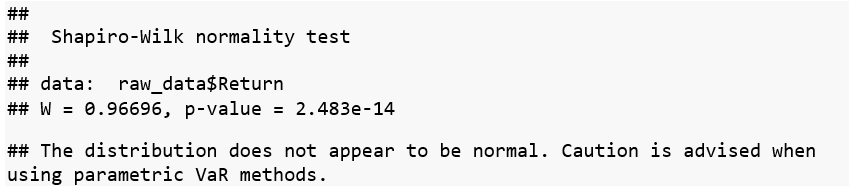
1. **Practical 3**
   1. **Open Prices Time Series**



* 1. **Dickey Fuller Test**

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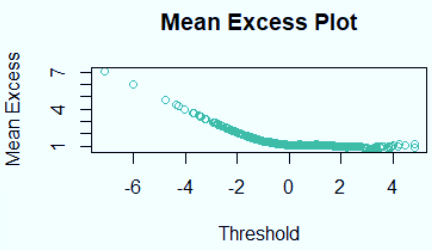
* 1. **Shapiro Wilk Normality Test**

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* 1. **Extreme Values Theory**
     1. **Block Maxima**
     2. **Peaks**
        1. **POT Parametric**

# Mean Excess Plot

meplot(-raw\_data$Return, main = "Mean Excess Plot", col = "#42BA97")



# Define a sequence of thresholds

thresholds <- seq(quantile(-raw\_data$Return, 0.90, na.rm = TRUE),

quantile(-raw\_data$Return, 0.99, na.rm = TRUE),

length.out = 50)

# Initialize vectors to store parameters

xi\_values <- numeric(length(thresholds))

beta\_values <- numeric(length(thresholds))

# Fit the GPD for each threshold and store parameters

for (i in seq\_along(thresholds)) {

threshold <- thresholds[i]

# Fit GPD only if threshold is not NA

if (!is.na(threshold)) {

fit <- gpd(-raw\_data$Return, threshold = threshold)

xi\_values[i] <- fit$par.ests["xi"]

beta\_values[i] <- fit$par.ests["beta"]

} else {

xi\_values[i] <- NA

beta\_values[i] <- NA

}

}

# Create a data frame for plotting

gpd\_params\_df <- data.frame(

Threshold = thresholds,

Xi = xi\_values,

Beta = beta\_values

)

# Plot parameter stability with custom colors

par(mfrow = c(1, 2)) # Arrange plots side by side

# Plot for Xi (Stability of Xi) with a custom color

plot(gpd\_params\_df$Threshold, gpd\_params\_df$Xi, type = "l",

col = "#2683C6", # Custom color for Xi

xlab = "Threshold", ylab = "Xi",

main = "Stability of Xi", lwd = 2)

# Plot for Beta (Stability of Beta) with a custom color

plot(gpd\_params\_df$Threshold, gpd\_params\_df$Beta, type = "l",

col = "#42BA97", # Custom color for Beta

xlab = "Threshold", ylab = "Beta",

main = "Stability of Beta", lwd = 2)

# Reset plotting parameters

par(mfrow = c(1, 1))

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# Step 1: Set the threshold based on stability analysis

u <- 2.5 # Chosen threshold from stability region

# Step 2: Extract exceedances over the threshold

excesses <- -raw\_data$Return[raw\_data$Return > u] - u

# Print the threshold and some of the exceedances for verification

print(paste("Selected Threshold (u):", u))

print(head(excesses))



# Fit the GPD to the exceedances

gpd\_fit <- gpd(-raw\_data$Return, threshold = u)

# Summarize the fitted model

kable(summary(gpd\_fit))

# Estimated parameters

xi <- as.numeric(gpd\_fit$par.ests["xi"])

beta <- as.numeric(gpd\_fit$par.ests["beta"])

# Sample sizes

N <- length(raw\_data$Return)

N\_exc <- sum(-raw\_data$Return > u)

# Confidence levels

p\_levels <- c(0.99, 0.995, 0.999)

# Calculate VaR

VaR\_POT <- sapply(p\_levels, function(p) {

VaR <- u + (beta / xi) \* (((N\_exc / (N \* (1 - p)))^xi - 1))

return(-VaR) # Convert back to negative return

})

# Create a data frame for results

VaR\_POT\_df <- data.frame(

Confidence\_Level = p\_levels,

VaR = VaR\_POT

)

# Display results

kable(print(VaR\_POT\_df))

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# Calculate ES

ES\_POT <- sapply(1:length(p\_levels), function(i) {

p <- p\_levels[i]

VaR\_p <- -VaR\_POT[i] # Use positive value for calculation

ES <- (VaR\_p / (1 - xi)) + ((beta - xi \* u) / (1 - xi))

return(-ES) # Convert back to negative return

})

# Add ES to the data frame

VaR\_POT\_df$ES <- ES\_POT

# Display results

kable(print(VaR\_POT\_df))

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* + - 1. **POT Historic**

# Define the threshold (e.g., 95th percentile of negative returns)

threshold <- quantile(-raw\_data$Return, 0.95, na.rm = TRUE)

# Print the selected threshold

cat("Selected Threshold:", threshold, "\n")



# Extract excesses over the threshold

excesses <- -raw\_data$Return[-raw\_data$Return > threshold] - threshold

# Print the first few exceedances

cat("Excesses over the threshold:\n")

print(head(excesses))

#Calculating the VaR historical with POT

# Define confidence levels

confidence\_levels <- c(0.99, 0.995, 0.999)

# Calculate Historical VaR using POT

historical\_var\_pot <- sapply(confidence\_levels, function(cl) {

quantile(excesses, probs = cl, na.rm = TRUE) + threshold # Add back the threshold

})

# Print the Historical VaR results

historical\_var\_pot\_df <- data.frame(

Confidence\_Level = paste0(confidence\_levels \* 100, "%"),

Historical\_VaR\_POT = -historical\_var\_pot # Convert back to negative returns

)

# Calculate Historical ES using POT

historical\_es\_pot <- sapply(1:length(confidence\_levels), function(i) {

var\_threshold <- historical\_var\_pot[i] - threshold # Find the excess threshold

mean(excesses[excesses >= var\_threshold], na.rm = TRUE) + threshold # Add back the threshold

})

# Add ES to the DataFrame

historical\_var\_pot\_df$Historical\_ES\_POT <- -historical\_es\_pot # Convert back to negative returns

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