

Nonstationary Time Series and Cointegration

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Roadmap

- 1 Nonstationary time-series models and ARIMA
- 2 Unit Root Testing
- 3 Co-Integration
- 4 Vector Error-Correction Models (VECM)

ARIMA

Definition

A time series $\{y_t\}$ is said to be an $ARIMA(p, 1, q)$ if Δy_t is an $ARMA(p, q)$.

In this case, people call it **integrated of order 1** or $I(1)$.

- example:
 - ▶ y_t is non-stationary
 - ▶ $\Delta y_t = (1 - L)y_t = y_t - y_{t-1} = \eta_t$ is stationary
- in theory (and some applications), you might need to first difference a series multiple times: $ARIMA(p, d, q)$ or **integrated of order d**

Model with time trends and unit roots

- Consider the following model

$$y_t = c + \delta t + \phi_1 y_{t-1} + \varepsilon_t$$

- The model has a deterministic time trend: $c + \delta t$
- If $\phi_1 = 1$, it also has a unit root!
- Lesson: a model can (in theory) have two forms of non-stationarity.
 - trend stationarity and unit roots are not mutually exclusive
- many people think series like: U.S. log RGDP, CPI, and Consumption behave this way. See Cochrane (1988).

Dickey-Fuller (1979) test

- assume there is no deterministic time trend needed (e.g. exchange rates)
- suppose you consider one of the two models

$$p_t = \phi_1 p_{t-1} + \varepsilon_t \quad \varepsilon_t \sim \text{WN}(0, \sigma_\varepsilon^2)$$

$$p_t = \phi_0 + \phi_1 p_{t-1} + \varepsilon_t \quad \varepsilon_t \sim \text{WN}(0, \sigma_\varepsilon^2)$$

- we are interested in testing

$$H_0 : \phi_1 = 1 \quad H_A : |\phi_1| < 1$$

- this is a one-sided test

Dickey-Fuller (1979) test

- We estimate the models by least squares.
- Let $\hat{\phi}_1$ denote the OLS estimator.
- t -ratio of least squares estimate:

$$t - ratio = \frac{\hat{\phi}_1 - 1}{std(\hat{\phi}_1)}$$

Important:

- ▶ under the null hypothesis, the asymptotic sampling distributions of $\hat{\phi}_1$ and $t - ratio$ are **not** standard normal.
- ▶ under the null hypothesis, the data p_t is a random walk and is non-stationary....the standard central limit theorem does not apply.

Dickey-Fuller (1979) test

- **Important:** the sampling distributions depend on both the estimated model, the behavior under the null, and the alternative.
 - ▶ sampling distributions depend on whether you include a constant in the estimated regression.
 - ▶ sampling distributions depend on whether you include a drift in the null.
- How do you know whether to add a constant in the estimated regression?
- To choose the appropriate test and get the correct **critical values**, you need to understand what the trend properties of the data are under the alternative (next slide).

Dickey-Fuller (1979) Test: Summary

- Case 1:

$$\text{Estimated} : p_t = \phi_1 p_{t-1} + \varepsilon_t$$

$$\text{Trueprocessundernull} : p_t = p_{t-1} + \varepsilon_t, \quad \varepsilon_t \sim \text{WN}(0, \sigma_\varepsilon^2)$$

- Case 2:

$$\text{Estimated} : p_t = \phi_0 + \phi_1 p_{t-1} + \varepsilon_t$$

$$\text{Trueprocessundernull} : p_t = p_{t-1} + \varepsilon_t, \quad \varepsilon_t \sim \text{WN}(0, \sigma_\varepsilon^2)$$

- Case 3:

$$\text{Estimated} : p_t = \phi_0 + \phi_1 p_{t-1} + \varepsilon_t$$

$$\text{Trueprocessundernull} : p_t = \phi_0 + p_{t-1} + \varepsilon_t, \quad \varepsilon_t \sim \text{WN}(0, \sigma_\varepsilon^2)$$

Testing with time trends

- Now, assume there is a time trend needed (e.g. log RGDP)
- we want to allow realistic trending behavior under the alternative hypothesis that the model is trend stationary.
- consider the following models

$$p_t = \delta t + \phi_1 p_{t-1} + \varepsilon_t \quad \varepsilon_t \sim \text{WN}(0, \sigma_\varepsilon^2)$$

$$p_t = c + \delta t + \phi_1 p_{t-1} + \varepsilon_t \quad \varepsilon_t \sim \text{WN}(0, \sigma_\varepsilon^2)$$

- we want to test the hypothesis:

$$H_0 : \phi_1 = 1 \quad H_A : |\phi_1| < 1$$

Augmented Dickey-Fuller test: Said and Dickey (1984)

- Said and Dickey (1984) consider the following model with an $AR(p)$ structure:

$$p_t = c + \delta t + \phi_1 p_{t-1} + \sum_{i=1}^p \phi_i \Delta p_{t-i} + \varepsilon_t$$

where ε_t denotes the error term.

- this model nests all of the possibilities we discussed above and more.
- the test allows for serially correlated data due to the $AR(p)$ structure.
- they test the hypothesis

$$H_0 : \phi_1 = 1 \quad \text{vs.} \quad H_1 : \phi_1 < 1$$

Augmented Dickey-Fuller test: Said and Dickey (1984)

- t-ratio of least squares estimate:

$$\mathbf{t-ratio} = \frac{\widehat{\phi_1} - 1}{\text{Std}(\widehat{\phi_1})}$$

- the sampling distribution of **t-ratio** is NOT standard.
- this implies:
 - ▶ critical values are not from a standard normal distribution.
 - ▶ critical values depend on whether you include:
 - ★ a **constant** in the estimated regression!
 - ★ a **time trend** in the estimated regression!

Right Specification?

- the asymptotic properties of the OLS estimate depend on whether you include in the estimated regression:
 - ▶ a constant
 - ▶ a time trend
- the asymptotic properties of the OLS estimate also depend on whether you include a drift term in the null hypothesis
- in the ADF test, you need to choose the lag order p . Ng and Perron (1995) and Ng and Perron (2001) discuss procedures for choosing p .

Right Specification?

- what is the correct specification?
 - ▶ if you're testing a specific hypothesis guided by theory, that would determine the correct specification
 - ▶ if not, look for a specification that makes sense under the null and the alternative hypothesis
 - ★ e.g. nominal interest rates: there is nothing in theory to suggest that nominal interest rates should have a deterministic time trend, but nominal interest rates do have a positive mean..so you should probably include a constant in estimated regression but no time trend.
 - ★ e.g. log U.S. RGDP: if the series does not have a unit root, the logarithm of real U.S. GDP does grow systematically over time. You probably want to include a time trend.

Long Run Relationships: Cointegration

- theory sometimes implies a long-run relation between different non-stationary variables
- Examples:
 - ▶ dividends and prices
 - ▶ purchasing power parity: price levels and exchange rates in different countries
 - ▶ permanent income theory: consumption, wealth and labor income
- **Co-Integration** was introduced by Engle and Granger (1987).

Stock Markets

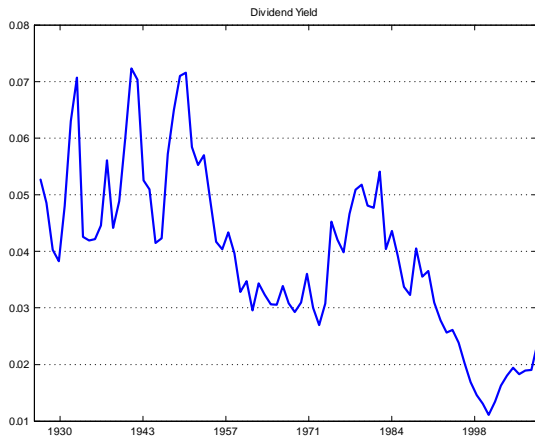
- dividends and stock prices are non-stationary
- however, we typically assume that there is a linear combination of (log) dividends and (log) prices

$$pd_t = p_t - d_t$$

that is stationary

- ▶ In the absence of (long-lasting) bubbles, p_t and d_t should be co-integrated.
- ▶ In fact, the evidence suggests that the price/dividend ratio is probably stationary, even though there is some evidence of structural breaks in the price/dividend ratio; see, Lettau and van Nieuwerburgh (2008).
- ▶ If the price/dividend ratio is stationary, then a high price/dividend ratio should forecast either lower returns or higher dividend growth in the future (or a combination of both). [see *previous lectures*]

Dividend Yield

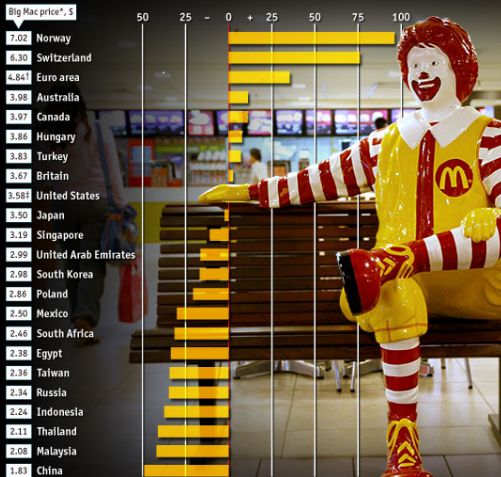


Dividend Yield on CRSP-VW (AMEX-NASDAQ-NYSE). Annual data. 1926-2008.

- purchasing-power parity (PPP): exchange rates should adjust to equalize the price of a basket of goods and services around the world.
- The Economist's Big Mac index: the “basket” is a burger, i.e. McDonald's Big Mac.

Big Mac index

Local currency under (-)/ over (+) valuation against the dollar, %



Sources: McDonald's; *The Economist*

*At market exchange rate (January 5th)
†Weighted average of member countries ‡Average of four cities

- Here is an example on Jan 30, 2015:
 - ▶ the current SFR/dollar exchange rate is 0.86
 - ▶ the average SFR price of a burger in Switzerland was 6.50 SFR.
 - ▶ the average dollar price of a burger in Switzerland was \$7.54 > \$4.79 (the NY price of a Big Mac)
 - ▶ the PPP value of the SFR/dollar exchange rate is 1.36

$$P_t^{US,\$} = P_t^{Swi,SFR} \times S_t^{\$,SFR}$$

$$4.79\$ = 6.50SFR \times 1.36^{-1}$$

Commodity Market Arbitrage

- prices of goods and services offered in different locales can differ, but presumably they cannot wander off too far apart
- the percentage deviation from Big Mac PPP is given by:

$$y_t = \log P_t^{Swi,SFR} + \log S_t^{\$,SFR} - \log P_t^{US,\$}$$

- ▶ arbitrageurs would step in to eliminate price differences
 - ▶ in international economics/finance this has given rise to the idea of purchasing power parity
- a weak version of PPP states that y_t should be stationary:

$$y_t = p_t^f + s_t - p_t$$

where p_t denotes the log of the price level and p_t^f denotes the log of the foreign price level; s_t denotes the log of the exchange rate (dollars per unit of foreign currency)

- the foreign and domestic price level p^f and p^d are all integrated of order one ($I(1)$)
- so is the nominal exchange rate s_t
- but there is a linear combination of these 3 variables (e.g. the Swiss SFR price of a Big Mac, the NY dollar price of a Big Mac, and the SFR/Dollar exchange rate) that is stationary ($I(0)$)
- these variables (p_t^d, p_t^f, s_t) are co-integrated
- these variables share a common trend

Co-integration: Engle and Granger (1987)

Definition

Consider a vector of random variables $\{r_{1t}, r_{2t}, \dots, r_{Nt}\}$.

Suppose all components are integrated of order d .

These variables are **co-integrated** if there exists a linear combination of \mathbf{r}_t that is integrated of order $d - b$ where $b > 0$. This means that

$$\beta' \mathbf{r}_t$$

is integrated of order $d - b$ for some vector β . This is called the co-integrating vector.

- the number of cointegrating relations is b
- β is a $b \times N$ matrix.

Co-integration

- Typically, $d = 1$ and $b = 1$: we have a vector of unit-root variables and there is a linear combination of variables that is stationary
- the co-integrating vector is not unique. We can multiply the vector β by any non-zero scalar γ . For example,

$$\gamma\beta$$

is also a co-integrating vector.

- we normalize one of the elements in β , i.e. set one of them equal to one.
- two variables integrated of different order cannot be co-integrated

PPP example

- PPP means that there exists a vector of $\beta = (1, 1, -1)$ such that this linear combination

$$p_t^f + s_t - p_t^d$$

is stationary

- in stock markets, we assume the co-integrating vector is $\beta = (1, -1)$ for (d_t, p_t) , so that the log dividend yield is stationary

Shared Trend

Result

Suppose we have two non-stationary variables y_t and z_t . Then the two variables must have the same stochastic trend if they are co-integrated. This means that if

$$y_t = \mu_{y_t} + \varepsilon_{y_t}$$

$$z_t = \mu_{z_t} + \varepsilon_{z_t}$$

where μ_{it} is a random walk process and ε_{it} is stationary.

If y_t and z_t are co-integrated of order one, then they must have the same stochastic trend (see next slide).

Shared Trend

Proof.

We need to have non-zero β 's such that $\beta_1 y_t + \beta_2 z_t$ is stationary:

$$\begin{aligned}\beta_1 y_t + \beta_2 z_t &= \beta_1 (\mu_{yt} + \varepsilon_{yt}) + \beta_2 (\mu_{zt} + \varepsilon_{zt}) \\ &= (\beta_1 \mu_{yt} + \beta_2 \mu_{zt}) + (\beta_1 \varepsilon_{zt} + \beta_2 \varepsilon_{yt})\end{aligned}$$

Since the second term is stationary, the first term must satisfy:

$$\beta_1 \mu_{yt} + \beta_2 \mu_{zt} = 0$$

for all t .

This can only be true if the stochastic trends are the same (up to a scalar).

$$\mu_{yt} = -\frac{\beta_2}{\beta_1} \mu_{zt}$$



Shared Trend

Result

Suppose we have three non stationary variables y_t , z_t and w_t :

$$y_t = \mu_{y,t} + \varepsilon_{y,t}$$

$$z_t = \mu_{z,t} + \varepsilon_{z,t}$$

$$w_t = \mu_{w,t} + \varepsilon_{w,t}$$

where μ_{it} is a random walk process and ε_{it} is stationary. Suppose y_t , w_t and z_t are co-integrated of order one. Suppose that the trends satisfy:

$$\mu_{w,t} = \mu_{z,t} + \mu_{y,t}$$

Then the co-integrating vector is $\beta = (1, 1, -1)$.

Co-integration and short-run dynamics

- if variables are co-integrated with vector $\beta = (1, -\beta_{12})$ then the 'deviation from long run equilibrium' is

$$error_t = y_t - \beta_{12}z_t$$

will influence the short-run dynamics of these variables

- PPP
 - ▶ if the price of a Brussels BIG Mac in dollars is too high relative to a NY Big Mac, then either the Brussels price in Euros of a Big Mac will decrease, the price in dollars of a NY Big Mac will increase or the Euro will depreciate...

$$error_t = p_t^f + s_t - p_t$$

PPP and VECMs

- consider a VAR for the p_t^f, p_t, s_t in first differences:

$$\begin{aligned}\Delta s_t &= \phi_{11}\Delta s_{t-1} + \phi_{12}\Delta p_{t-1} + \phi_{13}\Delta p_{t-1}^f + \varepsilon_{st} \\ \Delta p_t &= \phi_{21}\Delta s_{t-1} + \phi_{22}\Delta p_{t-1} + \phi_{23}\Delta p_{t-1}^f + \varepsilon_{pt} \\ \Delta p_t^f &= \phi_{31}\Delta s_{t-1} + \phi_{32}\Delta p_{t-1} + \phi_{33}\Delta p_{t-1}^f + \varepsilon_{pf,t}\end{aligned}$$

- this VAR is misspecified because it ignores the dynamics that push these variables back to the long-run equilibrium (PPP)

- here is a VAR for p_t^f, p_t, s_t with built-in error correction:

$$\begin{aligned}\Delta s_t &= \alpha_s \left(p_{t-1}^f + s_{t-1} - p_{t-1} \right) + \phi_{11} \Delta s_{t-1} + \phi_{12} \Delta p_{t-1} \\ &\quad + \phi_{13} \Delta p_{t-1}^f + \varepsilon_{st} \\ \Delta p_t &= \alpha_p \left(p_{t-1}^f + s_{t-1} - p_{t-1} \right) + \phi_{21} \Delta s_{t-1} + \phi_{22} \Delta p_{t-1} \\ &\quad + \phi_{23} \Delta p_{t-1}^f + \varepsilon_{pt} \\ \Delta p_t^f &= \alpha_{pf} \left(p_{t-1}^f + s_{t-1} - p_{t-1} \right) + \phi_{31} \Delta s_{t-1} + \phi_{32} \Delta p_{t-1} \\ &\quad + \phi_{33} \Delta p_{t-1}^f + \varepsilon_{pf,t}\end{aligned}$$

- this VAR incorporates the dynamics that push these variables back to the long-run equilibrium (PPP)

- the exchange rates, and price are ‘allowed to respond’ to the deviation from PPP
- the α ’s are known as **speed of adjustment** parameters: if they are large, adjustment back to PPP happens faster!
- note that the α ’s cannot all be zero

Error Correction Representation

Definition

A multivariate time series \mathbf{r}_t has an **error correction representation** if

$$\Delta \mathbf{r}_t = \Phi_0 + \underbrace{\Pi \mathbf{r}_{t-1}}_{\text{error correction}} + \Phi_1 \Delta \mathbf{r}_{t-1} + \dots + \Phi_p \Delta \mathbf{r}_{t-p} + \varepsilon_t, \varepsilon_t \sim \text{WN}(0, \Sigma)$$

where Φ_0 is $N \times 1$ and Φ_1, \dots, Φ_p are $N \times N$.

The covariance matrix Σ is required to be positive definite.

- each row of Π is a co-integrating vector
- these rows are not linearly independent (if there is one co-integrating relation, then the rank of Π is one)
- if you leave out the error correction and these variables are co-integrated, the VAR in first differences is mis-specified

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where Φ_0 is a N -dimensional vector, Φ_1, \dots, Φ_p are $N \times N$ matrices.

The variance covariance matrix is required to be positive definite.

- if $\text{rank}(\Pi) = 0$, then $\Delta \mathbf{r}_t$ follows a VAR(p)
- if $\text{rank}(\Pi) = N$, then \mathbf{r}_t contains no unit roots
- if $\text{rank}(\Pi) = b < N$, then \mathbf{r}_t has b cointegrating relations

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The $N \times N$ matrix Π can be decomposed as

$$\Pi = \alpha \beta'$$

where α is a $N \times b$ matrix of **speed of adjustment** parameters and β' is a $b \times N$ matrix containing the cointegrating vectors.

- If there is cointegration, then Π contains fewer than N^2 free parameters. It is a restricted matrix.
- Cointegration models impose these restrictions.

From VAR(2) to VECM

- suppose \mathbf{r}_t follows a VAR(2) as

$$\mathbf{r}_t = \Phi_0^* + \Phi_1^* \mathbf{r}_{t-1} + \Phi_2^* \mathbf{r}_{t-2} + \varepsilon_t \quad \varepsilon_t \sim \text{WN}(0, \Sigma)$$

- subtract \mathbf{r}_{t-1} from both sides

$$\mathbf{r}_t - \mathbf{r}_{t-1} = \Phi_0^* + (\Phi_1^* - I_N) \mathbf{r}_{t-1} + \Phi_2^* \mathbf{r}_{t-2} + \varepsilon_t$$

- Let $\Delta \mathbf{r}_t = \mathbf{r}_t - \mathbf{r}_{t-1}$. Add/subtract $\Phi_2^* \mathbf{r}_{t-1}$ on the right

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta \mathbf{r}_t &= \Phi_0^* + (\Phi_2^* + \Phi_1^* - I_N) \mathbf{r}_{t-1} - \Phi_2^* \mathbf{r}_{t-1} + \Phi_2^* \mathbf{r}_{t-2} + \varepsilon_t \\ &= \Phi_0 + \Pi \mathbf{r}_{t-1} + \Phi_1 \Delta \mathbf{r}_{t-1} + \varepsilon_t \end{aligned}$$

where the relationship between the parameters is

$$\begin{aligned} \Phi_0 &= \Phi_0^* \\ \Pi &= \Phi_2^* + \Phi_1^* - I_N \\ \Phi_1 &= -\Phi_2^* \end{aligned}$$

Error Correction Representation

- Engle and Granger propose a four-step procedure
 - 1 determine the order of integration
 - 2 estimate the long-run relationship
 - 3 estimate the error-correction model
 - 4 assess model adequacy
- For details, see Hamilton (1994).

Order of Integration

- step 1: determine the order of integration (e.g. by running a battery of Dickey-Fuller tests)

Long-Run relation

- step 2: estimate the long-run relationship

$$y_t = \beta_0 + \beta_1 z_t + \varepsilon_t$$

- ▶ if these variables are co-integrated, OLS is super-consistent (faster convergence); to determine if they actually are co-integrated, check the residuals
- do not use t-tests on slope coefficients (remember, badly scaled)

Check the Residuals

- take the estimated residuals from the regression of y_t on z_t and then run the following regression:

$$\Delta \hat{\varepsilon}_t = a_1 \hat{\varepsilon}_{t-1} + v_t$$

- Null hypothesis of no cointegration: $H_0 : a_1 = 0$
- if we fail to reject the null that $a_1 = 0$, then we cannot reject the null of no co-integration (then the residuals contain a unit root)
- rejection of the null implies that the estimated residual series is stationary. The series appear cointegrated.

Estimation

- step 3: estimate the error-correction model: if the variables are integrated, then we can use the residuals to estimate the error-correction model

$$\Delta y_t = \phi_{01} + \alpha_y (y_{t-1} - \hat{\beta} z_{t-1}) + \phi_{11} \Delta y_{t-1} + \phi_{12} \Delta z_{t-1} + \varepsilon_{yt}$$

$$\Delta z_t = \phi_{02} + \alpha_z (y_{t-1} - \hat{\beta} z_{t-1}) + \phi_{21} \Delta y_{t-1} + \phi_{22} \Delta z_{t-1} + \varepsilon_{zt}$$

- ▶ we can use the estimated residual as a right hand side variable

$$\Delta y_t = \phi_{01} + \alpha_y \hat{\varepsilon}_{t-1} + \phi_{11} \Delta y_{t-1} + \phi_{12} \Delta z_{t-1} + \varepsilon_{yt}$$

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Assess Model Adequacy

- step 4: assess model adequacy by checking whether the residuals are white noise

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