

# **Modeling and forecasting volatility of stock index financial series and volatility spillover effect in Eviews: GARCH families approach**

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## **Abstract**

As the covid-19 pandemic spreads around the globe, the stock market is shrouded in fear of this new black swan, generating disproportionate economic impact in the APAC regions. Utilizing GARCH(1,1), EGARCH, GJR-GARCH, and diagonal BEKK-GARCH methods, we study the disproportionate effect on these financial markets caused by the COVID-19 pandemic and examine volatility characteristics, forecast, and spillover effects for China and its top five trading partners. This study first measures distinct features like risk persistence and leverage effects through GARCH(1,1), EGARCH, and GJR-GARCH. The US and Japan stock market's leverage effect dropped in the period of covid. China, South Korea, Hong Kong, and Taiwan's leverage increased with covid. Then the study conducts an in-sample forecast of existing date's volatility in 2022 utilizing data from 2015-2021 and decides upon the best model for the stock market of each country or region. Finally, the study conducts a volatility spillover analysis by diagonal BEKK-GARCH between China and the rest of the countries and areas, comparing the extent of covariance and correlation. Results show that China's stock market is most correlated with the Hong Kong stock market, followed by Japan, Korea, and Taiwan, which exhibit similar extent, while least correlated with the US stock market. Understanding the volatility of stock markets in different countries and regions during this time of uncertainty may shed light on the possible economic impact of such infectious disease outbreaks and have significance in cooperation of policy implementation and trading strategies.

## **1. Introduction**

At the beginning of 2020, the outbreak of COVID-19 cast a shadow on the world economy as a whole. It has become one of the inseparable economic backgrounds and tremendously destructed the global economy. In December 2019, the first case of COVID-19 was reported in Wuhan, China. Within the first fifty days of the epidemic, more than eighteen hundred lives were lost, and over seventy thousand individuals were infected [1]. Due to the virus's highly transmissible and pathogenic characteristics, to the day this essay is written, COVID-19 has resulted in the loss of 6.48 million lives, with 603.1 Million infections in 192 countries and regions [2]. Upon entering the third year since the pandemic outbreak, the world has seen sorrows and tragedies and witnessed human intelligence and resilience. Keeping that in mind, we incorporate the covid-19 element into the volatility study, hoping that this research would somehow pay tribute to the hardship of time and can provide some rethinking in the future.

The APEC is one of the most vibrant economic cooperatives today, playing an essential role in its economic development. It is a regional economic forum established in 1989 to leverage the Asia-Pacific's growing interdependence, promoting free trade and investment, economic growth and development, and cooperation in the Asia-Pacific region. There are in total 21 member economies in APEC: Australia; Brunei Darussalam; Canada; Chile; People's Republic of China; Hong Kong, China; Indonesia; Japan; Republic of Korea; Malaysia; Mexico; New Zealand; Papua New Guinea; Peru; The Philippines; The Russian Federation; Singapore; Chinese Taipei; Thailand; United States of America; Viet Nam. China joined APEC in 1991, the nation's first to join a regional economic cooperation organization. According to the CCPIT, China's trade volume in 2020 with APEC economies reached \$2.87 trillion, accounting for 62 percent of its total foreign trade. Considering China's substantial economic capital, advanced technology, and excellent traffic network in terms of trade, the study is interested in whether the trading partners can also have this cooperation shown in the correlation and covariance in the stock index and if the volatility characteristics changes before and during the covid pandemic. A comparative study of modeling and forecasting volatility of stock index financial series and volatility spillover effect will contribute to judging their volatility level and potential policy recommendations. Therefore, we use the GARCH families approach to evaluate the volatilities' characteristics, forecast and relationship of the stock indexes from China and its top five trading partners within APEC for 2015-2022.

The contributions of this study are as follows. First, this paper estimates the modeling, forecasting, and volatility spillover effect within one research. It incorporates six countries and regions, whereas a large number of current research only studies one stock index's characteristics or two stock market's interactions and connections. Therefore, the study can provide contrasting information and a more comprehensive picture. It supplements the research on modeling stock index in the APEC area and opens up directions for future research. Second, through the detailed analysis of before and during the covid sample, we can clearly understand the change during this time of turbulence, open up room for discussion, and formulate targeted improvement measures for specific countries or regions with the conclusions of this research. Third, this paper uses various GARCH models and both EGARCH and GJR-GARCH to conclude on volatility concisely and accurately to avoid the model error. In the forecasting section, the study employs dynamic and static models to improve conclusiveness, and whether symmetric and asymmetric, easy and hard models are all incorporated into the same context for finding the optimal forecasting models.

The remainder of this paper is organized as follows. Section 2 reviews the relevant literature. Section 3 introduces the methodologies, variables, and data. Section 4 analyzes the empirical results, and finally, Section 5 presents the conclusion.

## 2. Literature review

## **2.1. Pandemic and economic cost**

Before COVID-19, there were other worldwide pandemics like Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS) and Ebola, also generating tremendous economic costs in different societies and studied by various scholars. Hai et al. (2004) discover that SARS significantly negatively impacts the Chinese economy, with the tourism industry suffering the most [3]. Siu and Wong (2004) observe that SARS has struck Hong Kong's economy by affecting its demand [4]. Chou et al. (2004) apply a multiregional computable general equilibrium model. The simulation result predicts that in the short term, Taiwan, Hong Kong, and mainland China will all experience a GDP loss due to the negative impact of SARS [5]. Similarly, for the outbreak of the Ebola virus, Huber et al. (2018) examine the overall economic and social burden caused by the 2014 Ebola virus [6], while Adegun (2014) discovers the GDPs of West African countries will be affected by the Ebola virus [7]. During this COVID-19 pandemic, Rizvi et al. (2020) discover a significant decrease in valuation among all sectors in the EU markets [8]. The findings of Yarovaya et al. (2020) indicate a reduction in capital adequacy and higher possibilities of defaults across 10 EU member states [9]. Susilawati et al. (2020) find out that the COVID-19 pandemic has impacted different economic sectors of Indonesia, especially the household sector [10]. The epidemic can also cause a loss of human capital, which blocks economic progress in the long run. Barro and Sala-i-Martin (1995) point out that human capital is crucial for the long-term growth of an economy [11], and Bloom et al. (2001) claim that human capital loss does affect economic growth negatively [12].

## **2.2. Pandemic and financial markets**

In addition to economic impact, global pandemics have also influenced financial markets worldwide. Chen et al. (2007) used an event study approach and found that during SARS, the Taiwanese hotel industry experienced a sharp decline in stock price [13]. Wang et al. (2013) found that infectious diseases will lead investors to adjust their portfolios accordingly [14]. The research of Chen et al. (2018) indicates that SARS has impacted the long-term relationship between China and four other Asian stock markets [15]. Del Giudice & Paltrinieri (2017) observe that Ebola and the Arab Spring severely impacted African mutual funds market by decreasing the fund flows [16]. Wang et al. (2013) found that infectious diseases will lead investors to adjust their portfolios accordingly [17]. Research focusing on the current COVID-19 shows it has impacted stock markets more forcefully than previous epidemics (Baker et al., 2020; Umar, Rizvi, et al., 2021; Zhang et al., 2020) [18].

Volatility indicates the risk in the financial market and thus is of great interest to stock market participants. Since pandemics are often unpredictable and cause huge impacts, researchers have tried to establish the relationship between pandemics and market volatility to predict better and manage investment risks. Baig et al. (2021) prove that pandemics significantly increase permanent volatility in the US, China, the UK, and Japan [19]. Baker et al. (2020) find that the primary cause of the increased volatility is the government's restrictions on commercial activities during pandemics

[20], and Onali (2020) points out that the increase in identified cases contributes to the increased volatility [21].

Researchers have also focused on the transmission of pandemics' impact on financial markets from one region to another. Umar et al. (2021) studied the connection between emerging markets and US bonds. They found that the US bond is more resilient to the pandemic changes caused by the pandemic than developing countries [22]. Zhang et al. (2021) investigate COVID-19's impact on the volatility of stock markets in five technologically advanced countries and conclude that during the pandemic. The returns volatility from advanced countries has no significant effect on China's stock market, while China's volatility significantly impacts the other countries except the US [23]. Some researchers focus more specifically on Asian markets. Estrada (2020) discovers that pandemics can quickly affect major Asian markets like Japan, South Korea, Hong Kong, and Taiwan [24]. Rahman (2021) studies the resilience of some Asia Pacific markets against COVID-19 and points out that the pandemic-related events have asymmetric impacts on Asian Pacific markets [25].

### **2.3. Volatility Spillover Effects**

Volatility spillover is the phenomenon of instability transferring from one market to another. It is widely observed and thus has always been a focus of scholars. When studying the volatility of a stock market, the volatility spillover effect captures the impact of the market's own early performances. It incorporates the influence of the volatility of other financial products and markets. Liu and Pan (1997) investigate the mean return and volatility spillover effects from the US and Japan to other Pacific-Basin stock markets and notice that the US market is more influential than the Japanese market between 1984-1991 [26]. Likewise, Ng (2000) discovers significant volatility spillover effects from Japan and the US to the Pacific-Basin stock markets [27]. Bala and Takimoto (2017) use the multivariate-GARCH model to study the volatility spillover effects of stock return in both emerging and developing markets and find out that the correlation between developing markets is higher than the correlation between developed markets [28]. Baele (2009) studies the spillover effect from the US and the aggregate EU markets to 13 individual European equity markets. The result suggests that higher trade integration leads to higher spillover intensity [29]. Similarly, Christiansen (2007) studies the spillover effect of the bond markets of the US and aggregate EU to other European bond markets and concludes that spillover effects from the US are weaker than those from the European EMU countries [30]. Lee (2009) focuses on Asian markets and points out significant spillover effects exist between six Asian stock markets - Hong Kong, Taiwan, Japan, South Korea, Singapore, and India [31]. Barbgalia et al. (2020) find the spillover effect between different commodities like agricultural products and energy [32]. Literature shows that spillover effects commonly exist between regions and sectors.

### **2.3. Data Analysis Methods**

The data analysis methods included in this study are ARCH, GARCH(1,1), EGARCH, GJR-GARCH, BEKK-GARCH. To conclude certain characteristics of the volatility of the time series, the study used GARCH(1,1), EGARCH, GJR-GARCH by observing the behavior of ARCH term, GARCH term and respective term. The ARCH, GARCH(1,1), EGARCH, GJR-GARCH are used in the forecasting process and compare varies models' effectiveness. BEKK-GARCH is introduced to analyze volatility spillover effect.

#### 2.4.1. ARCH

ARCH stands for Autoregressive Conditional Heteroskedasticity. It was introduced by R. Engle in a 1982 paper entitled “Autoregressive Conditional Heteroskedasticity” with estimates of the variance of United Kingdom Inflation [33]. ARCH refers to the series with time-varying volatility conditional to previous lags autocorrelation. One of the most important aspects of ARCH is homoscedasticity, which means the variance of the residual is constant. Yet, economic time series oftentimes face periods of higher volatility which doesn't comply with the homoscedasticity assumption. Volatility models are performed over stationary time series like return, but with a non-constant variance. Therefore, estimating not only the return but also the variance of the assets holds great significance.

Main equation and variance equation of ARCH is as follows

$$y_t = \theta_0 + \theta_1 y_{t-1} + \dots + \theta_n y_{t-n} + \epsilon_t$$

$$\text{Where } \sigma^2 = \alpha_0 + \alpha_1 \epsilon_{t-1}^2 + \dots + \alpha_n \epsilon_{t-n}^2$$

$$\text{Satisfy } \alpha_0 > 0 \text{ and } \alpha_i > 0, 0 \leq \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i \leq 1, \alpha_1 > \alpha_2 > \dots > \alpha_n > 0$$

#### 2.4.2. GARCH families

The ARCH model was later expanded to GARCH in 1986 by Tim Bollesley, which stands for Generalized Auto Regressive Conditional Heteroskedasticity, used for estimation when variance is serially correlated [34]. The “Generalized autoregressive” indicates that heteroscedasticity over different time periods may autocorrelate. The “Conditional” means that variance is based on past errors. Heteroscedasticity implies the series displays unequal variance, which is already modeled by ARCH. GARCH differs from ARCH in that it conveys that the series has a time-varying variance that depends on lagged effects or autocorrelation. The GARCH models holds significance in modeling the volatility of the variance, which reflects risk embedded in error terms of shocks or news. With variance being a crucial volatility measurement in asset pricing theories, GARCH models have become important as most financial time series like stock prices, exchange rates, and oil prices exhibit random walks that are nonstationary.

The family of GARCH models grew rapidly in response to the need for forecasting in different financial markets scenarios. After Engle and Bollerslev developed the IGARCH (Integrated GARCH) model in 1986 [35], Nelson proposed the EGARCH (Exponential GARCH) model in the year of 1991 [36]. The GJR-GARCH model came out as a collaborated work of Zakoian, 1994 [37], and Glosten et al, 1993 [38], though published separately from one another. The

TGARCH (Threshold GARCH) model and the QGARCH (Quadratic GARCH) model were introduced independently by Zakoian in the year of 1994 [39] and by Sentana in the year of 1995 [40]. The BEKK GARCH model was first introduced by Baba, et. al in 1990, named with the acronym Baba–Engle–Kraft–Kroner [41]. It was then expanded into a multivariate GARCH model by Engle and Krone in 1995, and named the VAR-BEKK-GARCH model [42].

### 2.4.3. General Introduction of Various Tests

This study covers the main types of tests: stationarity test/ADF test, Correlogram/Ljung-Box test, Correlogram test, and ARCH LM test.

#### 2.4.3.1 stationarity test/ADF test

The augmented Dickey-Fuller test addresses whether the time series of interest has a unit root, widely employed in testing the stationarity of a time series. Stationarity is the process where unconditional joint probability distribution does not change over time; thus, parameters like mean and variance remain constant over time [43]. The unit root is what makes the time series unstationary. Checking the stationary is crucial for GARCH implementation, as the ADF test has to pass at first unstationary in close price, then check for stationary in stock return.

The stationarity test/ADF test is based on the statistic:

$$y_t = c + \beta t + \alpha y_{t-1} + \phi \Delta Y_{t-1} + e_t$$

The null hypothesis for this test is that it contains a unit root and is unstationary. The alternate hypothesis is that it is stationary and doesn't contain a unit root.

#### 2.4.3.2 Correlogram/ Ljung-Box test

Correlogram, also called Auto Correlation Function Plot, shows financial series data's serial correlation. Ljung-Box test is a diagnostic tool for testing lack of fit, proposed by Ljung and Box in 1978 Biometrika [44]. It ensures the residuals do not suffer from autocorrelation and only works when the number of lags is more than  $p+q+1$ . An autoregressive process is where the dependent variable is dependent solely on its previous values. An example of an AR(1) process would be as follows.

$$y_t = \mu + \varphi y_{t-1} + u_t \text{ where } u_t \sim N(0, \sigma^2)$$

An example of an AR(2) process would be as follows.

$$y_t = \mu + \varphi_1 y_{t-1} + \varphi_2 y_{t-2} + u_t \text{ where } u_t \sim N(0, \sigma^2)$$

The Ljung-Box test is based on the statistic [45].

$$Q(m) = n(n + 2) \sum_{j=1}^m \frac{r_j^2}{n-j}$$

The null hypothesis of the Ljung-Box test is that the data are not serially correlated, and the autocorrelations of the given sample are all zero. The alternative hypothesis is that the data are serially correlated. Therefore, if the p-value is below 0.05, the study cannot reject the null hypothesis, and the data are not serially correlated, successfully passing the Ljung-Box test for serial correlation. With the autocorrelations being very small, we don't have to worry much about ARCH correlation. The Ljung-Box test concludes that the model does not exhibit a significant lack of fit [46].

#### 2.4.3.3 ARCH-LM test

Engle's (1982) ARCH-LM test is the standard approach to detect financial time series data's ARCH (autoregressive conditional heteroscedasticity) [47]. It is computed from regressing the squared residuals on a constant and p lags of the residuals, where p in this study is selected according to which the lag which minimizes an Schwarz information criterion, which is 1. If the test fails to find any ARCH effect present in the residuals, modeling the variable using an ARCH or GARCH model is not needed.

The formula of the regression equation upon which ARCH-LM test is based on is:

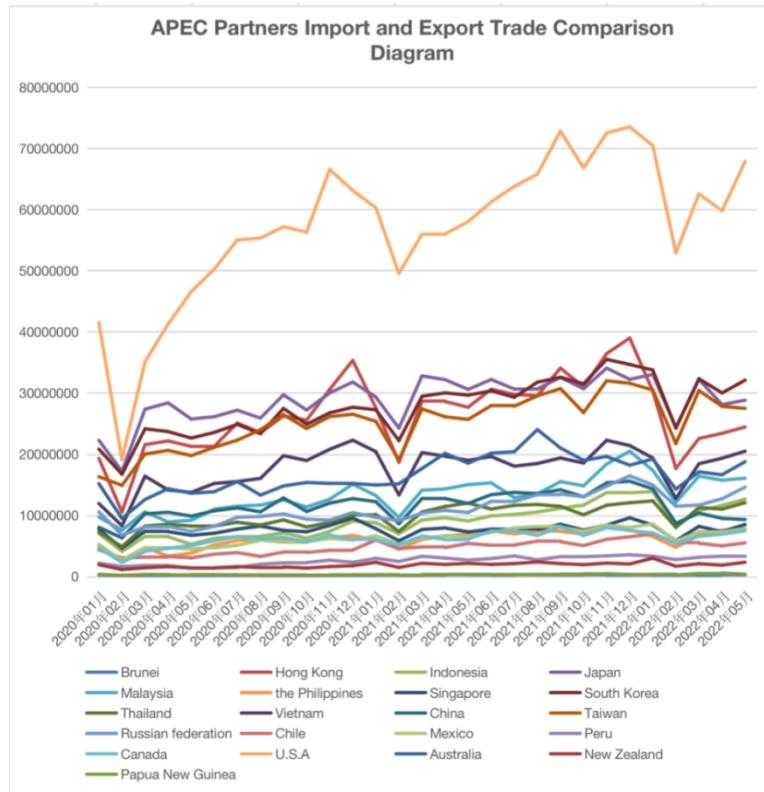
$$e_t^2 = \hat{\delta}_0 + \sum_{s=1}^q \hat{\delta}_s e_{t-s}^2 + v_t$$

The null hypothesis is that there is no ARCH effect in the residuals up to the specified lag p. The alternative hypothesis is that there are ARCH effects present in the residuals up to the specified lag. Therefore, if the p-value is above 0.05, the study reject the null hypothesis and confirm the existence of ARCH effects.

### 3. Methodologies, variables, and data

#### 3.1. Data

The study obtains monthly trade data from The Development Research Center of the State Council and draws the below APEC region's import and export trade comparison diagram. The time period we draw starts from 2020, the year when COVID-19 broke out. From Figure 1, we vaguely observe that the USA, Japan, South Korea, Hong Kong, and Taiwan stand out from other countries and regions in terms of trading import and export. Table 1 entails various countries and regions' trading export and import with China during the covid with data retrieved from the General Administration of Customs of the People's Republic of China, followed by Fig 2, which is a graphical representation of Table 1. We confirm the assumption that China's top trading partners are the US, Japan, South Korea, Hong Kong, and Taiwan. Choosing China and its top trading partners have implications for later research when the volatility spill-over effect is studied. We wish to explore whether these countries and regions are connected tightly in trade also correlate with stock market returns and the degree of the correlation and covariance of those returns.



**Figure 1.** Import and export trade comparison diagram for all APEC members

Source: Author's calculation based on data obtained from The Development Research Center of the State Council.

**Table 1.** Trading export and import with China volume for all APEC members during covid-19

Num	Trading Partner	2020.1-12	2021.1-12	2022.1-5	sum
502	U.S.A	586,979,636,456	755,701,280,118	313,569,996,722	1.65625E+12
116	Japan	317,282,958,519	371,335,250,379	146,541,334,958	8.3516E+11
133	South Korea	285,580,741,898	362,310,452,182	152,262,933,111	8.00154E+11
110	Hong Kong	279,558,186,869	360,302,768,174	118,136,174,314	7.57997E+11
143	Taiwan	260,615,359,263	328,240,849,313	137,646,770,883	7.26503E+11
141	Vietnam	192,290,082,708	230,224,025,872	90,336,079,794	5.1285E+11
601	Australia	171,162,255,057	229,887,953,176	86,686,939,431	4.87737E+11
122	Malaysia	131,475,736,085	176,974,690,312	77,708,566,435	3.86159E+11
142	China	125,266,279,538	156,824,525,091	52,103,204,032	3.34194E+11
344	Russian federation	108,189,145,471	147,164,638,430	65,812,978,935	3.21167E+11
136	Thailand	98,653,976,767	131,176,280,077	54,671,670,864	2.84502E+11
112	Indonesia	78,463,077,472	124,563,951,873	57,040,682,020	2.60068E+11
132	Singapore	89,244,193,188	93,926,339,533	38,254,687,134	2.21425E+11
429	Mexico	61,045,482,560	86,580,268,081	36,767,236,481	1.84393E+11
501	Canada	64,157,931,135	81,974,806,061	33,444,684,962	1.79577E+11
129	the Philippines	61,217,180,198	82,068,750,544	33,489,576,769	1.76776E+11
412	Chile	45,267,549,016	65,865,118,997	28,405,965,564	1.39539E+11
434	Peru	23,601,217,044	37,535,909,956	15,743,990,300	76881117300
609	New Zealand	18,129,149,863	24,716,470,022	10,884,005,635	53729625520
611	Papua New Guinea	3,193,716,086	4,050,588,350	2,008,290,844	9252595280

105 Brunei 1,942,218,236 2,860,864,519 1,261,557,059 6064639814

Source: Author's calculation based on data obtained from General Administration of Customs of the People's Republic of China.

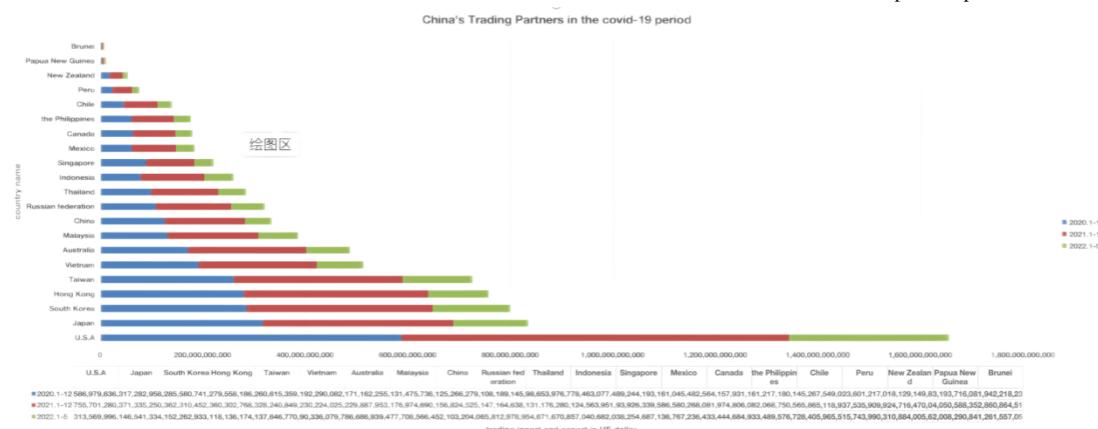


Figure 2. All APEC members' import and export trade with volume China

From the analysis above, the six countries and regions chosen as China's top trading partners in this study are the USA, Japan, South Korea, Hong Kong, and Taiwan. The study decides on one representative stock index for each country and region. The stock indexes chosen are the SSE Composite Index, S&P 500, Nikkei 225, KOSPI Composite Index, Hang Seng Index, and TSEC weighted index. Table 2 shows the stock indexes' names, locations, and currencies.

Table 2. Corresponding relationship between relevant countries/ regions and stock index

	China	USA	Japan	South Korea	Hong Kong	Taiwan
Stock Index Name	SSE Index	Composite	S&P 500	Nikkei 225	KOSPI Composite Index	Hang Seng Index
Location	Shanghai		SNP	Osaka	KSE	HKSE
Currency	CNY	USD	JPY	KRW	HKD	TWD

The study retrieves the stock information of each stock index representing their respective countries and regions from Yahoo Finance, and the period starts on 01/05/2015 and ends on 08/12/2022. Calculation of return in this study uses natural logarithmic returns transformed from the daily close price of the stock index.

$$\text{return} = \ln(S_t/S_{t-1}) = C_1 + \epsilon_t$$

This study employs the LOCF (Last Observation Carried Forward) method for missing dates, so the previous non-missing values are carried forward to replace the new missing value. The adjustments for specific missing values are listed in Appendix.

In the comparison part of the study, to divide the total sample into before covid dates and during covid dates, this study chooses the cutoff date to be 2020/2/11. In January and February of 2020, China and several neighboring Asian countries mainly received the impact of the COVID-19 virus. Since the end of February, the virus has spread to other countries in Europe and America. The World Health Organization declared the outbreak a Public Health Emergency of International Concern on January 30, 2020, and a pandemic on March 11, 2020. On February 11, 2020, at the global research and Innovation Forum jointly organized by World Health Organization (WHO) and the global infectious disease prevention and control research cooperation organization, the virus was first recognized as coronavirus disease (COVID-19). The

International Committee on Taxonomy of Viruses adopted the virus's official name, "severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2" (SARS-CoV-2), on the same day. This study will separate the total sample into two samples according to the official COVID-19 name date 2020.2.11 since it generally lies before the more extensive scale transmission to countries and regions involved in this study, serving as a significant historical point. Table 3 demonstrates the start and end dates of the three sample types employed in this study for different stock markets.

**Table 3.** Different sample start and end date

Full sample	China	USA	Japan	South Korea	Hong Kong	Taiwan
Start date	1/6/2015	1/5/2015	1/6/2015	1/5/2015	1/5/2015	1/6/2015
End date	8/12/2022	8/12/2022	8/12/2022	8/12/2022	8/12/2022	8/12/2022

Before covid sample	China	USA	Japan	South Korea	Hong Kong	Taiwan
Start date	1/6/2015	1/5/2015	1/6/2015	1/5/2015	1/5/2015	1/6/2015
End date	2/10/2020	2/10/2020	2/10/2020	2/10/2020	2/10/2020	2/10/2020

After covid sample	China	USA	Japan	South Korea	Hong Kong	Taiwan
Start date	2/11/2020	2/11/2020	2/12/2020	2/11/2020	2/11/2020	2/11/2020
End date	8/12/2022	8/12/2022	8/12/2022	8/12/2022	8/12/2022	8/12/2022

In choosing between a normal distribution and student t distribution in modeling and forecasting, this study sticks with the normal distribution hypothesis since the T-distribution function when population standard deviation is unknown. Generally, normal distribution work for better results if the population standard deviation is known and the sample size is large enough. Yet when examining the volatility spillover effect, this study employs student t distribution. Previous studies conducted by scholars like Dahiru A. Bala, and Taro Takimoto, use student t distribution since they consider the thick tail and skew characteristics that often occur in financial returns and discover better results in the volatility spillover studies [48].

### 3.2. Data descriptions

The descriptive statistics of our sample data generate from Eviews and entail information of individual countries and regions, thus featuring different numbers of observations due to differences in trade days. Table 4 presents the summary statistics of China and its five top trading partners in the total sample from 01/05/2015 to 08/12/2022, which includes approximately 1800 observations for each country or region. The US, South Korea, Taiwan, and Japan have respectively positive returns of 0.000344, 0.000210, 0.000315, and 0.000248, while in contrast, China and Hong Kong have negative returns of -0.000012 and -0.000150. The medians remain all positive in the total sample. There are more significant standard deviations in China, followed by South Korea and Hong Kong. The USA's volatility level stays in the middle, where Japan and Taiwan demonstrate low volatility compared to other countries and regions in the total sample.

Table 5 presents the summary statistics of China and its five top trading partners before the cutoff date of the COVID-19 pandemic, which includes approximately 1200 observations for each country or region. The average values of

the USA, Japan, South Korea, Hong Kong, and Taiwan stock returns are 0.000414, 0.000336, 0.000232, 0.0000741, and 0.000145, all numbers positive. Yet, China has a negative return of -0.000119, and this slightly not ideal average return probably resulted from the 2015 Chinese stock market crash. The medians remain all positive for all countries and regions in the before covid sample. Overall the standard deviation shows relatively larger values in China and Japan compared to the USA, South Korea, Hong Kong, and Taiwan compared to the full sample.

Table 6 presents the summary statistics of China and its five top trading partners after the cutoff date of the COVID-19 pandemic, which includes approximately 600 observations for each country or region. The average values of stock returns of China, the USA, Japan, South Korea, and Taiwan are 0.000205, 0.0002, 0.00027, 0.000166, and 0.000457, all numbers positive. Yet, Hong Kong has a negative return of -0.000606 in the during-covid sample. The medians remain positive for all countries and regions in the during-covid sample. All the other countries and areas studied besides China feature more standard deviation. Its reality implication is that covid-19 pandemic generally increases uncertainty and thus causes more significant variation.

**Table 4.** Descriptive analysis of full sample

Full sample	China	USA	Japan	South Korea	Hong Kong	Taiwan
Mean	-1.20E-05	0.000344	0.000210	0.000315	-0.000150	0.000248
Median	0.000689	0.000633	0.000610	0.000569	0.000475	0.000598
Maximum	0.056036	0.089683	0.082513	0.077314	0.086928	0.061726
Minimum	-0.088732	-0.127652	-0.087670	-0.082529	-0.060183	-0.065206
Std. Dev	0.013964	0.011757	0.010295	0.012788	0.012595	0.009698
Skewness	-1.279197	-1.075467	-0.303115	-0.089972	-0.115104	-0.575513
Kurtosis	10.36884	20.59697	11.99563	8.065915	6.450021	8.338162
Jarque-Bera	4614.344	23453.13	6056.018	1891.859	896.6729	2234.077
Sum	-0.022221	0.615246	0.376224	0.555956	-0.269826	0.446553
Sum Sq. Dev.	0.360564	0.247427	0.189402	0.288804	0.285393	0.169008
Observations	1850	1791	1788	1767	1800	1798

**Table 5.** Descriptive analysis of before covid sample

Full sample	China	USA	Japan	South Korea	Hong Kong	Taiwan
Mean	-0.000119	0.000414	0.000336	0.000232	7.41E-05	0.000145
Median	0.000697	0.000553	0.000576	0.000456	0.000612	0.000554
Maximum	0.056036	0.048403	0.074262	0.034728	0.041251	0.035175
Minimum	-0.088732	-0.041843	-0.082529	-0.045411	-0.060183	-0.065206
Std. Dev	0.015200	0.008504	0.012094	0.007825	0.011032	0.008273
Skewness	-1.275818	-0.546765	-0.213822	-0.473648	-0.343761	-0.893162
Kurtosis	10.17024	6.959767	9.258346	5.365257	5.281863	9.324659
Jarque-Bera	2987.872	843.0750	1944.535	323.2380	285.6358	2163.213
Sum	-0.147690	0.496787	0.398852	0.277683	0.089470	0.174270
Sum Sq. Dev.	0.285791	0.086646	0.173311	0.073118	0.146778	0.082190
Observations	1238	1199	1186	1195	1207	1202

**Table 6.** Descriptive analysis of during covid sample

Full sample	China	USA	Japan	South Korea	Hong Kong	Taiwan
Mean	0.000205	0.000200	0.000270	0.000166	-0.000606	0.000457
Median	0.000656	0.000940	0.000558	0.001108	0.000218	0.000794
Maximum	0.055542	0.089683	0.077314	0.082513	0.086928	0.061726
Minimum	-0.052680	-0.127652	-0.062736	-0.087670	-0.058867	-0.060055
Std. Dev	0.011059	0.016493	0.014111	0.014015	0.015292	0.012077
Skewness	-0.426903	-1.009416	0.073594	-0.189989	0.110416	-0.348368
Kurtosis	6.089749	15.09565	6.373392	9.500663	6.136074	6.338138
Jarque-Bera	262.0261	3709.382	276.0098	1047.707	244.2104	288.7771
Sum	0.125469	0.118459	0.157104	0.098541	-0.359296	0.272284
Sum Sq. Dev.	0.074731	0.160763	0.115491	0.116283	0.138432	0.086779
Observations	612	592	581	593	593	596

### 3.2.1. Skewness

Skewness is a feature of the degree of asymmetry in statistical data distribution. The number represents the asymmetry level of the probability distribution density curve concerning the average value. Intuitively, it is the relative length of the tail of the density function curve.

The normal distribution skewness is 0, and the tail lengths on both sides are symmetrical. Skewness  $< 0$  means that the distribution has a negative deviation, also known as left skewness, where the data on the left of the mean is less than that on the right. Skewness  $> 0$  means that the distribution has a positive deviation, also known as right skewness, where data on the right of the mean is less than that on the left.

In finance, negative skewness indicates that investors should expect more frequent small returns and significant losses and vice versa. According to the summary statistics, the skewness of the six regions are all negative in the full sample and the sample before pandemic. Only Japan and Hong Kong data are positively skewed in the during pandemic sample, indicating that these two stock markets have performed relatively better during the pandemic.

### 3.2.2. Kurtosis

Kurtosis, similar to skewness, is a statistic describing the steepness and calmness of the distribution compared with the normal distribution. A kurtosis of 0 indicates that the overall data distribution has the same steepness as the normal distribution. A kurtosis  $> 0$  suggests that the overall data distribution is steep and sharp compared with the normal distribution. The kurtosis  $< 0$  indicates that the general data distribution is flat compared with the normal distribution. The greater the absolute value of kurtosis, the greater the difference between its steepness and the normal distribution version.

In finance, kurtosis suggests the risk of investments, for higher kurtosis means a higher possibility of extremely high or low returns. In the three tables above, the kurtosis of the six markets are all positive and significant. The US stock market has the highest kurtosis of 15.1 during the pandemic, indicating high financial risk.

### 3.2.3. Jarque-Bera test

In statistics, the Jarque-Bera test checks whether the skewness and kurtosis of a sample data conform to the normal distribution, and a result much greater than zero indicates the data do not have a normal distribution.

For our sample data, we test if the statistic JB is large enough, and the result shows the Jarque-Bera test is significantly greater than zero, indicating the sample data of all countries and regions does not have a normal distribution. Yet as known before, if the population standard deviation is known and the sample size is large enough, the normal distribution should be used for better results. For consistency and conciseness, we use the normal distribution as an assumption.

## 4. Empirical Analysis

### 4.1 Check for stationarity

The stationary check involves two vital steps. In the 4.1.1 sections, we check the ADF test for nonstationarity in variables, namely the stock price. In the 4.1.2 sections, we check the ADF test for nonstationarity in difference, namely stock returns. This is a necessary step before applying GARCH as the stock price should be tested unstationary, and the stock returns should be tested stationary for the latter analysis to unfold.

Stationary or nonstationary check employs the Augmented Dickey-Fuller test, also known as the unit root test. Failure to carry out the unit root test could lead to conducting regressions with nonstationary variables, which result in spurious regressions where the R-squared is abnormally high. The original Dickey-Fuller test conducts the following regression

$$\Delta y_t = \Psi y_{t-1} + u_t \text{ where } u_t \sim N(0, \sigma^2)$$

As there exist issues of the dependent variable being auto-correlated with its previous values, so we regress the dependent variable on some more of its previous values. The format of the test is as follows:

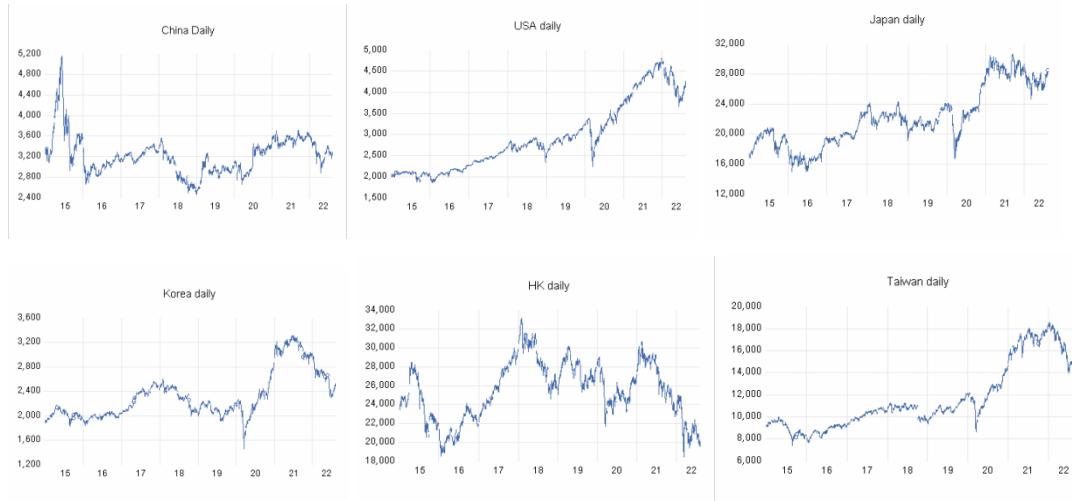
$$\Delta y_t = \Psi y_{t-1} + \sum_{i=1}^p a_i \Delta y_{t-i} + u_t$$

H0:  $\Psi=0$  (The series contains a unit root and is unstationary)

HA:  $\Psi<0$  (The series doesn't contain unit root and is stationary).

#### 4.1.1 Graph analysis of stock price and ADF test for nonstationarity in variable

First, figure 3 demonstrates the graphical representation of stock indexes' close prices generated by Eviews, which is our interest variable in the first stationarity check. Carrying out the stationary check examines the existence of the unit root and whether the time series is stationary. In the first check, this study expects to contain a unit root and is unstationary. Only then is the condition met, and later analysis can be carried out.



**Figure 3.** Stock close price graphical representation

The Augmented Dickey-Fuller test is carried out to check nonstationarity in the variable, and figure 4 present the test result for the full sample. Table 7 is a summary table of the ADF results in figure 4, highlighting the t-statistics and probabilities.

Augmented Dickey-Fuller Unit Root Test on CHINA_DAILY						
Null Hypothesis: CHINA_DAILY has a unit root						
Exogenous: Constant, Linear Trend						
Lag Length: 1 (Automatic - based on SIC, maxlag=24)						
Variable	Coefficient	Std. Error	t-Statistic	Prob.	t-Statistic	Prob.*
Augmented Dickey-Fuller test statistic	-2.908493	0.1599				
Test critical values:	1% level	-3.963013				
	5% level	-3.412241				
	10% level	-3.128049				
*MacKinnon (1996) one-sided p-values.						
Augmented Dickey-Fuller Test Equation						
Dependent Variable: D(CHINA_DAILY)						
Method: Least Squares						
Date: 09/19/22 Time: 17:13						
Sample (adjusted): 10/7/2015 8/1/2022						
Included observations: 1849 after adjustments						
Variable	Coefficient	Std. Error	t-Statistic	Prob.	t-Statistic	Prob.*
CHINA_DAILY(-1)	-0.008622	0.002930	-2.908493	0.0037		
D(CHINA_DAILY)(-1)	0.071410	0.023222	3.075136	0.0021		
C	27.53984	9.828000	2.802159	0.0051		
@TREND*(1/05/2015)	-0.000136	0.002065	-0.065602	0.9476		
R-squared	0.009665	Mean dependent var		-0.040322		
Adjusted R-squared	0.007454	S.D. dependent var	47.44451			
S.E. of regression	47.26735	Akaike info criterion	10.65616			
Sum squared resid	412210.4	Schwarz criterion	10.65636			
Log likelihood	-9751.026	Hannan-Quinn criter.	10.56608			
F-statistic	5.626071	Durbin-Watson stat	1.990834			
Prob(F-statistic)	0.000775					
Augmented Dickey-Fuller Unit Root Test on KOREA_DAILY						
Null Hypothesis: KOREA_DAILY has a unit root						
Exogenous: Constant, Linear Trend						
Lag Length: 0 (Automatic - based on SIC, maxlag=24)						
Variable	Coefficient	Std. Error	t-Statistic	Prob.	t-Statistic	Prob.*
Augmented Dickey-Fuller test statistic	-1.678937	0.7604				
Test critical values:	1% level	-3.963368				
	5% level	-3.412415				
	10% level	-3.128152				
*MacKinnon (1996) one-sided p-values.						
Augmented Dickey-Fuller Test Equation						
Dependent Variable: D(KOREA_DAILY)						
Method: Least Squares						
Date: 08/19/22 Time: 16.07						
Sample (adjusted): 10/6/2015 8/1/2022						
Included observations: 1726 after adjustments						
Variable	Coefficient	Std. Error	t-Statistic	Prob.	t-Statistic	Prob.*
KOREA_DAILY(-1)	-0.003380	0.002013	-1.678937	0.0933		
C	6.959033	3.949236	1.762121	0.0782		
@TREND*(1/05/2015)	0.001435	0.001447	0.992027	0.3213		
R-squared	0.001652	Mean dependent var		0.437856		
Adjusted R-squared	0.000493	S.D. dependent var	23.889404			
S.E. of regression	23.889815	Akaike info criterion	9.186379			
Sum squared resid	989219.2	Schwarz criterion	9.195885			
Log likelihood	-7924.845	Hannan-Quinn criter.	9.189885			
F-statistic	1.426508	Durbin-Watson stat	2.001655			
Prob(F-statistic)	0.240710					
Augmented Dickey-Fuller Unit Root Test on USA_DAILY						
Null Hypothesis: USA_DAILY has a unit root						
Exogenous: Constant, Linear Trend						
Lag Length: 13 (Automatic - based on SIC, maxlag=24)						
Variable	Coefficient	Std. Error	t-Statistic	Prob.	t-Statistic	Prob.*
Augmented Dickey-Fuller test statistic	-0.784976	0.9654				
Test critical values:	1% level	-3.987687				
	5% level	-3.414516				
	10% level	-3.129398				
*MacKinnon (1996) one-sided p-values.						
Augmented Dickey-Fuller Test Equation						
Dependent Variable: D(USA_DAILY)						
Method: Least Squares						
Date: 08/19/22 Time: 15.66						
Sample (adjusted): 20/02/2015 8/1/2022						
Included observations: 957 after adjustments						
Variable	Coefficient	Std. Error	t-Statistic	Prob.	t-Statistic	Prob.*
USA_DAILY(-1)	-0.000567	0.004161	-0.784976	0.4927		
D(USA_DAILY)(-1)	-0.077129	0.022724	-3.382605	0.0168		
D(USA_DAILY)(-2)	-0.055119	0.021154	-1.876574	0.0961		
D(USA_DAILY)(-3)	-0.043289	0.023262	-1.337268	0.1813		
D(USA_DAILY)(-4)	-0.004011	0.032567	-0.127373	0.9898		
D(USA_DAILY)(-5)	0.065640	0.031495	1.790733	0.0737		
D(USA_DAILY)(-6)	-0.092107	0.031449	-2.928744	0.0035		
D(USA_DAILY)(-7)	0.098918	0.031449	2.983205	0.0029		
D(USA_DAILY)(-8)	-0.100000	0.031449	-3.082605	0.0010		
D(USA_DAILY)(-9)	0.001669	0.031769	3.145891	0.0017		
D(USA_DAILY)(-10)	0.016862	0.031611	0.524569	0.6000		
D(USA_DAILY)(-11)	-0.010178	0.032026	-0.345924	0.7295		
D(USA_DAILY)(-12)	-0.001399	0.032163	-0.040234	0.9986		
D(USA_DAILY)(-13)	-0.099127	0.032054	-2.780502	0.0005		
C	3.107135	7.138197	0.435286	0.6835		
@TREND*(1/05/2015)	0.009648	0.008220	0.561570	0.1212		
R-squared	0.012018	Mean dependent var		0.230926		
Adjusted R-squared	0.010157	S.D. dependent var	36.67655			
S.E. of regression	34.67427	Akaike info criterion	9.948640			
Sum squared resid	113169.8	Schwarz criterion	10.02777			
Log likelihood	-4743.377	Hannan-Quinn criter.	9.977423			
F-statistic	8.569267	Durbin-Watson stat	2.036010			
Prob(F-statistic)	0.000000					
Augmented Dickey-Fuller Unit Root Test on KOREA_DAILY						
Null Hypothesis: HK_DAILY has a unit root						
Exogenous: Constant, Linear Trend						
Lag Length: 0 (Automatic - based on SIC, maxlag=24)						
Variable	Coefficient	Std. Error	t-Statistic	Prob.	t-Statistic	Prob.*
Augmented Dickey-Fuller test statistic	-1.856243	0.6771				
Test critical values:	1% level	-3.98280				
	5% level	-3.412371				
	10% level	-3.128127				
*MacKinnon (1996) one-sided p-values.						
Augmented Dickey-Fuller Test Equation						
Dependent Variable: D(HK_DAILY)						
Method: Least Squares						
Date: 08/19/22 Time: 16.09						
Sample (adjusted): 10/6/2015 8/1/2022						
Included observations: 1755 after adjustments						
Variable	Coefficient	Std. Error	t-Statistic	Prob.	t-Statistic	Prob.*
HK_DAILY(-1)	-0.004711	0.002539	-1.856243	0.0637		
C	124.5375	64.50288	1.930728	0.0537		
@TREND*(1/05/2015)	-0.005696	0.014487	-0.393211	0.6942		
R-squared	0.002233	Mean dependent var		-0.882381		
Adjusted R-squared	0.001094	S.D. dependent var	320.1399			
S.E. of regression	319.9648	Akaike info criterion	14.37601			
Sum squared resid	1.79E+08	Schwarz criterion	14.38653			
Log likelihood	-12611.95	Hannan-Quinn criter.	14.37946			
F-statistic	1.996461	Durbin-Watson stat	1.995157			
Prob(F-statistic)	0.141102					
Augmented Dickey-Fuller Unit Root Test on JAPAN_DAILY						
Null Hypothesis: JAPAN_DAILY has a unit root						
Exogenous: Constant, Linear Trend						
Lag Length: 0 (Automatic - based on SIC, maxlag=24)						
Variable	Coefficient	Std. Error	t-Statistic	Prob.	t-Statistic	Prob.*
Augmented Dickey-Fuller test statistic	-2.857471	0.1779				
Test critical values:	1% level	-3.982654				
	5% level	-3.412505				
	10% level	-3.128206				
*MacKinnon (1996) one-sided p-values.						
Augmented Dickey-Fuller Test Equation						
Dependent Variable: D(TAIWAN_DAILY)						
Method: Least Squares						
Date: 08/19/22 Time: 16.13						
Sample (adjusted): 1/06/2015 8/1/2022						
Included observations: 1756 after adjustments						
Variable	Coefficient	Std. Error	t-Statistic	Prob.	t-Statistic	Prob.*
TAIWAN_DAILY(-1)	-0.004451	0.001931	-2.304854	0.02		
C	32.16897	14.92098	2.155966	0.0039		
@TREND*(1/05/2015)	0.023671	0.0101716	2.209126	0.02		
R-squared	0.003119	Mean dependent var		-0.234945		
Adjusted R-squared	0.001982	S.D. dependent var	118.495			
S.E. of regression	118.3734	Akaike info criter.	12.3874			
Sum squared resid	24653650	Schwarz criter.	12.5969			
Log likelihood	-1087.03	Hannan-Quinn criter.	12.3902			
F-statistic	2.742382	Durbin-Watson stat	1.9316			
Prob(F-statistic)	0.064693					

**Figure 4.** Eviews ADF test for price result

**Table 7.** Eviews ADF test for price result t statistics and probabilities

Full Sample	statistic	Prob.
China	-2.908493	0.1599
USA	-0.784976	0.9654
Japan	-2.854741	0.1779
South Korea	-1.678937	0.7604
Hong Kong	-1.855243	0.6771
Taiwan	-2.304854	0.4305

As shown in the outcome, all the countries and regions studied successfully pass the ADF test for nonstationarity in the variable with probabilities greater than 0.05. Therefore the study concludes that the series contains a unit root and is unstationary.

Before moving on to ADF tests in differences, checking intercept and trend is necessary when implementing section 4.1.2. ADF test for difference requires the knowledge of the existence of intercept and trend or not, and the decision is based on the ADF result of the variable in 4.1.1. The summary table is demonstrated in table 8.

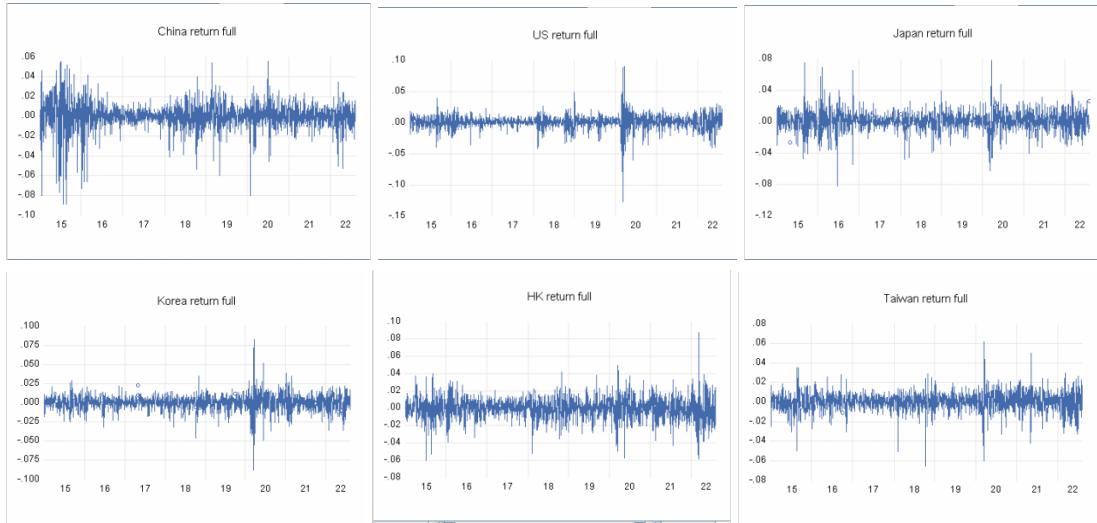
For China, Japan, and Taiwan at 5% significance levels, the intercept option in the next section studying ADF for the difference is necessary since their probabilities are less than 0.05. The constant intercept is unnecessary with probabilities greater than 0.05 for the USA, Korea, and Hong Kong, yet is necessary with probabilities smaller than 0.05 for China (really close), Japan, and Taiwan. The trend is not necessary for China, USA, South Korea, and Hong Kong since their probabilities of the trend are more significant than 0.05, signaling no apparent trend. Yet for Japan and Taiwan, their probabilities are less than 0.05. This trend can be confirmed by the close price graph going upward in figure 3 and thus need to be included in 4.1.2.

**Table 8.** Eviews ADF test result intercept and trend t statistics and probabilities

Full Sample	Intercept statistic	Intercept Prob.	Trend statistic	Trend Prob.
China	27.53984	0.0051	-0.000136	0.9475
USA	3.107135	0.6635	0.009648	0.1212
Japan	166.4162	0.0040	0.058374	0.0162
South Korea	6.959033	0.0782	0.001435	0.3213
Hong Kong	124.5375	0.0537	-0.005696	0.6942
Taiwan	32.16887	0.0312	0.023671	0.0273

#### 4.1.2 Graph analysis of stock return and ADF test for difference

After testing nonstationarity in the closing price, the study explores stationarity in difference. The dependent variable is the natural logarithmic returns calculated from the daily close price of the index. Figure 5 demonstrates the graphical representation of the return series generated by Eviews, which is our interest variable in the second stationarity check. Carrying out the stationary check examines the existence of the unit root and whether the time series is stationary. In the second check, this study expects the series doesn't contain unit roots and to be stationary. Only then is the condition met, and later analysis can be carried out.



**Figure 5.** Natural logarithmic returns for China and its top five trading partners' chosen stock index full sample

In light of the graphical representation, volatility is not static and possesses particular aggregation effects. The graph shows convergence points, and the yields near the convergence point seem to be significant. The study easily observes volatility clustering, where periods of large changes are followed by further periods of similar large changes while small changes follow periods of small changes. The wild and calm periods with large and small values occurring persistently in clusters are an initial indication of the ARCH effect in the return series. The variance looks stationary and nonconstant, which will be proved by the ADF result.

Figure 5 presents the test result for the full sample where the Augmented Dickey-Fuller test is carried out to check stationarity in the difference. Table 9 summarizes the ADF results in figure 6, highlighting the t-statistics and probabilities. As shown in the outcome, all the countries and regions studied successfully pass the ADF test for stationarity in the difference with probabilities greater than 0.05. Therefore the study concludes that the series doesn't contain a unit root and is stationary.

Augmented Dickey-Fuller Unit Root Test on CHINA_RETURN_FULL					
Null Hypothesis: CHINA_RETURN_FULL has a unit root					
Exogenous: Constant					
Lag Length:	13	(Automatic - based on AIC, maxlag=24)			
t-Statistic	-12.14336	0.0000			
Prob.*					
Augmented Dickey-Fuller test statistic	-12.14336	0.0000			
Test critical values:					
1% level	-3.433710				
5% level	-2.862911				
10% level	-2.567547				
*MacKinnon (1996) one-sided p-values.					
Augmented Dickey-Fuller Test Equation					
Dependent Variable: DCCHINA_RETURN_FULL					
Method: Least Squares					
Date: 08/19/22 Time: 22:25					
Sample (adjusted): 1/26/2015 8/12/2022					
Included observations: 1838 after adjustment					
Variable Coefficient Std. Error t-Statistic Prob.					
CHINA_RETURN_FULL(-1)	-0.009517	0.081339	-12.14338	0.0000	
DCCHINA_RETURN_FULL(-1)	0.058529	0.080338	0.790761	0.4292	
DCCHINA_RETURN_FULL(-2)	0.049007	0.076977	0.636049	0.5244	
DCCHINA_RETURN_FULL(-3)	0.068902	0.073479	0.937703	0.3485	
DCCHINA_RETURN_FULL(-4)	0.091072	0.069932	1.302472	0.1929	
DCCHINA_RETURN_FULL(-5)	0.080708	0.068708	1.201184	0.1938	
DCCHINA_RETURN_FULL(-6)	0.081890	0.062891	1.266203	0.1987	
DCCHINA_RETURN_FULL(-7)	0.049763	0.059887	0.845051	0.3982	
DCCHINA_RETURN_FULL(-8)	0.094594	0.049666	1.904605	0.0571	
DCCHINA_RETURN_FULL(-9)	0.081471	0.054142	1.504749	0.1322	
DCCHINA_RETURN_FULL(-10)	0.049156	0.044797	1.097310	0.2727	
DCCHINA_RETURN_FULL(-11)	0.028353	0.031772	0.862777	0.4088	
DCCHINA_RETURN_FULL(-12)	0.028253	0.031772	0.862777	0.4088	
DCCHINA_RETURN_FULL(-13)	0.095881	0.022998	4.180720	0.0000	
C	-1.51E-05	0.000319	-0.047444	0.9622	
R-squared	0.490257	Mean dependent var	-2.16E-09		
Adjusted R-squared	0.486886	S.D. dependent var	0.057419		
F-statistic	0.031982	Model Fitting Criterion	4.741672		
Sum squared resid	0.339410	Schwarz criterion	-6.696613		
Log likelihood	5295.856	Hannan-Quinn criter.	-6.726056		
F-statistic	125.093	Durbin-Watson stat	1.996141		
Prob(F-statistic)	0.000000				

Augmented Dickey-Fuller Unit Root Test on US_RETURN_FULL					
Null Hypothesis: US_RETURN_FULL has a unit root					
Exogenous: None					
Lag Length:	7	(Automatic - based on SIC, maxlag=24)			
t-Statistic	-13.31978	0.0000			
Prob.*					
Augmented Dickey-Fuller test statistic	-13.31978	0.0000			
Test critical values:					
1% level	-2.566738				
5% level	-1.941067				
10% level	-1.616536				
*MacKinnon (1996) one-sided p-values.					
Augmented Dickey-Fuller Test Equation					
Dependent Variable: DUS_RETURN_FULL					
Method: Least Squares					
Date: 08/19/22 Time: 17:02					
Sample (adjusted): 1/16/2015 8/12/2022					
Included observations: 1303 after adjustments					
Variable Coefficient Std. Error t-Statistic Prob.					
US_RETURN_FULL(-1)	-1.102107	0.082742	-13.31978	0.0000	
DUS_RETURN_FULL(-1)	-0.0196793	0.0780465	-0.254631	0.7990	
DUS_RETURN_FULL(-2)	0.067944	0.071396	0.951649	0.3415	
DUS_RETURN_FULL(-3)	0.078056	0.065171	1.197691	0.2313	
DUS_RETURN_FULL(-4)	0.011645	0.058316	0.199691	0.8418	
DUS_RETURN_FULL(-5)	0.046159	0.051758	0.891833	0.3726	
DUS_RETURN_FULL(-6)	0.043152	-0.606976	0.5440		
DUS_RETURN_FULL(-7)	0.100728	0.028349	3.563121	0.0004	
C	0.000540	0.000681	0.615945	0.4147	
@TREND('1/10/2016')					
R-squared	0.614736	Mean dependent var	-2.42E-05		
Adjusted R-squared	0.612567	S.D. dependent var	0.017384		
F-statistic	0.012137	Akaike info criterion	-5.979949		
S.E. of regression	0.011690	Schwarz criterion	-6.540262		
Sum squared resid	0.176988	Hannan-Quinn criter.	-6.222295		
Log likelihood	3952.216	Durbin-Watson stat	1.997585		
F-statistic	236.1903				
Prob(F-statistic)	0.000000				

Augmented Dickey-Fuller Unit Root Test on JAPAN_RETURN_FULL					
Null Hypothesis: JAPAN_RETURN_FULL has a unit root					
Exogenous: Constant, Linear Trend					
Lag Length:	4	(Automatic - based on SIC, maxlag=24)			
t-Statistic	-7.92515	0.0000			
Prob.*					
Augmented Dickey-Fuller test statistic	-7.92515	0.0000			
Test critical values:					
1% level	-3.984693				
5% level	-3.413160				
10% level	-3.128594				
*MacKinnon (1996) one-sided p-values.					
Augmented Dickey-Fuller Test Equation					
Dependent Variable: DJAPAN_RETURN_FULL					
Method: Least Squares					
Date: 08/19/22 Time: 17:05					
Sample (adjusted): 1/20/2015 8/10/2022					
Included observations: 1343 after adjustments					
Variable Coefficient Std. Error t-Statistic Prob.					
JAPAN_RETURN_FULL(-1)	-1.086285	0.060961	-17.82215	0.0000	
DJAPAN_RETURN_FULL(-1)	0.079651	0.053423	1.490955	0.1362	
DJAPAN_RETURN_FULL(-2)	0.095904	0.045227	2.120695	0.0341	
DJAPAN_RETURN_FULL(-3)	0.050226	0.036981	1.358140	0.1746	
DJAPAN_RETURN_FULL(-4)	0.010444	0.025487	0.409935	0.6819	
DJAPAN_RETURN_FULL(-5)	0.000540	0.000681	0.615945	0.4147	
C	-2.66E-07	6.16E-07	-0.430530	0.6669	
R-squared	0.614736	Mean dependent var	-2.42E-05		
Adjusted R-squared	0.612567	S.D. dependent var	0.017384		
F-statistic	0.012137	Akaike info criterion	-5.979949		
S.E. of regression	0.011690	Schwarz criterion	-6.540262		
Sum squared resid	0.176988	Hannan-Quinn criter.	-6.222295		
Log likelihood	4022.535	Durbin-Watson stat	1.997585		
F-statistic	236.1903				
Prob(F-statistic)	0.000000				

Augmented Dickey-Fuller Unit Root Test on KOREA_RETURN_FULL						Augmented Dickey-Fuller Unit Root Test on HK_RETURN_FULL						Augmented Dickey-Fuller Unit Root Test on TAIWAN_RETURN_FULL					
Null Hypothesis: KOREA_RETURN_FULL has a unit root			Null Hypothesis: HK_RETURN_FULL has a unit root			Null Hypothesis: TAIWAN_RETURN_FULL has a unit root											
Exogenous: None			Exogenous: None			Exogenous: Constant, Linear Trend											
Lag Length: 1 (Automatic - based on SIC, maxlag=24)			Lag Length: 0 (Automatic - based on SIC, maxlag=24)			Lag Length: 0 (Automatic - based on SIC, maxlag=24)											
Augmented Dickey-Fuller test statistic	-26.63109	0.0000	Augmented Dickey-Fuller test statistic	-42.02586	0.0000	Augmented Dickey-Fuller test statistic	-41.85418	0.0000	Test critical values:	1% level	-3.963319	Test critical values:	1% level	-41.85418	Test critical values:	5% level	-3.412391
Test critical values:	1% level	-2.566349	Test critical values:	5% level	-1.941013	Test critical values:	10% level	-1.616578	Test critical values:	5% level	-2.566283	Test critical values:	10% level	-1.941004	Test critical values:	10% level	-3.128138
*MacKinnon (1996) one-sided p-values.						*MacKinnon (1996) one-sided p-values.						*MacKinnon (1996) one-sided p-values.					
Augmented Dickey-Fuller Test Equation						Augmented Dickey-Fuller Test Equation						Augmented Dickey-Fuller Test Equation					
Dependent Variable: D(KOREA_RETURN_FULL)						Dependent Variable: D(HK_RETURN_FULL)						Dependent Variable: D(TAIWAN_RETURN_FULL)					
Method: Least Squares						Method: Least Squares						Method: Least Squares					
Date: 08/19/22 Time: 17:07						Date: 08/19/22 Time: 17:08						Date: 08/17/2015 8:12:20Z					
Sample (adjusted): 1/06/2015 8/12/2022						Included observations: 1752 after adjustments						Included observations: 1742 after adjustments					
Variable	Coefficient	Std. Error	t-Statistic	Prob.		Variable	Coefficient	Std. Error	t-Statistic	Prob.		Variable	Coefficient	Std. Error	t-Statistic	Prob.	
KOREA_RETURN_FULL(-1)	-0.917174	0.034440	-26.63109	0.0000		HK_RETURN_FULL(-1)	-1.001461	0.023830	-42.02586	0.0000		TAIWAN_RETURN_FULL(-1)	-0.988030	0.023600	-41.85418	0.0000	
D(KOREA_RETURN_FULL(-1))	-0.104948	0.024126	-4.350061			R-squared	0.502146	Mean dependent var	8.32E-05			C	1.37E-06	0.000463	0.0004043	0.9988	
R-squared	0.519598	Mean dependent var	3.22E-05			Adjusted R-squared	0.502146	S.D. dependent var	0.017862			@TREND(*1/06/2015*)	2.62E-07	4.31E-07	0.683736	0.5595	
Adjusted R-squared	0.519220	S.D. dependent var	0.014703			S.E. of regression	0.012596	Akaike info criterion	-6.332702			Prob(r-squared)	0.001642	Mean dependent var	-2.94E-05		
S.E. of regression	0.010195	Akaike info criterion	-6.332702			Sum squared resid	-6.328204	Sum squared resid	0.173150			Adjusted R-squared	0.501209	S.D. dependent var	0.013674		
Sum squared resid	0.173150	Schwarz criterion	0.173150			Log likelihood	5293.473	Hannan-Quinn criter.	-6.328204			S.E. of regression	0.009588	Akaike info criterion	-6.456262		
Log likelihood	5293.473	Hannan-Quinn criter.	-6.330294			Durbin-Watson stat	1.994716	Durbin-Watson stat	2.012789			Sum squared resid	0.159808	Schwarz criterion	-6.445855		
Durbin-Watson stat	1.994716											Log likelihood	5626.534	Hannan-Quinn criter.	-6.451784		
												F-statistic	875.9309	Durbin-Watson stat	1.992267		
												Prob(F-statistic)	0.000000				

Figure 6. Eviews ADF test for difference result

Table 9. Eviews ADF test for difference result t statistics and probabilities

Full Sample	statistic	p.value
China	-12.14336	0.0000
USA	-13.31978	0.0000
Japan	-17.82216	0.0000
South Korea	-26.63109	0.0000
Hong Kong	-42.02586	0.0000
Taiwan	-41.85418	0.0000

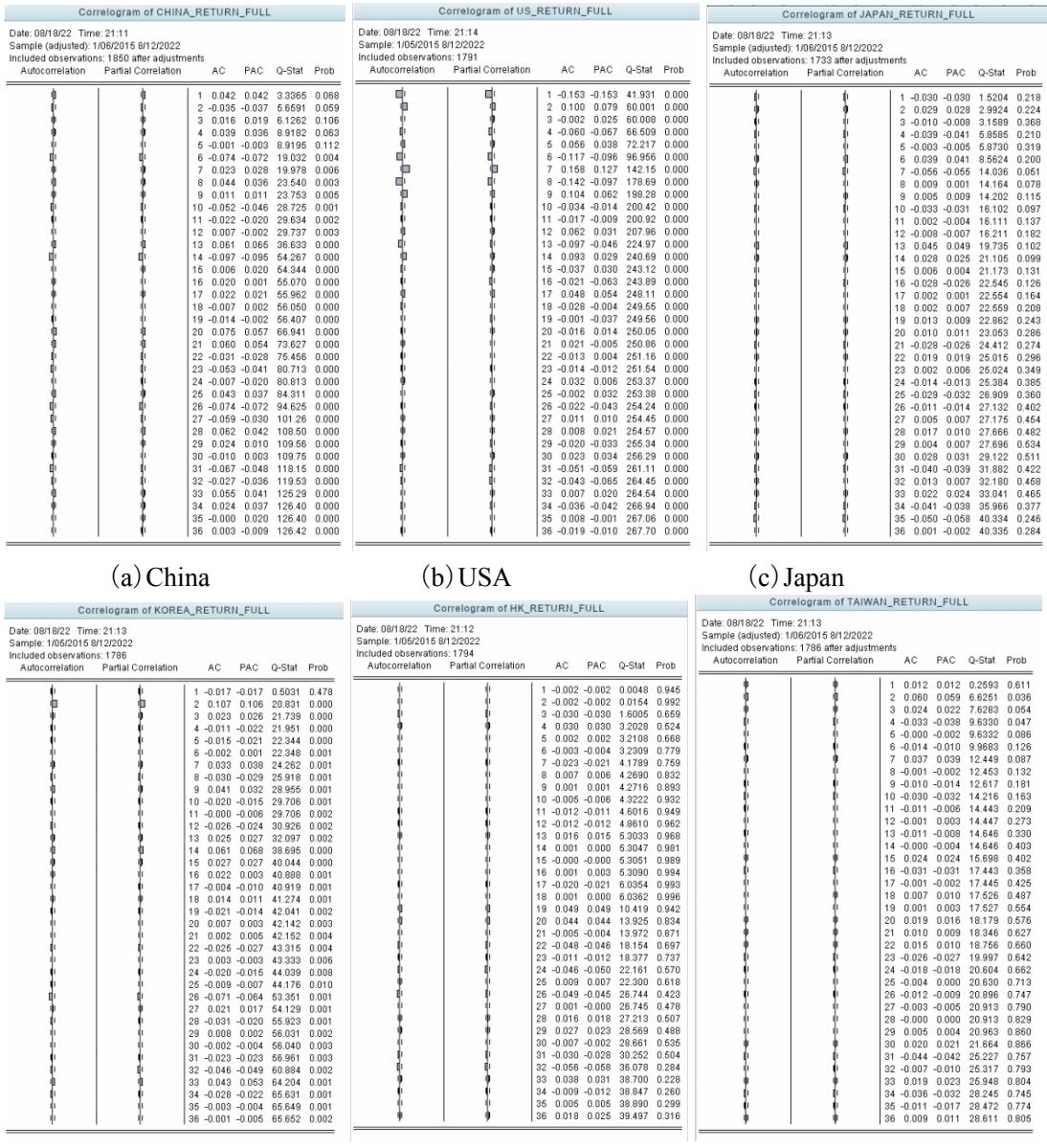
As shown in the outcome, all the countries and regions studied successfully pass the ADF test for stationarity in the difference. In all cases, probabilities are 0.0000, below 0.05, and reject the null hypothesis that the variable contains a unit root and is not stationary.

From the above tests, we confirm that our variable is nonstationary in levels but is stationary in log differences returns. Fulfilling these two stationary requirements allows the study's following estimate of the ARMA model and the best specifications.

## 4.2 Estimation of the mean equation

### 4.2.1 Auto-correlation, partial autocorrelation and best ARMA specification

This study intends to use model estimation and forecasting with the best ARMA specifications. The study first looks at the correlograms of returns to decide whether the processes are autoregressive, moving average, or both. The best ARMA specification requires determining the respective order of p and q. From Figure 7, correlograms of return generated by Eviews, the study observes that the plots of auto-correlation functions don't have exponentially declining ACF, nor are the spikes in the first one or more lags of the PACF evident enough to indicate the ARMA order.



**Table 12.** Estimation of ARMA(p,q) models for the best ARMA model specification after covid.

During Covid Sample	China	USA	Japan	South Korea	Hong Kong	Taiwan
Chosen specification	MA(1)	ARMA(4,4)	MA(1)	MA(2)	MA(1)	MA(1)

This study finds the most suitable ARMA specification for each return series from the above tests. Thus model estimation and forecasting in the following sections will employ the optimal ARMA specification results.

#### 4.3 Model estimation with GARCH(1,1)

In GARCH(1,1) model, past volatility influences current volatility, and the error term's variance is captured using the error term's variance value in the previous periods. This characteristic implies that if volatility is significant in the previous period, the forecast will predict higher volatility.

The conditional variance equation is as follows:

$$\sigma_t^2 = \alpha_0 + \alpha_1 u_{t-1}^2 + \beta_1 \sigma_{t-1}^2$$

Section 4.3.1 presents the estimation output of the Garch(1,1) with the result analysis focusing on the variance equation than the mean equation. Section 4.3.2 offers the Diagnostic tests following the result, comprised of section 4.3.2.1, the Ljung-Box test, and section 4.3.2.1, the ARCH-LM test.

##### 4.3.1 Model estimation and general characteristic on variance forecast and shock

In Eviews implementation, this study employs the order ARCH 1, GARCH 1, Threshold Order 0, and Eviews legacy as the optimization method. The mean equation uses the ARMA specification determined in 4.2.1. Figure 8 illustrates the Eviews GARCH(1,1) full sample result, and Table 13 highlights the ARCH term and GARCH term in the GARCH(1,1) result.

The result shows that future forecasts of persisting high variance come with significant excessive returns, and the return will experience consistent shocks, including those of covid-19 pandemic. For China, the US, Japan, South Korea, Hong Kong, and Taiwan, the ARCH and GARCH terms are significant at 5%, which is 0.0000 in all cases. Since the GARCH term is significant, a large excess return value will lead to future forecasts of the variance being high for a prolonged period. The sums of GARCH and ARCH coefficients in China, USA, Japan, South Korea, Hong Kong, and Taiwan are respectively 0.996399, 0.969144, 0.949389, 0.954360, 0.982081, 0.944738, all very close to 1. This result implies that any shocks experienced by conditional variance will be highly consistent, indicating that shocks persist with the ongoing shock of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The GARCH term is significant, which implies that GARCH generally works better than ARCH in high volatility. Thus the study goes beyond GARCH(1,1) and looks into EGARCH in 4.4 and GJR-GARCH in 4.5.

Dependent Variable: CHINA\_RETURN\_FULL  
Method: ML ARCH - Normal distribution (Marquardt / EViews legacy)  
Date: 08/23/22 Time: 09:01  
Sample (adjusted): 1/1/2015 8/12/2022  
Included observations: 1845 after adjustments  
Convergence achieved after 45 iterations  
MA Backcast: 1/07/2015 1/12/2015  
Presample variance: backcast (parameter = 0.7)  
GARCH = C(10) + C(11)\*RESID(-1)^2 + C(12)\*GARCH(-1)

Variable	Coefficient	Std. Error	z-Statistic	Prob.
AR(1)	-0.494213	0.026239	-19.60118	0.0000
AR(2)	0.033993	0.017418	1.961674	0.0510
AR(3)	-0.478777	0.013195	-36.28533	0.0000
AR(4)	-0.945381	0.016838	-56.14432	0.0000
AR(5)	0.011757	0.024268	0.484477	0.8280
MA(1)	0.528429	0.009261	57.05716	0.0000
MA(2)	-0.014223	0.012679	-1.121828	0.2619
MA(3)	0.497395	0.010474	47.49029	0.0000
MA(4)	0.977594	0.007784	125.5842	0.0000
Variance Equation				
C	1.48E-06	3.08E-07	4.890706	0.0000
RESID(-1)^2	0.094684	0.006145	15.40768	0.0000
GARCH(-1)	0.901715	0.005435	165.9198	0.0000
R-squared	0.027660	Mean dependent var		
Adjusted R-squared	0.023423	S.D. dependent var		
S.E. of regression	0.013801	Akaike info criterion		
Sum squared resid	0.349687	Schwarz criterion		
Log likelihood	5662.007	Hannan-Quinn criter.		
Durbin-Watson stat	1.960981			
Inverted AR Roots	.59+ .79i	.59- .79i	.01	-84- .52i
	.84- .52i			
Inverted MA Roots	.59+ .80i	.59- .80i	-.85- .52i	-.85+ .52i

(a) China

(b) USA

(c) Japan

Dependent Variable: KOREA\_RETURN\_FULL  
Method: ML ARCH - Normal distribution (Marquardt / EViews legacy)

Date: 08/23/22 Time: 10:08  
Sample (adjusted): 1/07/2015 8/12/2022

Included observations: 1869 after adjustments

Convergence achieved after 9 iterations

Presample variance: backcast (parameter = 0.7)

GARCH = C(0) + C(4)\*RESID(-1)^2 + C(5)\*GARCH(-1)

Variable	Coefficient	Std. Error	z-Statistic	Prob.
AR(1)	0.019835	0.025909	0.768536	0.4422
AR(2)	0.046843	0.024812	1.687935	0.0590
Variance Equation				
C	4.42E-06	8.56E-07	5.161748	0.0000
RESID(-1)^2	0.127011	0.014310	8.875891	0.0000
GARCH(-1)	0.827349	0.019176	43.14600	0.0000
R-squared	0.009516	Mean dependent var		
Adjusted R-squared	0.008594	S.D. dependent var		
S.E. of regression	0.010313	Akaike info criterion		
Sum squared resid	0.198659	Schwarz criterion		
Log likelihood	6169.883	Hannan-Quinn criter.		
Durbin-Watson stat	2.048851			
Inverted AR Roots	.23			
	-.21			

(d) South Korea

(e) Hong Kong

(f) Taiwan

Figure 8. Eviews GARCH(1,1) full sample result

Table 13. Eviews GARCH(1,1) ARCH term and GARCH term result

Full Sample		China	USA	Japan	South Korea	Hong Kong	Taiwan	
Full sample	ARCH term	stats	0.094684	0.205822	0.129988	0.127011	0.067766	0.122670
		prob	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
	GARCH term	stats	0.901715	0.763322	0.819401	0.827349	0.914315	0.822068
		prob	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000

#### 4.3.2.1 Ljung-Box test in GARCH(1,1)

As described in section 2.4.3, the Ljung-Box test helps assess whether the time series of interest is autocorrelated. The null hypothesis of the test is that the autocorrelations of the given sample are all zero. If the p-value we get from the test is larger than 0.05, we fail to reject the null hypothesis, and the model is lack of fit. Figure 9 presents the Ljung Box test result.

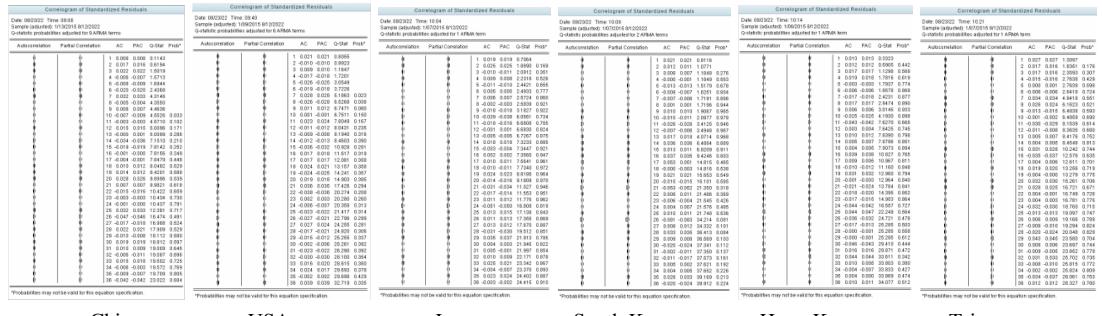


Figure 9. Eviews GARCH(1,1) full sample Ljung-Box test result

Except China at lag 10 yield 0.033, US at lag7 yield 0.023, lag8 yield 0.038, all probabilities satisfy the Ljung Box test with probabilities larger than 0.05. Thus we conclude that in general, the models are good fit and pass the Ljung-Box test.

#### 4.3.2.2 ARCH-LM test

As described in section 2.4.3, the ARCH-LM test is a test for ARCH effects by regressing the squared errors on different specified lags. The null hypothesis is that the lagged regression coefficients are zero, there is no existing ARCH up to order q in the residuals, and there are no ARCH effects. If the p-value we get from the test is larger than 0.05, we reject the null hypothesis, and there are ARCH effects. We expect rejecting the null hypothesis to pass the ARCH LM diagnostic test in the section successfully. Figure 10 presents the ARCH LM test result, and table 14 summarizes the Prob. Chi-Square results.

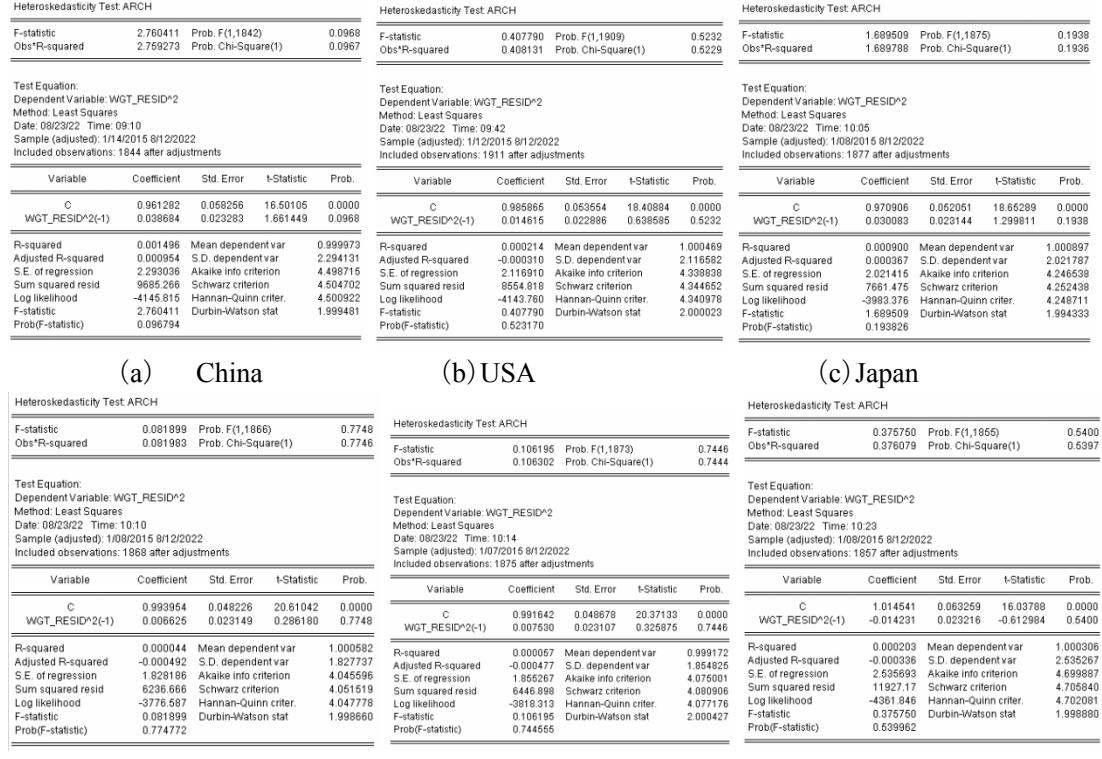


Figure 10. Eviews GARCH(1,1) full sample ARCH-LM test result

Table 14. Eviews GARCH(1,1) ARCH LM test Prob. Chi-Square(1) result

Prob. Chi-Square	China	USA	Japan	South Korea	Hong Kong	Taiwan
Full sample	0.0967	0.5229	0.1936	0.7746	0.7444	0.5397

From the ARCH-LM test, all the Prob. Chi-Square results are significantly larger than 0.05, successfully passing the ARCH-LM test.

#### 4.4 Model estimation with EGARCH

In the EGARCH model, the GARCH models are improved to better capture negative shocks and tend to impact volatility more than positive shocks.

The conditional variance equation is as follows:

$$\left( \sigma_t^2 \right) = \omega + \beta \ln \left( \sigma_{t-1}^2 \right) + \gamma \frac{u_{t-1}}{\sqrt{\sigma_{t-1}^2}} + \alpha \left[ \frac{|u_{t-1}|}{\sqrt{\sigma_{t-1}^2}} - \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} \right]$$

Section 4.4.1 presents the estimation output of the EGARCH with the result analysis focusing on the variance equation rather than the mean equation. Section 4.4.2 offers the Diagnostic tests following the result, comprising section 4.4.2.1, the Ljung-Box test, and section 4.4.2.1, the ARCH-LM test.

##### 4.4.1 Model estimation and general characteristic on leverage effect

In Eviews implementation, this study employs EGARCH, the order ARCH 1, GARCH 1, Threshold Order 1, and Eviews legacy as the optimization method. The mean equation uses the ARMA specification determined in 4.2.1. Figure 11-13 illustrates the Eviews EGARCH results, and Table 15 highlights the ARCH term and GARCH term in the GARCH(1,1) result.

The result shows that before and during covid, the ARCH term has probabilities of 0.0000 or close to 0.0000, indicating that shock size significantly impacts the volatility of returns. The ARCH term is positive for all markets and sample periods covered in this study, so there is a positive relationship between the past and current variance. In modeling the E-Garch for the United States during the covid sample, there was a negative number log error so the study couldn't deduce the contrast relationship. This positive relationship has strengthened after the pandemic in China, Japan, South Korea, Hong Kong, and Taiwan's stock market. Throughout all samples studied, the GARCH term has a p-value of 0.0000, which is smaller than 0.05 and thus indicates that past volatility does help to predict future volatility.

The leverage effect terms' probabilities are all below 0.05 and thus significant for all the countries and regions considered in this study, suggesting the shock's sign does impact the volatility of returns. The leverage effect comes with a negative leverage term indicating bad news will increase volatility more than the good news of the same size, and a positive term assumes no such effect. From the EGARCH estimation, only the leverage effect of Japan has dropped from before covid to during the covid. In contrast, the leverage effect of China, South Korea, Hong Kong, and Taiwan have all increased with covid. US's stock market's case cannot be decided regarding change before and after covid, as the latter has no data because of model error, which is the log of non-positive numbers. Thus EGARCH is not enough, and this study will apply another GJR-Garch model to supplement the missing leverage effect in the US's case.

Dependent Variable: CHINA_RETURN_FULL						
Method: ML ARCH - Normal distribution (Marquardt / EViews legacy)						
Date: 08/23/22 Time: 11:46						
Sample (adjusted): 1/3/2015 8/12/2022						
Included observations: 1912 after adjustments						
Convergence achieved after 15 iterations						
MA Backcast: 1/07/2015 1/1/2016						
Presample variance: backcast (parameter = 0.7)						
LOG(GARCH) = C(1) + C(1)*ABS(RESID(-1))@SQRT(GARCH(-1)) + C(2)*RESID(-1)@SQRT(GARCH(-1)) + C(3)*LOG(GARCH(-1))						
Variable	Coefficient	Std. Error	z-Statistic	Prob.		
AR(1)	-0.895789	0.107039	-8.36982	0.0000		
AR(2)	-0.646547	0.098619	-22.59123	0.0000		
AR(3)	-0.804321	0.101756	-7.90443	0.0000		
AR(4)	-0.084085	0.027727	-3.03259	0.0024		
AR(5)	0.026561	0.021129	0.125489	0.9001		
MA(1)	0.902133	0.102177	8.829143	0.0000		
MA(2)	0.663482	0.001624	435.4505	0.0000		
MA(3)	0.837203	0.100889	8.298297	0.0000		
MA(4)	0.051963	0.005464	16.63077	0.0000		
Variance Equation						
C(10)	-0.254015	0.021592	-11.76432	0.0000		
C(11)	0.165197	0.011049	16.76148	0.0000		
C(12)	-0.018376	0.006211	-2.965729	0.0031		
C(13)	0.987141	0.002418	408.2272	0.0000		
R-squared	0.005744	Mean dependent var		7.93E-06		
Adjusted R-squared	0.002416	S.D. dependent var		0.013965		
S.E. of regression	0.013949	Akaike info criterion		6.110478		
Sum squared resid	0.357209	Schwarz criterion		-6.071682		
Log likelihood	6649.916	Hannan-Quinn criter.		-6.096138		
Durbin-Watson stat	1.921281					
Inverted AR Roots	.10*.86i	.10-.86i	.03	-.14		
	.98					
Inverted MA Roots	.10*.87i	.10-.87i	.12	-.99		

(a) China

Dependent Variable: KOREA_RETURN_FULL						
Method: ML ARCH - Normal distribution (Marquardt / EViews legacy)						
Date: 08/23/22 Time: 14:12						
Sample (adjusted): 1/07/2015 8/12/2022						
Included observations: 1889 after adjustments						
Convergence achieved after 15 iterations						
Presample variance: backcast (parameter = 0.7)						
LOG(GARCH) = C(3) + C(4)*ABS(RESID(-1))@SQRT(GARCH(-1)) + C(5)*RESID(-1)@SQRT(GARCH(-1)) + C(6)*LOG(GARCH(-1))						
Variable	Coefficient	Std. Error	z-Statistic	Prob.		
AR(1)	0.023394	0.025127	0.931031	0.3518		
AR(2)	0.054891	0.023995	2.287600	0.0222		
Variance Equation						
C(3)	-0.760784	0.096283	-7.901501	0.0000		
C(4)	0.220423	0.019404	11.36016	0.0000		
C(5)	-0.108831	0.012822	-8.495748	0.0000		
C(6)	0.937159	0.009396	99.73901	0.0000		
R-squared	0.007147	Mean dependent var		0.000159		
Adjusted R-squared	0.006616	S.D. dependent var		0.013944		
S.E. of regression	0.013949	Akaike info criterion		6.620316		
Sum squared resid	0.198433	Schwarz criterion		-6.025653		
Log likelihood	6102.868	Hannan-Quinn criter.		-6.613771		
Durbin-Watson stat	2.056216					
Inverted AR Roots	.26	-.22				

(d) South Korea

Dependent Variable: CHINA_RETURN_BEFORE						
Method: ML ARCH - Normal distribution (Marquardt / EViews legacy)						
Date: 09/07/22 Time: 11:55						
Sample (adjusted): 1/1/2015 2/10/2020						
Included observations: 1285 after adjustments						
Convergence achieved after 10 iterations						
MA Backcast: 1/07/2015 1/08/2015						
Presample variance: backcast (parameter = 0.7)						
LOG(GARCH) = C(6) + C(7)*ABS(RESID(-1))@SQRT(GARCH(-1)) + C(8)*RESID(-1)@SQRT(GARCH(-1)) + C(9)*LOG(GARCH(-1))						
Variable	Coefficient	Std. Error	z-Statistic	Prob.		
AR(1)	0.756103	0.029713	25.44734	0.0000		
AR(2)	0.232649	0.031951	7.364450	0.0000		
AR(3)	-0.004644	0.019727	-2.026412	0.8139		
MA(1)	0.002511	0.846173	-1.161E+12	0.0000		
MA(2)	-0.313601	0.914743	-4.37E+11	0.0000		
Variance Equation						
C(6)	-0.956116	0.000468	-21.62602	0.0000		
C(7)	0.247125	0.004330	57.43500	0.0000		
C(8)	-0.057278	0.008847	-4.747932	0.0000		
C(9)	0.973102	0.035606	279.2679	0.0000		
R-squared	0.006198	Mean dependent var		-0.000106		
Adjusted R-squared	0.002956	S.D. dependent var		0.016202		
S.E. of regression	0.011709	Akaike info criterion		8.021923		
Sum squared resid	0.283402	Schwarz criterion		-5.884020		
Log likelihood	3727.538	Hannan-Quinn criter.		-6.007891		
Durbin-Watson stat	2.051514					
Inverted AR Roots	.99	.02		-.26		
Inverted MA Roots	.99	-.32				

(a) China

(b) USA

(c) Japan

Dependent Variable: US_RETURN_FULL						
Method: ML ARCH - Normal distribution (Marquardt / EViews legacy)						
Date: 08/23/22 Time: 13:22						
Sample (adjusted): 1/09/2015 8/1/2022						
Included observations: 1912 after adjustments						
Convergence achieved after 10 iterations						
MA Backcast: 1/07/2015 1/08/2015						
Presample variance: backcast (parameter = 0.7)						
LOG(GARCH) = C(7) + C(8)*ABS(RESID(-1))@SQRT(GARCH(-1)) + C(9)*RESID(-1)@SQRT(GARCH(-1)) + C(10)*LOG(GARCH(-1))						
Variable	Coefficient	Std. Error	z-Statistic	Prob.		
AR(1)	0.257382	0.022926	11.22670	0.0000		
AR(2)	0.701109	0.018505	37.88752	0.0000		
AR(3)	0.042477	0.009205	2.37408	0.03038		
AR(4)	-0.006002	0.017297	-0.950475	0.72700		
MA(1)	-0.329319	0.008695	-37.87656	0.0000		
MA(2)	-0.657522	0.008627	-77.31783	0.0000		
Variance Equation						
C(7)	-0.700277	0.059381	-11.79286	0.0000		
C(8)	0.257322	0.017133	15.01938	0.0000		
C(9)	-0.160369	0.010911	-14.69783	0.0000		
C(10)	0.946959	0.005328	177.7467	0.0000		
R-squared	0.019380	Mean dependent var		0.000382		
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(c) Japan

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MA(2)	0.019328	0.038956	0.496150	0.6198																																																																																																																	
<b>Variance Equation</b>																																																																																																																					
C(3)	-0.652304	0.174819	-3.731298	0.0002																																																																																																																	
C(4)	0.153077	0.039297	3.895397	0.0001																																																																																																																	
C(5)	-0.106009	0.026825	-3.951936	0.0001																																																																																																																	
C(6)	0.937544	0.019722	47.45307	0.0000																																																																																																																	
Variable	Coefficient	Std. Error	z-Statistic	Prob.																																																																																																																	
MA(1)	0.073140	0.042390	1.725413	0.0845																																																																																																																	
<b>Variance Equation</b>																																																																																																																					
C(2)	-1.202163	0.205770	-5.934926	0.0001																																																																																																																	
C(3)	0.226212	0.063028	3.573226	0.0004																																																																																																																	
C(4)	-0.207943	0.037442	-5.653717	0.0000																																																																																																																	
C(5)	0.886994	0.030803	28.76339	0.0000																																																																																																																	
R-squared	0.002564	Mean dependent var	0.000223		R-squared	-0.001994	Mean dependent var	0.000453																																																																																																													
Adjusted R-squared	0.000950	S.D. dependent var	0.014017		Adjusted R-squared	-0.001994	S.D. dependent var	0.012169																																																																																																													
S.E. of regression	0.014011	Akaike info criterion	-6.081741		S.E. of regression	0.012181	Akaike info criterion	-6.242927																																																																																																													
Sum squared resid	0.121312	Schwarz criterion	-6.038872		Sum squared resid	0.091101	Schwarz criterion	-6.206979																																																																																																													
Log likelihood	1891.340	Hannan-Quinn criter.	-6.065077		Log likelihood	1756.204	Hannan-Quinn criter.	-6.638265																																																																																																													
Durbin-Watson stat	2.186326				Durbin-Watson stat	2.080880																																																																																																															
Inverted MA Roots	-0.4+ .23i		-0.4- .23i		Inverted MA Roots	.01- .14i		.01+ .14i																																																																																																													

(d) South Korea

(e) Hong Kong

(f) Taiwan

Figure 13. Eviews EGARCH after covid sample result

Table 15. Eviews EGARCH ARCH term, leverage term and GARCH term result

Full Sample	China	USA	Japan	South Korea	Hong Kong	Taiwan
Full sample	stats	0.185196	0.257322	0.169583	0.220433	0.136175
	prob	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
leverage term	stats	-0.018376	-0.160369	-0.164972	-0.108931	-0.075145
	prob	0.0031	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000

	GARCH term	stats	0.987141	0.946956	0.938472	0.937159	0.961620	0.931997
		prob	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
	ARCH term	stats	0.247125	0.184555	0.142266	0.079311	0.114651	0.088588
		prob	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0002	0.0000	0.0002
Before covid	leverage term	stats	-0.057278	-0.231639	-0.220643	-0.113920	-0.069926	-0.161941
		leverage	leverage	leverage	leverage	leverage	leverage	leverage
	GARCH term	stats	0.979120	0.925104	0.917979	0.936364	0.957000	0.927066
		prob	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
	ARCH term	stats	0.269247		0.767179	0.389411	0.153077	0.225212
		prob	0.0000		0.0000	0.0000	0.0001	0.0004
During covid	leverage term	stats	-0.073068		-0.125409	-0.185884	-0.106009	-0.207983
		Leverage	Error: log of non-positive number	Leverage	Leverage	Leverage	Leverage	Leverage
		Leverage+		Leverage-	Leverage+	Leverage+	Leverage+	Leverage+
	GARCH term	stats	0.902495		0.941583	0.880129	0.937544	0.885994
		prob	0.0000		0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000

Note: in the eviews output, take China full sample for example, C10 stands for constant, C11 stands for arch term, C12 stands for term beginning with gama-egarch term/leverage effect term, C13 stands for garch term.

#### 4.4.2.1 Ljung-Box test

As described in section 2.4.3, the Ljung-Box test helps assess whether the time series of interest is autocorrelated. The null hypothesis of the test is that the autocorrelations of the given sample are all zero. If the p-value we get from test is larger than 0.05, we fail to reject the null hypothesis, and the model is lack of fit. Figure 14-16 presents the Ljung Box test result for EGARCH.

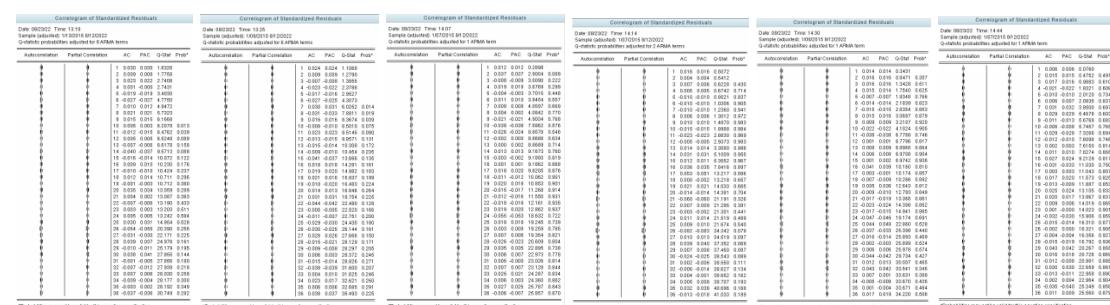
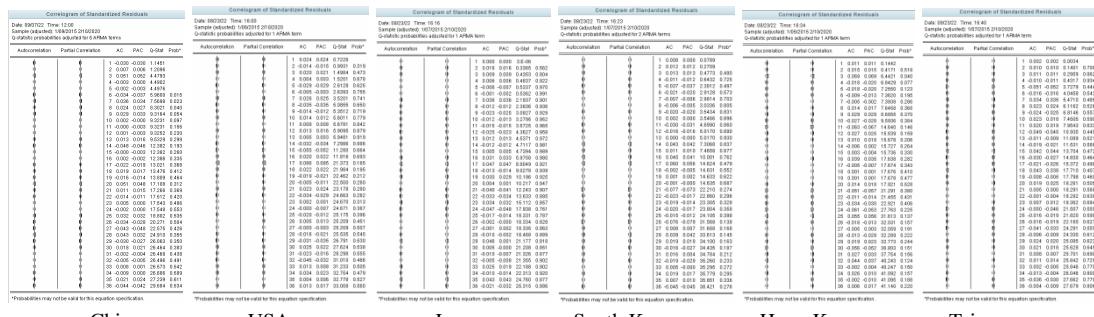


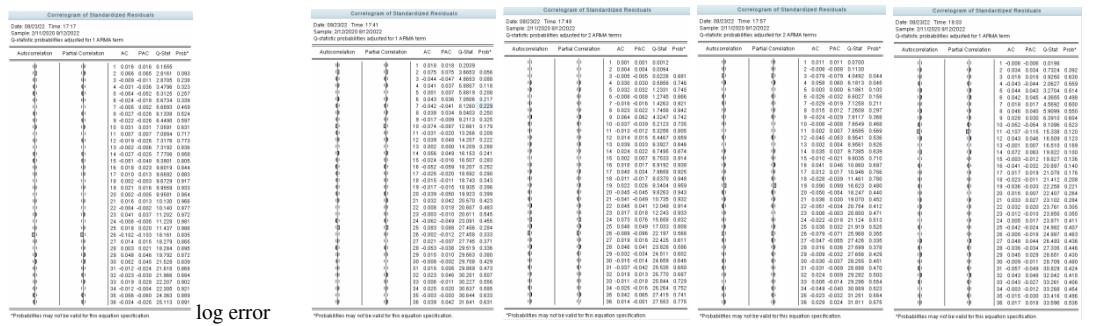
Figure 14. Eviews EGARCH full sample Ljung-Box test result

Except China at lag10 yields 0.013, lag 11 yields 0.039, USA at lag7 yields 0.014, lag8 yields 0.019, lag9 yields 0.039, all probabilities satisfy the Ljung Box test with probabilities larger than 0.05. Thus we conclude that in general, the models are good fit and pass the Ljung-Box test.



**Figure 15.** Eviews EGARCH before covid sample Ljung-Box test result

Except China at at lag6 yields 0.015, lag7 yields 0.023, lag8 yields 0.04, Hong Kong's lag3 yields 0.04, all probabilities satisfy the Ljung Box test with probabilities larger than 0.05. Thus we conclude that in general, the models are good fit and pass the Ljung-Box test.



**Figure 16.** Eviews EGARCH during covid sample Ljung-Box test result

Except Hong Kong at lag3 yields 0.044, all probabilities satisfy the Ljung Box test with probabilities larger than 0.05. Thus we conclude that in general, the models are good fit and pass the Ljung-Box test.

#### 4.4.2.2 ARCH-LM test

As described in section 2.4.3, the ARCH-LM test is a test for ARCH effects by regressing the squared errors on different specified lags. The null hypothesis is that the lagged regression coefficients are zero, there is no existing ARCH up to order q in the residuals, and there are no ARCH effects. If the p-value we get from the test is larger than 0.05, we reject the null hypothesis, and there are ARCH effects. We expect rejecting the null hypothesis to pass the ARCH LM diagnostic test in the section successfully. Figure 17-19 presents the ARCH LM test result, and table 16 summarizes the Prob. Chi-Square results.

Heteroskedasticity Test: ARCH														
F-statistic	2.566251	Prob. F(1,1842)	0.1083	F-statistic	1.583254	Prob. F(1,1909)	0.2084							
Obs*R-squared	2.565463	Prob. Chi-Square(1)	0.1092	Obs*R-squared	1.583600	Prob. Chi-Square(1)	0.2082							
<b>Test Equation:</b> Dependent Variable: WGT_RESID^2														
Method: Least Squares Date: 08/23/22 Time: 13:19 Sample (adjusted): 1/1/2015 8/12/2022 Included observations: 1844 after adjustments														
						<b>Test Equation:</b> Dependent Variable: WGT_RESID^2								
Method: Least Squares Date: 08/23/22 Time: 13:26 Sample (adjusted): 1/1/2015 8/12/2022 Included observations: 1911 after adjustments						Method: Least Squares Date: 08/23/22 Time: 14:08 Sample (adjusted): 1/08/2015 8/12/2022 Included observations: 1877 after adjustments								
Variable	Coefficient	Std. Error	t-Statistic	Prob.	Variable	Coefficient	Std. Error	t-Statistic	Prob.	Variable	Coefficient	Std. Error	t-Statistic	Prob.
C	0.098570	0.063459	15.75140	0.0000	C	0.074127	0.058267	16.72129	0.0000	C	0.088237	0.051106	18.23027	0.0000
WGT_RESID^2(1)	0.057301	0.032395	1.601952	0.1093	WGT_RESID^2(1)	0.028695	0.022893	1.256274	0.2084	WGT_RESID^2(1)	0.017726	0.023133	0.756224	0.4436
R-squared	0.001391	Mean dependent var		1.003820	R-squared	0.000939	Mean dependent var		1.002968	R-squared	0.000013	Mean dependent var		1.000029
Adjusted R-squared	0.000949	S.D. dependent var		2.520442	Adjusted R-squared	0.000952	S.D. dependent var		2.541095	Adjusted R-squared	-0.000200	S.D. dependent var		1.975326
S.E. of regression	2.519372	Akaike info criterion		4.686994	S.E. of regression	2.341449	Akaike info criterion		4.540462	S.E. of regression	1.975544	Akaike info criterion		4.200929
Sum squared resid	11691.61	Schwarz criterion		4.692768	Sum squared resid	10465.86	Schwarz criterion		4.546276	Sum squared resid	7317.699	Schwarz criterion		4.206530
Log likelihood	-4319.396	Hannan-Quinn criter.		4.689198	Log likelihood	-4236.412	Hannan-Quinn criter.		4.542602	Log likelihood	-3940.291	Hannan-Quinn criter.		4.202803
F-statistic	2.566251	Durbin-Watson stat		2.000105	F-statistic	1.583254	Durbin-Watson stat		1.998986	F-statistic	0.657192	Durbin-Watson stat		1.995641
Prob(F-statistic)	0.109338				Prob(F-statistic)	0.208446				Prob(F-statistic)	0.443064			

(a) China

(b) USA

(c) Japan

Heteroskedasticity Test ARCH					
F-statistic	0.378860	Prob. F(1,1866)	0.5383		
Obs*R-squared	0.379179	Prob. Chi-Square(1)	0.5380		
<b>Test Equation:</b> Dependent Variable: WGT_RESID^2 Method: Least Squares Date: 08/23/22 Time: 14:16 Sample (adjusted): 1/08/2015 8/1/2022 Included observations: 1868 after adjustments					
Variable	Coefficient	Std. Error	t-Statistic	Prob.	
C	0.986277	0.047261	20.86657	0.0000	
WGT_RESID^2(-1)	0.014247	0.023147	0.615508	0.5383	
R-squared	0.000203	Mean dependent var	1.000532		
Adjusted R-squared	-0.000333	S.D. dependent var	1.780298		
S.E. of regression	1.780592	Akaike info criterion	3.992841		
Sum squared resid	5916.182	Schwarz criterion	3.998765		
Log likelihood	-3727.314	Hannan-Quinn criter.	3.995024		
F-statistic	0.378860	Durbin-Watson stat	1.998260		
Prob(F-statistic)	0.538295				

Heteroskedasticity Test ARCH					
F-statistic	0.052287	Prob. F(1,1873)	0.8192		
Obs*R-squared	0.052342	Prob. Chi-Square(1)	0.8190		
<b>Test Equation:</b> Dependent Variable: WGT_RESID^2 Method: Least Squares Date: 08/23/22 Time: 14:31 Sample (adjusted): 1/07/2015 8/1/2022 Included observations: 1875 after adjustments					
Variable	Coefficient	Std. Error	t-Statistic	Prob.	
C	0.939498	0.048279	20.57832	0.0000	
WGT_RESID^2(-1)	0.005284	0.023167	0.228664	0.8192	
R-squared	0.000208	Mean dependent var	0.988779		
Adjusted R-squared	-0.000508	S.D. dependent var	1.825348		
S.E. of regression	1.835810	Akaike info criterion	4.053915		
Sum squared resid	6312.382	Schwarz criterion	4.059820		
Log likelihood	-3798.549	Hannan-Quinn criter.	4.056090		
F-statistic	0.052287	Durbin-Watson stat	2.000108		
Prob(F-statistic)	0.819156				

Heteroskedasticity Test ARCH					
F-statistic	1.294823	Prob. F(1,1855)	0.2553		
Obs*R-squared	1.295315	Prob. Chi-Square(1)	0.2551		
<b>Test Equation:</b> Dependent Variable: WGT_RESID^2 Method: Least Squares Date: 08/23/22 Time: 14:45 Sample (adjusted): 1/08/2015 8/1/2022 Included observations: 1857 after adjustments					
Variable	Coefficient	Std. Error	t-Statistic	Prob.	
C	1.026212	0.056800	17.51223	0.0000	
WGT_RESID^2(-1)	-0.026411	0.023210	-1.137903	0.2553	
R-squared	0.000698	Mean dependent var	0.999808		
Adjusted R-squared	0.000159	S.D. dependent var	2.319004		
S.E. of regression	2.319820	Akaike info criterion	4.521070		
Sum squared resid	9974.199	Schwarz criterion	4.527023		
Log likelihood	-4195.814	Hannan-Quinn criter.	4.523264		
F-statistic	1.294823	Durbin-Watson stat	1.998699		
Prob(F-statistic)	0.255308				

(d) South Korea

(e) Hong Kong  
Figure 17. ARCH-LM EGarch full sample

(f) Taiwan

Heteroskedasticity Test ARCH					
F-statistic	0.042602	Prob. F(1,1232)	0.8367		
Obs*R-squared	0.042670	Prob. Chi-Square(1)	0.8365		
<b>Test Equation:</b> Dependent Variable: WGT_RESID^2 Method: Least Squares Date: 09/07/22 Time: 12:02 Sample (adjusted): 1/1/2015 2/10/2020 Included observations: 1234 after adjustments					
Variable	Coefficient	Std. Error	t-Statistic	Prob.	
C	1.026249	0.076089	13.48748	0.0000	
WGT_RESID^2(-1)	-0.026849	0.028490	-0.206160	0.8367	
R-squared	0.000034	Mean dependent var	1.022057		
Adjusted R-squared	-0.000777	S.D. dependent var	2.469218		
S.E. of regression	2.470178	Akaike info criterion	4.648077		
Sum squared resid	7517.390	Schwarz criterion	4.656372		
Log likelihood	-2865.863	Hannan-Quinn criter.	4.651197		
F-statistic	0.042602	Durbin-Watson stat	2.000111		
Prob(F-statistic)	0.836700				

Heteroskedasticity Test ARCH					
F-statistic	1.120261	Prob. F(1,1280)	0.2901		
Obs*R-squared	1.121030	Prob. Chi-Square(1)	0.2897		
<b>Test Equation:</b> Dependent Variable: WGT_RESID^2 Method: Least Squares Date: 09/23/22 Time: 16:09 Sample (adjusted): 1/07/2015 2/10/2020 Included observations: 1282 after adjustments					
Variable	Coefficient	Std. Error	t-Statistic	Prob.	
C	0.970684	0.065541	14.81013	0.0000	
WGT_RESID^2(-1)	0.029571	0.027939	0.105824	0.2901	
R-squared	0.000874	Mean dependent var	1.000245		
Adjusted R-squared	0.000904	S.D. dependent var	2.122737		
S.E. of regression	2.122687	Akaike info criterion	4.344754		
Sum squared resid	5767.152	Schwarz criterion	4.352794		
Log likelihood	-2782.987	Hannan-Quinn criter.	4.347774		
F-statistic	1.120261	Durbin-Watson stat	1.998579		
Prob(F-statistic)	0.290062				

Heteroskedasticity Test ARCH					
F-statistic	0.009005	Prob. F(1,1264)	0.9663		
Obs*R-squared	0.009010	Prob. Chi-Square(1)	0.9663		
<b>Test Equation:</b> Dependent Variable: WGT_RESID^2 Method: Least Squares Date: 09/23/22 Time: 16:17 Sample (adjusted): 1/08/2015 2/10/2020 Included observations: 1266 after adjustments					
Variable	Coefficient	Std. Error	t-Statistic	Prob.	
C	1.009151	0.057712	14.81501	0.0000	
WGT_RESID^2(-1)	-0.001542	0.028126	-0.054816	0.9663	
R-squared	0.000002	Mean dependent var	1.001607		
Adjusted R-squared	-0.000789	S.D. dependent var	2.190091		
S.E. of regression	2.190955	Akaike info criterion	4.408130		
Sum squared resid	6067.556	Schwarz criterion	4.416256		
Log likelihood	-2788.346	Hannan-Quinn criter.	4.411183		
F-statistic	0.003005	Durbin-Watson stat	1.999064		
Prob(F-statistic)	0.956294				

(a) China

(b) USA

(c) Japan

(d) South Korea  
(e) Hong Kong  
Figure 18. ARCH-LM EGarch before covid sample

(f) Taiwan

Heteroskedasticity Test ARCH					
F-statistic	0.002790	Prob. F(1,609)	0.9579		
Obs*R-squared	0.002799	Prob. Chi-Square(1)	0.9578		
<b>Test Equation:</b> Dependent Variable: WGT_RESID^2 Method: Least Squares Date: 08/23/22 Time: 17:18 Sample (adjusted): 2/12/2020 8/1/2022 Included observations: 611 after adjustments					
Variable	Coefficient	Std. Error	t-Statistic	Prob.	
C	1.001490	0.088652	11.30891	0.0000	
WGT_RESID^2(-1)	0.002140	0.040524	0.052819	0.9579	
R-squared	0.000005	Mean dependent var	1.003578		
Adjusted R-squared	-0.001637	S.D. dependent var	1.942643		
S.E. of regression	1.942333	Akaike info criterion	4.170880		
Sum squared resid	2302.044	Schwarz criterion	4.186332		
Log likelihood	-1272.204	Hannan-Quinn criter.	4.176501		
F-statistic	0.002790	Durbin-Watson stat	1.999842		
Prob(F-statistic)	0.95794				

Heteroskedasticity Test ARCH					
F-statistic	2.541558	Prob. F(1,608)	0.1114		
Obs*R-squared	2.539304	Prob. Chi-Square(1)	0.1110		
<b>Test Equation:</b> Dependent Variable: WGT_RESID^2 Method: Least Squares Date: 08/23/22 Time: 17:43 Sample (adjusted): 2/12/2020 8/1/2022 Included observations: 610 after adjustments					
Variable	Coefficient	Std. Error	t-Statistic	Prob.	
C	0.937694	0.076749	12.21769	0.0000	
WGT_RESID^2(-1)	0.064991	0.040766	1.594226	0.1114	
R-squared	0.004163	Mean dependent var	1.002282		
Adjusted R-squared	0.002526	S.D. dependent var	1.611984		
S.E. of regression	1.609947	Akaike info criterion	3.793553		
Sum squared resid	1575.894	Schwarz criterion	3.808024		
Log likelihood	-1165.034	Hannan-Quinn criter.	3.799182		
F-statistic	2.541558	Durbin-Watson stat	1.988367		
Prob(F-statistic)	0.111405				

(a) China

(b) USA

(c) Japan

Error: log of non-positive number

Heteroskedasticity Test ARCH				Heteroskedasticity Test ARCH				Heteroskedasticity Test ARCH						
F-statistic	0.550731	Prob. F(1,617)	0.4583	F-statistic	0.362751	Prob. F(1,616)	0.5472	F-statistic	2.711131	Prob. F(1,612)	0.1002			
Obs*R-squared	0.552024	Prob. Chi-Square(1)	0.4575	Obs*R-squared	0.363714	Prob. Chi-Square(1)	0.5466	Obs*R-squared	2.707994	Prob. Chi-Square(1)	0.0998			
<b>Test Equation:</b> Dependent Variable: WGT_RESID^2 Method: Least Squares Date: 08/23/22 Time: 17:50 Sample (adjusted): 2/1/2020 8/12/2022 Included observations: 619 after adjustments														
<b>Variable</b> <b>Coefficient</b> <b>Std. Error</b> <b>t-Statistic</b> <b>Prob.</b>														
C	0.989460	0.070380	13.77465	0.0000	C	1.023279	0.078546	13.02778	0.0000	C	1.064804	0.072981	14.59024	0.0000
WGT_RESID^2(-1)	0.029874	0.040256	0.742113	0.4583	WGT_RESID^2(-1)	-0.024262	0.040284	-0.602288	0.5472	WGT_RESID^2(-1)	-0.066425	0.040342	-1.646551	0.1002
R-squared	0.000892	Mean dependent var	0.999368		R-squared	0.000598	Mean dependent var	0.999892		R-squared	0.004410	Mean dependent var	0.999395	
Adjusted R-squared	-0.000728	S.D. dependent var	1.435002		Adjusted R-squared	-0.001034	S.D. dependent var	1.674540		Adjusted R-squared	0.002784	S.D. dependent var	1.509249	
S.E. of regression	1.435524	Akaike info criterion	3.564162		S.E. of regression	1.675405	Akaike info criterion	3.873218		S.E. of regression	1.507147	Akaike info criterion	3.661566	
Sum squared resid	1271.469	Schwarz criterion	3.578470		Sum squared resid	1729.101	Schwarz criterion	3.887543		Sum squared resid	1390.153	Schwarz criterion	3.675963	
Log likelihood	-1101.108	Hannan-Quinn criter.	3.569724		Log likelihood	-1194.824	Hannan-Quinn criter.	3.987878		Log likelihood	-1122.101	Hannan-Quinn criter.	3.667165	
F-statistic	0.550731	Durbin-Watson stat	1.998070		F-statistic	0.362761	Durbin-Watson stat	1.996820		F-statistic	2.711131	Durbin-Watson stat	2.001717	
Prob(F-statistic)	0.458301				Prob(F-statistic)	0.547204				Prob(F-statistic)	0.100164			

(d) South Korea

(e) Hong Kong

(f) Taiwan

Figure 19. ARCH-LM EGarch during covid sample

Table 16. Eviews GARCH(1,1) ARCH LM test Prob. Chi-Square(1) result

Prob. Chi-Square	China	USA	Japan	South Korea	Hong Kong	Taiwan
Full sample	0.1092	0.2082	0.4433	0.5380	0.8190	0.2551
Before covid	0.8365	0.2897	0.9563	0.4553	0.7209	0.6112
After covid	0.9579	-	0.1110	0.4575	0.5465	0.0998

From the ARCH-LM test, all the Prob. Chi-Square results are significantly larger than 0.05, successfully passing the ARCH-LM test.

#### 4.5 Model estimation result - GJR-GARCH

In the GJRGARCH model, the model acts as another asymmetric model like EGARCH to describe financial markets with changing volatility, and can be pretty useful in capturing and making conclusions regarding the leverage effect.

The conditional variance equation is as follows:

$$\sigma_t^2 = \alpha_0 + \alpha_1 u_{t-1}^2 + \beta \sigma_{t-1}^2 + \gamma u_{t-1}^2 I_{t-1}$$

Section 4.5.1 presents the estimation output of the GJRGARCH with the result analysis focusing on the variance equation rather than the mean equation. Section 4.5.2 offers the Diagnostic tests following the result, comprising section 4.5.2.1, the Ljung-Box test, and section 4.5.2.1, the ARCH-LM test.

##### 4.5.1 Model estimation and general characteristic on leverage effect

In Eviews implementation, this study employs GJRGARCH, the order ARCH 1, GARCH 1, Threshold Order 1, and Eviews legacy as the optimization method. The mean equation uses the ARMA specification determined in 4.2.1. Figure 20-22 illustrates the Eviews EGARCH total sample result, and Table 17 highlights the ARCH term and GARCH term in the GARCH(1,1) result.

By applying the GJR-GARCH model, all six countries demonstrate leverage effect in full, before, or after covid sample due to positivity in the leverage effect term. The US and Japan stock market's leverage effect dropped in the period of covid. China, South Korea, Hong Kong, and Taiwan's leverage effect increased with covid. China's before covid leverage effect statistics is insignificant at the 5% level, yet its leverage effect strengthened and later became significant.

This GJRGARCH result supplements the EGARCH result since the leverage effects are the same conclusion, except that we couldn't model the US change due to the model log of non-positive numbers error in EGARCH. So far, the study has successfully modeled the leverage effect by combining the two GARCH approaches.

Dependent Variable: CHINA_RETURN_FULL					
Method: ML ARCH - Normal distribution (Marquardt / EViews legacy)					
Date: 08/19/22 Time: 23:44					
Sample (adjusted): 1/07/2015 8/12/2022					
Included observations: 1845 after adjustments					
Convergence achieved after 24 iterations					
MA Backcast: 1/07/2015 1/7/2015					
Presample variance: backcast (parameter = 0.7)					
$GARCH = C(1) + C(1)*RESID(-1)^2 + C(2)*RESID(-1)^2*RESID(-1)>0 + C(3)*GARCH(-1)$					
Variable	Coefficient	Std. Error	z-Statistic	Prob.	
AR(1)	-0.08653	1.21593	-0.07212	0.9420	
AR(2)	0.238163	0.219659	1.070598	0.2844	
AR(3)	0.393267	0.219659	1.820504	0.0694	
AR(4)	-0.227248	1.130363	-0.200459	0.8411	
AR(5)	-0.019559	0.037169	-0.365845	0.7145	
MA(1)	0.114238	0.125594	0.093976	0.9251	
MA(2)	-0.250861	0.182189	-1.290570	0.1969	
MA(3)	0.086817	0.182189	0.457712	0.2001	
MA(4)	0.251214	0.161909	0.219088	0.8274	
Variance Equation					
C	1.54E-06	2.97E-07	5.172165	0.0000	
RESID(-1)^2*RESID(-1)>0	0.082031	0.007706	10.64572	0.0000	
RESID(-1)^2*RESID(-1)>0	0.022289	0.009673	2.304120	0.0212	
GARCH(-1)	0.962329	0.005320	169.8105	0.0000	
R-squared	0.011340	Mean dependent var			
Adjusted R-squared	0.007032	S.D. dependent var			
S.E. of regression	0.010316	Akaike info criterion			
Sum squared resid	0.356566	Schwarz criterion			
Log likelihood	5651.764	Hannan-Quinn criter.			
Durbin-Watson stat	1.966477				
Inverted AR Roots	58.78i	58.78i	-10	-16	
	-99				
Inverted MA Roots	57.79i	57.78i	-26	-1.00	

(a) China

Dependent Variable: KOREA_RETURN_FULL					
Method: ML ARCH - Normal distribution (Marquardt / EViews legacy)					
Date: 08/19/22 Time: 01:50					
Sample (adjusted): 1/07/2015 6/12/2022					
Included observations: 1868 after adjustments					
Convergence achieved after 10 iterations					
Presample variance: backcast (parameter = 0.7)					
$GARCH = C(2) + C(4)*RESID(-1)^2 + C(5)*RESID(-1)^2*RESID(-1)>0 + C(6)*GARCH(-1)$					
Variable	Coefficient	Std. Error	z-Statistic	Prob.	
AR(1)	0.042869	0.026662	1.607909	0.1079	
AR(2)	0.062191	0.025055	2.482164	0.0311	
Variance Equation					
C	6.75E-06	1.07E-06	6.322904	0.0000	
RESID(-1)^2*RESID(-1)>0	0.039986	0.012655	3.159846	0.0016	
RESID(-1)^2*RESID(-1)>0	0.020791	0.025269	0.025263	0.0000	
GARCH(-1)	0.783904	0.021848	35.880014	0.0000	
R-squared	0.006367	Mean dependent var			
Adjusted R-squared	0.006305	S.D. dependent var			
S.E. of regression	0.010313	Akaike info criterion			
Sum squared resid	0.198589	Schwarz criterion			
Log likelihood	6193.120	Hannan-Quinn criter.			
Durbin-Watson stat	2.096484				
Inverted AR Roots	27	-23			

(d) South Korea

Dependent Variable: US_RETURN_FULL					
Method: ML ARCH - Normal distribution (Marquardt / EViews legacy)					
Date: 08/19/22 Time: 23:44					
Sample (adjusted): 1/07/2015 8/12/2022					
Included observations: 1845 after adjustments					
Convergence achieved after 14 iterations					
Presample variance: backcast (parameter = 0.7)					
$GARCH = C(2) + C(3)*RESID(-1)^2 + C(4)*RESID(-1)^2*RESID(-1)>0 + C(5)*GARCH(-1)$					
Variable	Coefficient	Std. Error	z-Statistic	Prob.	
AR(1)	-0.08653	1.21593	-0.07212	0.9420	
AR(2)	0.238163	0.219659	1.070598	0.2844	
AR(3)	0.393267	0.219659	1.820504	0.0694	
AR(4)	-0.227248	1.130363	-0.200459	0.8411	
AR(5)	-0.019559	0.037169	-0.365845	0.7145	
MA(1)	0.114238	0.125594	0.093976	0.9251	
MA(2)	-0.250861	0.182189	-1.290570	0.1969	
MA(3)	0.086817	0.182189	0.457712	0.2001	
MA(4)	0.251214	0.161909	0.219088	0.8274	
Variance Equation					
C	1.54E-06	2.97E-07	5.172165	0.0000	
RESID(-1)^2*RESID(-1)>0	0.082031	0.007706	10.64572	0.0000	
RESID(-1)^2*RESID(-1)>0	0.022289	0.009673	2.304120	0.0212	
GARCH(-1)	0.962329	0.005320	169.8105	0.0000	
R-squared	0.011340	Mean dependent var			
Adjusted R-squared	0.007032	S.D. dependent var			
S.E. of regression	0.010316	Akaike info criterion			
Sum squared resid	0.356566	Schwarz criterion			
Log likelihood	5651.764	Hannan-Quinn criter.			
Durbin-Watson stat	1.966477				
Inverted AR Roots	58.78i	58.78i	-10	-16	
	-99				
Inverted MA Roots	57.79i	57.78i	-26	-1.00	

(b) USA

(c) Japan

Dependent Variable: HK_RETURN_FULL					
Method: ML ARCH - Normal distribution (Marquardt / EViews legacy)					
Date: 08/20/22 Time: 11:32					
Sample (adjusted): 1/07/2015 8/12/2022					
Included observations: 1876 after adjustments					
Convergence achieved after 14 iterations					
Presample variance: backcast (parameter = 0.7)					
$GARCH = C(2) + C(3)*RESID(-1)^2 + C(4)*RESID(-1)^2*RESID(-1)>0 + C(5)*GARCH(-1)$					
Variable	Coefficient	Std. Error	z-Statistic	Prob.	
AR(1)	-0.08653	1.21593	-0.07212	0.9420	
AR(2)	0.238163	0.219659	1.070598	0.2844	
AR(3)	0.393267	0.219659	1.820504	0.0694	
AR(4)	-0.227248	1.130363	-0.200459	0.8411	
AR(5)	-0.019559	0.037169	-0.365845	0.7145	
MA(1)	0.114238	0.125594	0.093976	0.9251	
MA(2)	-0.250861	0.182189	-1.290570	0.1969	
MA(3)	0.086817	0.182189	0.457712	0.2001	
MA(4)	0.251214	0.161909	0.219088	0.8274	
Variance Equation					
C	4.45E-06	4.43E-07	10.05621	0.0000	
RESID(-1)^2*RESID(-1)>0	0.084047	0.010535	8.02772	0.0000	
RESID(-1)^2*RESID(-1)>0	0.291157	0.039321	8.683269	0.0000	
GARCH(-1)	0.751915	0.017138	43.87467	0.0000	
R-squared	0.003077	Mean dependent var			
Adjusted R-squared	0.002116	S.D. dependent var			
S.E. of regression	0.011588	Akaike info criterion			
Sum squared resid	0.256380	Schwarz criterion			
Log likelihood	6403.188	Hannan-Quinn criter.			
Durbin-Watson stat	2.200776				
Inverted AR Roots	20	-07.66	-07.56	-24	
	-07.67				
Inverted MA Roots	20	-07.66	-07.56	-24	

(d) South Korea

Dependent Variable: CHINA_RETURN_BEFORE					
Method: ML ARCH - Normal distribution (Marquardt / EViews legacy)					
Date: 08/22/22 Time: 23:44					
Sample (adjusted): 1/07/2015 8/12/2022					
Included observations: 1845 after adjustments					
Convergence achieved after 11 iterations					
Presample variance: backcast (parameter = 0.7)					
$GARCH = C(2) + C(3)*RESID(-1)^2 + C(4)*RESID(-1)^2*RESID(-1)>0 + C(5)*GARCH(-1)$					
Variable	Coefficient	Std. Error	z-Statistic	Prob.	
AR(1)	-0.08653	1.21593	-0.07212	0.9420	
AR(2)	0.238163	0.219659	1.070598	0.2844	
AR(3)	0.393267	0.219659	1.820504	0.0694	
AR(4)	-0.227248	1.130363	-0.200459	0.8411	
AR(5)	-0.019559	0.037169	-0.365845	0.7145	
MA(1)	0.114238	0.125594	0.093976	0.9251	
MA(2)	-0.250861	0.182189	-1.290570	0.1969	
MA(3)	0.086817	0.182189	0.457712	0.2001	
MA(4)	0.251214	0.161909	0.219088	0.8274	
Variance Equation					
C	8.56E-06	9.26E-07	9.238287	0.0000	
RESID(-1)^2*RESID(-1)>0	-0.014048	0.009415	-1.492074	0.1357	
GARCH(-1)	0.261796	0.025058	10.04867	0.0000	
R-squared	-0.000674</td				

**Figure 21.** Eviews GJRGARCH before covid sample results

Dependent Variable: CHINA_RETURN_AFTER						
Method: ML ARCH - Normal distribution (Marquardt / EViews legacy)						
Date: 08/30/2022	Time: 23:12					
Sample: 2/11/2020 8/12/2022						
Included observations: 612						
Convergence achieved after 19 iterations						
MA Backcast: 2/10/2020						
Presample variance: backcast (parameter = 0.7)						
GARCH = C(2) + C(3)*RESID(-1)^2 + C(4)*RESID(-1)^2*RESID(-1)<0 + C(5)*GARCH(-1)						
Variable Coefficient Std. Error z-Statistic Prob.						
MA(1)	-0.019755	0.049534	-0.398811	0.6900		
Variance Equation						
C	1.31E-05	4.12E-06	3.190280	0.0014		
RESID(-1)^2	0.009465	0.017112	6.286673	0.0000		
RESID(-1)^2*RESID(-1)<0	0.103940	0.042376	2.460439	0.0143		
GARCH(-1)	0.749819	0.051664	14.45473	0.0000		
R-squared	0.000790	Mean dependent var	0.000206			
Adjusted R-squared	-0.000790	S.D. dependent var	0.011059			
S.E. of regression	0.011064	Akaike info criterion	-6.274960			
Sum squared resid	0.074790	Schwarz criterion	-6.238875			
Log likelihood	19251.138	Hannan-Quinn criter.	-6.269025			
Durbin-Watson stat	1.957494					
Inverted MA Roots	0.02					
(a) China						
Dependent Variable: KOREA_RETURN_AFTER						
Method: ML ARCH - Normal distribution (Marquardt / EViews legacy)						
Date: 08/22/22	Time: 10:08					
Sample: 2/11/2020 8/12/2022						
Included observations: 620						
Convergence achieved after 14 iterations						
MA Backcast: 2/07/2020 2/10/2020						
Presample variance: backcast (parameter = 0.7)						
GARCH = C(3) + C(4)*RESID(-1)^2 + C(5)*RESID(-1)^2*RESID(-1)<0 + C(6)*GARCH(-1)						
Variable Coefficient Std. Error z-Statistic Prob.						
MA(1)	0.080532	0.045488	1.770389	0.0767		
MA(2)	0.062964	0.044363	1.419232	0.1568		
Variance Equation						
C	1.70E-05	4.81E-06	3.688867	0.0002		
RESID(-1)^2	0.065876	0.034694	1.898769	0.0576		
RESID(-1)^2*RESID(-1)<0	0.375675	0.076484	4.911785	0.0000		
GARCH(-1)	0.684288	0.055199	11.74438	0.0000		
R-squared	0.001805	Mean dependent var	0.000223			
Adjusted R-squared	0.001809	S.D. dependent var	0.014017			
S.E. of regression	0.014016	Akaike info criterion	-6.640944			
Sum squared resid	0.121404	Schwarz criterion	-6.051255			
Log likelihood	1895.169	Hannan-Quinn criter.	-6.077431			
Durbin-Watson stat	2.203076					
Inverted MA Roots	-0.4- 25i	-0.4+ 25i				
(d) South Korea						
Dependent Variable: HONGKONG_RETURN_AFTER						
Method: ML ARCH - Normal distribution (Marquardt / EViews legacy)						
Date: 08/22/22	Time: 11:09					
Sample: 2/11/2020 8/12/2022						
Included observations: 619						
Convergence achieved after 10 iterations						
MA Backcast: 2/10/2020						
Presample variance: backcast (parameter = 0.7)						
GARCH = C(2) + C(3)*RESID(-1)^2 + C(4)*RESID(-1)^2*RESID(-1)<0 + C(5)*GARCH(-1)						
Variable Coefficient Std. Error z-Statistic Prob.						
MA(1)	-0.014595	0.043874	-0.331295	0.7404		
Variance Equation						
C	1.06E-05	3.10E-06	3.417197	0.0006		
RESID(-1)^2	-0.001068	0.021495	-0.040605	0.9604		
RESID(-1)^2*RESID(-1)<0	0.132216	0.031782	4.160800	0.0000		
GARCH(-1)	0.880899	0.021908	40.20950	0.0000		
R-squared	-0.000791	Mean dependent var	-0.000485			
Adjusted R-squared	-0.000791	S.D. dependent var	0.015932			
S.E. of regression	0.015398	Akaike info criterion	-5.682393			
Sum squared resid	0.146535	Schwarz criterion	-5.627525			
Log likelihood	1757.789	Hannan-Quinn criter.	-5.649388			
Durbin-Watson stat	1.998220					
Inverted MA Roots	.01					
(e) Hong Kong						
Dependent Variable: JAPAN_RETURN_AFTER						
Method: ML ARCH - Normal distribution (Marquardt / EViews legacy)						
Date: 08/21/22	Time: 20:02					
Sample: 2/12/2020 8/12/2022						
Included observations: 611						
Convergence achieved after 13 iterations						
MA Backcast: 2/11/2020						
Presample variance: backcast (parameter = 0.7)						
GARCH = C(3) + C(4)*RESID(-1)^2 + C(5)*RESID(-1)^2*RESID(-1)<0 + C(6)*GARCH(-1)						
Variable Coefficient Std. Error z-Statistic Prob.						
MA(1)	0.004573	0.043041	0.106240	0.9154		
Variance Equation						
C	1.27E-05	3.51E-06	3.625000	0.0003		
RESID(-1)^2	-0.003130	0.023163	-0.135185	0.8925		
RESID(-1)^2*RESID(-1)<0	0.192381	0.048049	0.003866	0.0001		
GARCH(-1)	0.839290	0.041306	20.31867	0.0000		
(f) Taiwan						
Dependent Variable: TAIWAN_RETURN_AFTER						
Method: ML ARCH - Normal distribution (Marquardt / EViews legacy)						
Date: 08/22/22	Time: 12:01					
Sample: 2/11/2020 8/12/2022						
Included observations: 615						
Convergence achieved after 15 iterations						
MA Backcast: 2/10/2020						
Presample variance: backcast (parameter = 0.7)						
GARCH = C(2) + C(3)*RESID(-1)^2 + C(4)*RESID(-1)^2*RESID(-1)<0 + C(5)*GARCH(-1)						
Variable Coefficient Std. Error z-Statistic Prob.						
MA(1)	0.064440	0.044627	1.309532	0.1904		
Variance Equation						
C	1.65E-05	4.18E-06	3.693769	0.0001		
RESID(-1)^2	1.079881	0.026561	-0.077088	0.9281		
RESID(-1)^2*RESID(-1)<0	0.307629	0.071066	4.298057	0.0000		
GARCH(-1)	0.782343	0.056564	13.26256	0.0000		

**Figure 22.** Eviews GJRGARCH during covid sample result

**Table 17.** Eviews leverage effect term from GJR-Garch

Full Sample		China	USA	Japan	South Korea	Hong Kong	Taiwan
Full sample	stats	0.022288	0.291157	0.251796	0.202791	0.091842	0.217104
	prob	0.0212	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
Before covid	stats	0.017236	0.322925	0.289123	0.156916	0.082764	0.207237
	leverage	leverage	leverage	leverage	leverage	leverage	leverage
After covid	prob	0.1333	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
	stats	0.103840	0.181677	0.192381	0.375675	0.132276	0.307629
	leverage+	leverage-	leverage-	leverage+	leverage+	leverage+	leverage+
	prob	0.0143	0.0002	0.0001	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000

#### 4.5.2.1 Ljung-Box test for serial correlation

As described in section 2.4.3, the Ljung-Box test helps assess whether the time series of interest is autocorrelated. The null hypothesis of the test is that the autocorrelations of the given sample are all zero. If the p-value we get from the test is larger than 0.05, we fail to reject the null hypothesis, and the model is lack of fit. Figure 20-22 presents the Ljung Box test result for GJRGARCH.

**Figure 23.** Ljung-Box test for serial correlation for GJR Garch full sample

Except US at lag7 yields 0.025, all probabilities satisfy the Ljung Box test with probabilities larger than 0.05. Thus we conclude that in general, the models are good fit and pass the Ljung-Box test.

**Figure 24.** Ljung-Box test for serial correlation for GJR Garch before covid sample

Except China at lag5 yields 0.040, Hong Kong at lag 3 yields 0.049, all probabilities satisfy the Ljung Box test with probabilities larger than 0.05. Thus we conclude that in general, the models are good fit and pass the Ljung-Box test.

**Figure 25.** Liung-Box test for serial correlation for GJR Garch after covid sample

Except US at lag9 yields 0.018, all probabilities satisfy the Ljung Box test with probabilities larger than 0.05. Thus we conclude that in general, the models are good fit and pass the Ljung-Box test.

#### 4.5.2.2 ARCH-LM test

As described in section 2.4.3, the ARCH-LM test is a test for ARCH effects by regressing the squared errors on different specified lags. The null hypothesis is that the lagged regression coefficients are zero, there is no existing ARCH up to order  $q$  in the residuals, and there are no ARCH effects. If the p-value we get from the test is larger than 0.05, we reject the null hypothesis, and there are ARCH effects. We expect rejecting the null hypothesis to pass the ARCH LM diagnostic test in the section

successfully. Figure 26-28 presents the ARCH LM test result, and table 18 summarizes the Prob. Chi-Square results.

Heteroskedasticity Test: ARCH					Heteroskedasticity Test: ARCH					Heteroskedasticity Test: ARCH				
F-statistic	1.885892	Prob. F(1,1842)	0.1698		F-statistic	0.005821	Prob. F(1,1909)	0.9392		F-statistic	0.011919	Prob. F(1,1875)	0.9131	
Obs*R-squared	1.886009	Prob. Chi-Square(1)	0.1697		Obs*R-squared	0.005827	Prob. Chi-Square(1)	0.9392		Obs*R-squared	0.011932	Prob. Chi-Square(1)	0.9130	
<b>Test Equation:</b>														
Dependent Variable: WGT_RESID^2														
Method: Least Squares														
Date: 08/09/22 Time: 20:07														
Sample (adjusted): 1/1/2015 6/1/2022														
Included observations: 1844 after adjustments														
Variable	Coefficient	Std. Error	t-Statistic	Prob.	Variable	Coefficient	Std. Error	t-Statistic	Prob.	Variable	Coefficient	Std. Error	t-Statistic	Prob.
C	0.968939	0.059057	16.40693	0.0000	C	0.998244	0.055382	18.02468	0.0000	C	1.003607	0.050576	19.84356	0.0000
WGT_RESID^2(-1)	0.031981	0.023288	1.373278	0.1698	WGT_RESID^2(-1)	0.001747	0.022897	0.076293	0.9392	WGT_RESID^2(-1)	-0.002527	0.023148	-0.109174	0.9131
R-squared	0.001023	Mean dependent var	0.000953		R-squared	0.000003	Mean dependent var	0.999988		R-squared	0.000006	Mean dependent var	1.001086	
Adjusted R-squared	0.000987	S.D. dependent var	2.33000		Adjusted R-squared	-0.000521	S.D. dependent var	2.204777		Adjusted R-squared	-0.000527	S.D. dependent var	1.949006	
S.E. of regression	2.300054	Akaike info criterion	4.930744		S.E. of regression	1.205351	Akaike info criterion	4.420696		S.E. of regression	1.049520	Akaike info criterion	4.174108	
Sum squared resid	10000.60	Schwarz criterion	4.536730		Sum squared resid	9284.568	Schwarz criterion	4.426510		Sum squared resid	7126.175	Schwarz criterion	4.180008	
Log likelihood	-4175.346	Hannan-Quinn criter.	4.452951		Log likelihood	-4221.975	Hannan-Quinn criter.	4.422836		Log likelihood	-3915.400	Hannan-Quinn criter.	4.176281	
F-statistic	1.885892	Durbin-Watson stat	1.999588		F-statistic	0.005821	Durbin-Watson stat	1.999091		F-statistic	0.011919	Durbin-Watson stat	1.994417	
Prob(F-statistic)	0.169833				Prob(F-statistic)	0.99194				Prob(F-statistic)	0.913076			

(a) China

(b) USA

(c) Japan

Heteroskedasticity Test: ARCH				
F-statistic	0.147234	Prob. F(1,1866)	0.7012	
Obs*R-squared	0.147380	Prob. Chi-Square(1)	0.7011	

Test Equation:				
Dependent Variable: WGT_RESID^2				
Method: Least Squares				
Date: 08/09/22 Time: 02:00				
Sample (adjusted): 1/08/2015 8/1/2022				
Included observations: 1868 after adjustments				
Variable	Coefficient	Std. Error	t-Statistic	Prob.
C	1.009650	0.047074	21.31233	0.0000
WGT_RESID^2(-1)	-0.008882	0.023149	-0.383711	0.7012
R-squared	0.000078	Mean dependent var	1.000768	
Adjusted R-squared	-0.000457	S.D. dependent var	1.785603	
S.E. of regression	1.786011	Akaike info criterion	3.998917	
Sum squared resid	5952.236	Schwarz criterion	4.004840	
Log likelihood	-3724.988	Hannan-Quinn criter.	4.001099	
F-statistic	0.147234	Durbin-Watson stat	1.999008	
Prob(F-statistic)	0.701237			

(d) South Korea

(e) Hong Kong

(f) Taiwan

Heteroskedasticity Test: ARCH				
F-statistic	1.422341	Prob. F(1,1232)	0.2332	
Obs*R-squared	1.423007	Prob. Chi-Square(1)	0.2329	

Test Equation:				
Dependent Variable: WGT_RESID^2				
Method: Least Squares				
Date: 09/07/22 Time: 12:11				
Sample (adjusted): 1/1/2015 2/10/2020				
Included observations: 1234 after adjustments				
Variable	Coefficient	Std. Error	t-Statistic	Prob.
C	0.007274	0.076386	12.66308	0.0000
WGT_RESID^2(-1)	0.033959	0.028474	1.192619	0.2332
R-squared	0.001153	Mean dependent var	0.001279	
Adjusted R-squared	0.000342	S.D. dependent var	2.498979	
S.E. of regression	2.498352	Akaike info criterion	4.663542	
Sum squared resid	7634.549	Schwarz criterion	4.671937	
Log likelihood	-2875.404	Hannan-Quinn criter.	4.666662	
F-statistic	1.422341	Durbin-Watson stat	1.997518	
Prob(F-statistic)	0.233248			

(a) China

(b) USA

(c) Japan

Heteroskedasticity Test: ARCH				
F-statistic	1.002456	Prob. F(1,1246)	0.3169	
Obs*R-squared	1.003258	Prob. Chi-Square(1)	0.3165	

Test Equation:				
Dependent Variable: WGT_RESID^2				
Method: Least Squares				
Date: 08/22/22 Time: 09:45				
Sample (adjusted): 1/08/2015 2/10/2020				
Included observations: 1248 after adjustments				
Variable	Coefficient	Std. Error	t-Statistic	Prob.
C	1.029258	0.062284	16.52520	0.0000
WGT_RESID^2(-1)	-0.028351	0.028316	-1.001227	0.3169
R-squared	0.000094	Mean dependent var	1.000091	
Adjusted R-squared	0.000002	S.D. dependent var	1.959401	
S.E. of regression	1.959499	Akaike info criterion	4.194846	
Sum squared resid	4784.139	Schwarz criterion	4.193066	
Log likelihood	-2609.344	Hannan-Quinn criter.	4.187936	
F-statistic	1.002456	Durbin-Watson stat	1.999524	
Prob(F-statistic)	0.316911			

(d) South Korea

(e) Hong Kong

(f) Taiwan

Heteroskedasticity Test: ARCH				
F-statistic	9.89E-05	Prob. F(1,1264)	0.9921	
Obs*R-squared	9.91E-05	Prob. Chi-Square(1)	0.9921	

Test Equation:				
Dependent Variable: WGT_RESID^2				
Method: Least Squares				
Date: 08/22/22 Time: 10:49				
Sample (adjusted): 1/08/2015 2/10/2020				
Included observations: 1257 after adjustments				
Variable	Coefficient	Std. Error	t-Statistic	Prob.
C	1.004654	0.061227	16.40854	0.0000
WGT_RESID^2(-1)	-0.004239	0.028227	-0.150188	0.8806
R-squared	0.000018	Mean dependent var	1.000013	
Adjusted R-squared	-0.000079	S.D. dependent var	1.925441	
S.E. of regression	1.926190	Akaike info criterion	4.150565	
Sum squared resid	4656.313	Schwarz criterion	4.158728	
Log likelihood	-2606.624	Hannan-Quinn criter.	4.153627	
F-statistic	1.002556	Durbin-Watson stat	1.999170	
Prob(F-statistic)	0.880641			

Heteroskedasticity Test: ARCH							Heteroskedasticity Test: ARCH							Heteroskedasticity Test: ARCH									
F-statistic	0.032031	Prob. F(1,609)	0.0580	Obs*R-squared	0.032135	Prob. Chi-Square(1)	0.0570	F-statistic	0.582599	Prob. F(1,625)	0.4466	Obs*R-squared	0.583919	Prob. Chi-Square(1)	0.4448	F-statistic	0.481593	Prob. F(1,608)	0.4880	Obs*R-squared	0.482795	Prob. Chi-Square(1)	0.4872
<b>Test Equation:</b> Dependent Variable: WGT_RESID^2 Method: Least Squares Date: 08/02/22 Time: 23:20 Sample (adjusted): 2/1/2020 8/12/2022 Included observations: 611 after adjustments																							
<b>Variable</b> <b>Coefficient</b> <b>Std. Error</b> <b>t-Statistic</b> <b>Prob.</b>																							
C																							
WGT_RESID^2(-1)	1.010049	0.087649	11.52379	0.0000	R-squared	0.000053	Mean dependent var	1.002774	R-squared	0.000051	Mean dependent var	1.000542	S.E. of regression	-0.000667	S.D. dependent var	1.675694	R-squared	0.000791	Mean dependent var	1.000496			
	-0.007263	0.040524	-0.178973	0.9580	Adjusted R-squared	-0.0001589	S.D. dependent var	1.917962	Adjusted R-squared	-0.0001589	S.D. dependent var	1.569879	S.E. of regression	1.811009	Akaike info criterion	4.145261	Adjusted R-squared	-0.000862	S.D. dependent var	1.569879			
					S.E. of regression	1.811009	Akaike info criterion	4.145261	S.E. of regression	1.678443	Akaike info criterion	3.074410	Sum squared resid	2240.315	Schwarz criterion	4.156712	S.E. of regression	1.569847	Akaike info criterion	3.742862			
					Sum squared resid	2240.315	Schwarz criterion	4.156712	Sum squared resid	1765.638	Schwarz criterion	3.888676	Log likelihood	-1264.377	Hannan-Quinn criter.	4.150881	Log likelihood	-1139.570	Hannan-Quinn criter.	3.757322			
					Log likelihood	-1264.377	Hannan-Quinn criter.	4.150881	Log likelihood	-1212.628	Hannan-Quinn criter.	3.879914	F-statistic	0.032031	Durbin-Watson stat	1.995141	F-statistic	0.481593	Durbin-Watson stat	1.986081			
					Prob(F-statistic)	0.859018	Durbin-Watson stat	1.998875	Prob(F-statistic)	0.445584	Durbin-Watson stat	0.995141	Prob(F-statistic)	0.445584	Prob(F-statistic)	0.487966	Prob(F-statistic)	0.487966	Prob(F-statistic)	0.487966			
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<b>(f) Taiwan</b>																							

Figure 28. ARCH-LM test for GJR Garch after covid sample

Table 18. ARCH-LM result GJR-Garch

Prob. Chi-Square	China	USA	Japan	South Korea	Hong Kong	Taiwan
Full sample	0.1697	0.9392	0.9130	0.7011	0.7855	0.1296
Before covid	0.2329	0.5103	0.9921	0.3165	0.8805	0.4402
After covid	0.8577	0.4448	0.4872	0.8067	0.4439	0.0954

From the ARCH-LM test, all the Prob. Chi-Square results are significantly larger than 0.05, successfully pass the ARCH-LM test.

#### 4.6 Forecasting conditional variance of the series

After modeling the characteristics of volatilities of different countries and regions, this study predicted the volatility. The study first trains the data using the 2015-2021 data, then employs the derived models to forecast volatility in 2021. The study chooses the best model based on four criteria: the model that yields the lowest Root Mean Square Error, the lowest Mean Absolute Error, the Lowest Mean Absolute Percent Error, and finally, the highest Theil's Inequality Coefficient.

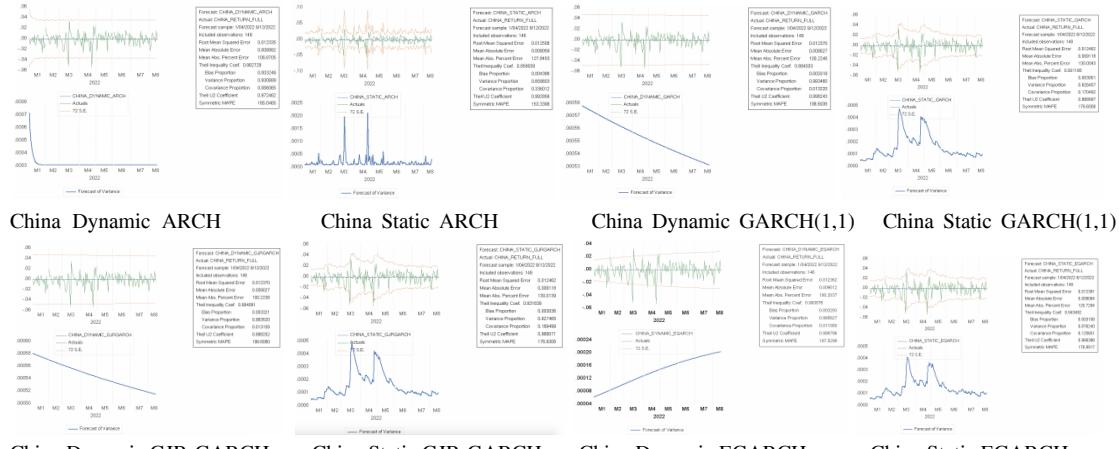
$$\text{Mean Absolute Error: } \left( \frac{1}{N} \right) \sum_{i=1}^N |y_i - \hat{y}_i|$$

$$\text{Mean Absolute Percent Error: } \left( \frac{1}{N} \right) \sum_{i=1}^N \left| \left( y_i - \hat{y}_i \right) / y_i \right| \cdot 100$$

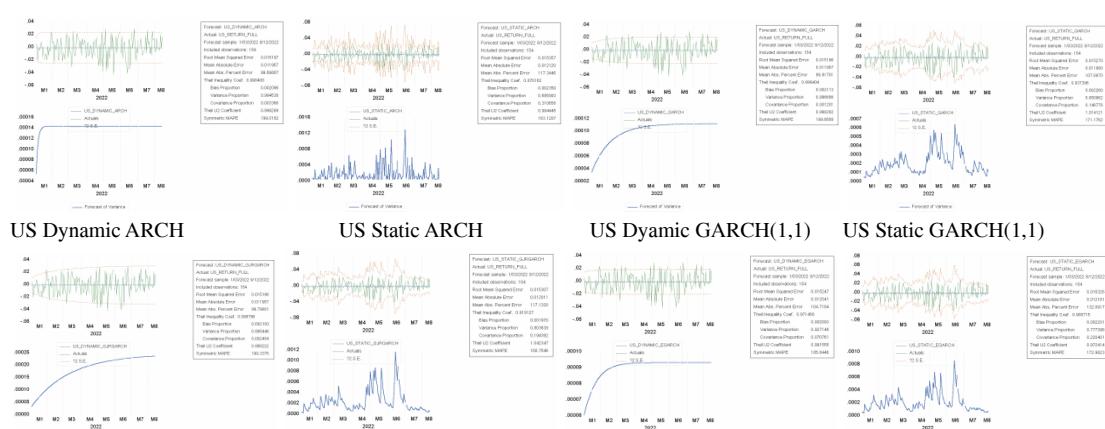
$$\text{Root Mean Square Error: } \sqrt{\left( \frac{1}{N} \right) \sum_{i=1}^N (y_i - \hat{y}_i)^2}$$

$$\text{Theil's Inequality Coefficient: } \frac{\sqrt{\left(\frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N (y_i - \hat{y}_i)^2\right)^2}}{\left[\sqrt{\left(\frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N (y_i)^2\right)} + \sqrt{\left(\frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N (\hat{y}_i)^2\right)}\right]}$$

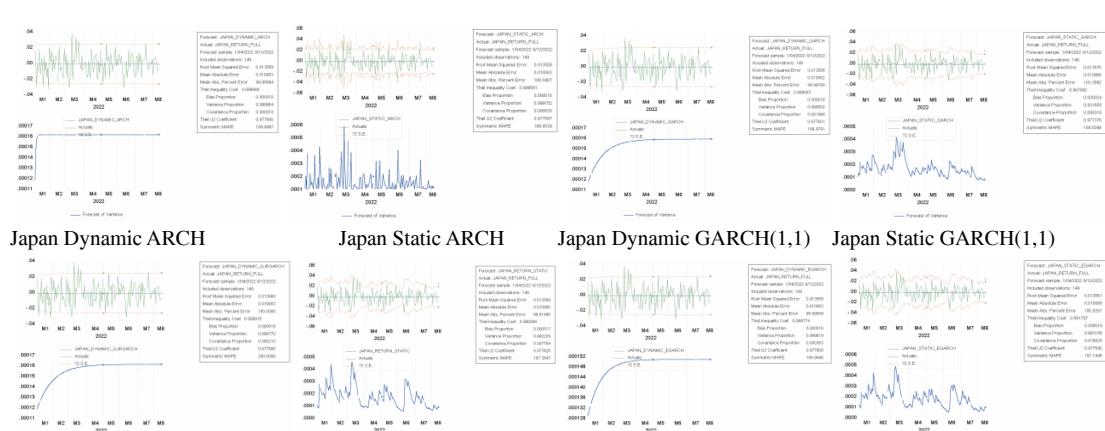
As all our previous models exist ARCH effects through, we estimate ARCH, GARCH(1,1), EGARCH, GJRGARCH models in dynamic, and static forms. Figure 29-34 presents our estimating results.



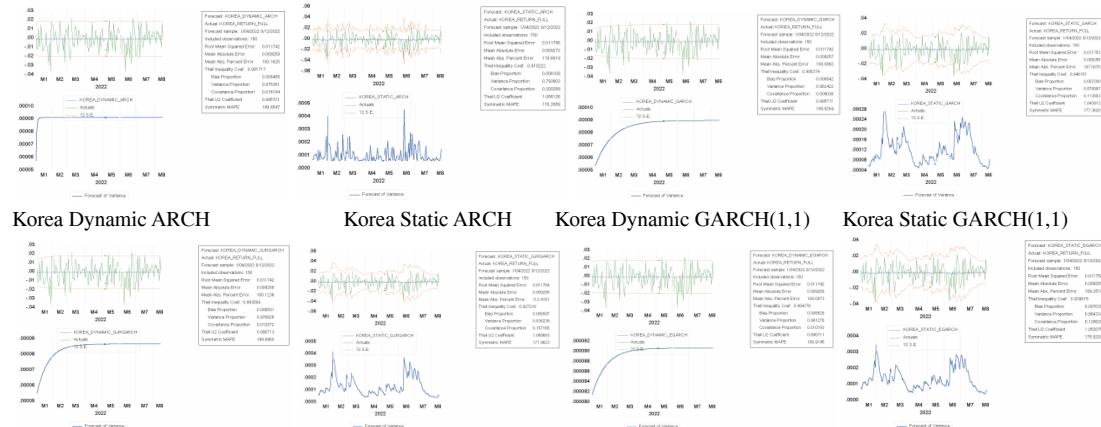
**Figure 29.** In-sample Forecast result for China 2022's volatility using 2015-2021 volatility



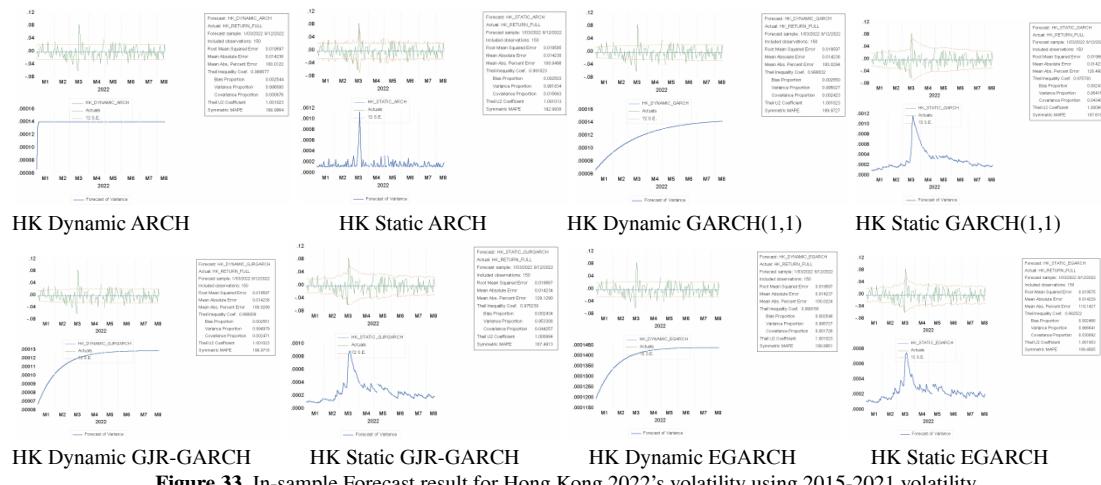
**Figure 30.** In-sample Forecast result for US 2022's volatility using 2015-2021 volatility



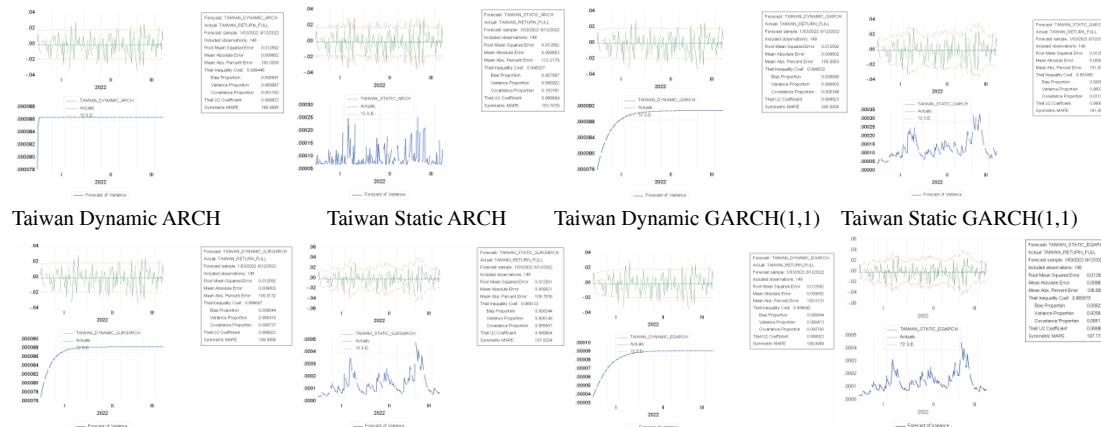
Japan Dynamic GJR-GARCH    Japan Static GJR-GARCH    Japan Dynamic EGARCH    Japan Static EGARCH  
**Figure 31.** In-sample Forecast result for Japan 2022's volatility using 2015-2021 volatility



Korea Dynamic GJR-GARCH    Korea Static GJR-GARCH    Korea Dynamic EGARCH    Korea Static EGARCH  
**Figure 32.** In-sample Forecast result for Korea 2022's volatility using 2015-2021 volatility



HK Dynamic GJR-GARCH    HK Static GJR-GARCH    HK Dynamic EGARCH    HK Static GARCH(1,1)  
**Figure 33.** In-sample Forecast result for Hong Kong 2022's volatility using 2015-2021 volatility



Taiwan Dynamic GJR-GARCH    Taiwan Static GJR-GARCH    Taiwan Dynamic EGARCH    Taiwan Static EGARCH  
**Figure 34.** In-sample Forecast result for Taiwan 2022's volatility using 2015-2021 volatility

**Table 19.** Comparison of Root Mean Square Error

Forecast result/RMSE	China	USA	Japan	South Korea	Hong Kong	Taiwan
Dynamic ARCH	0.012335	0.015196	0.013559	0.011742	0.019597	0.012592
Static ARCH	0.012506	0.015357	0.013559	0.011786	0.019585	0.012582
Dynamic GARCH(1,1)	0.012370	0.015196	0.013558	0.011742	0.019597	0.012592

Static GARCH(1,1)	0.012462	0.015270	0.013570	0.011753	0.019568	0.012585
Dynamic GJR-GARCH	0.012370	0.015196	0.013560	0.011742	0.019597	0.012592
Static GJR-GARCH	0.012462	0.015307	0.013559	0.011764	0.019567	0.012581
Dynamic E-GARCH	0.012362	0.015247	0.013559	0.001742	0.019597	0.012592
Static E-GARCH	0.012381	0.015325	0.013561	0.011758	0.019575	0.012581

For China, using the criterion of minimizing the root mean square error, the best estimating model is Dynamic ARCH, followed by Dynamic E-GARCH, and then by Dynamic GARCH(1,1) and Dynamic GJR-GARCH. For the US, the best estimating models are Dynamic ARCH, Dynamic GARCH(1,1) and Dynamic GJR-GARCH. For Japan, the best forecasting models are Dynamic GARCH(1,1), followed by Dynamic ARCH, Static ARCH, Static GJR-GARCH, Dynamic EGARCH. For South Korea, the best forecasting models are Dynamic ARCH, Dynamic GARCH(1,1), Dynamic GJR-GARCH and Dynamic EGARCH. For Hong Kong, the best forecasting models are Static GJR-GARCH, followed by Static GARCH(1,1) and Static E-GARCH. For Taiwan, the best forecasting models are Static GJR-GARCH and Static E-GARCH, followed by Static ARCH and then by Static GARCH(1,1).

**Table 20.** Comparison of Mean Absolute Error

Forecast result/MAE	China	USA	Japan	South Korea	Hong Kong	Taiwan
Dynamic ARCH	0.008992	0.011957	0.010883	0.009259	0.014236	0.009802
Static ARCH	0.009059	0.012120	0.010883	0.009272	0.014230	0.009853
Dynamic GARCH(1,1)	0.009027	0.011957	0.010882	0.009257	0.014238	0.009802
Static GARCH(1,1)	0.009118	0.011980	0.010906	0.009255	0.014234	0.009812
Dynamic GJR-GARCH	0.009027	0.011957	0.010883	0.009258	0.014238	0.009802
Static GJR-GARCH	0.009118	0.012011	0.010880	0.009255	0.014234	0.009831
Dynamic E-GARCH	0.009012	0.012041	0.010883	0.009258	0.014237	0.009802
Static E-GARCH	0.009064	0.012181	0.010888	0.009259	0.014229	0.009832

For China, using the criterion of minimizing the mean absolute error, the best estimating model is Dynamic ARCH, followed by Dynamic E-GARCH, and then by Dynamic GARCH(1,1) and Dynamic GJR-GARCH. For the US, the best estimating models are Dynamic ARCH, Dynamic GARCH(1,1) and Dynamic GJR-GARCH. For Japan, the best forecasting models are Static GJR-GARCH, followed by Dynamic GARCH(1,1). For South Korea, the best forecasting models are Static GARCH(1,1) and Static GJR-GARCH, followed by Dynamic GARCH(1,1). For Hong Kong, the best forecasting model is Static E-GARCH, followed by Static ARCH, and then by Static GARCH(1,1) and Static GJR-GARCH. For Taiwan, the best forecasting models are Dynamic ARCH, Dynamic GARCH(1,1), Dynamic GJR-GARCH and Dynamic E-GARCH.

**Table 21.** Comparison of Mean Absolute Percent Error

Forecast result/MAPE	China	USA	Japan	South Korea	Hong Kong	Taiwan
Dynamic ARCH	106.8705	99.69867	99.99994	100.1625	100.0122	100.0208

Static ARCH	127.8453	117.2446	100.0407	119.6619	108.9498	112.2179
Dynamic GARCH(1,1)	100.2248	99.91701	99.99780	100.0862	100.0294	100.0063
Static GARCH(1,1)	130.0043	107.8870	103.3592	107.0070	128.4904	101.8019
Dynamic GJR-GARCH	100.2238	99.79801	100.0006	100.1236	100.0299	100.0132
Static GJR-GARCH	130.0139	117.1320	99.61440	112.4161	129.1290	106.7838
Dynamic E-GARCH	100.2037	104.7184	99.99889	100.0973	100.0224	100.0133
Static E-GARCH	120.7294	132.0917	100.8261	109.2518	119.1427	106.8569

For China, using the criterion of minimizing the mean absolute percent error, the best estimating model is Dynamic E-GARCH, followed by Dynamic GJR-GARCH, and then by Dynamic GARCH(1,1). For the US, the best estimating model is Dynamic ARCH, followed by Dynamic GJR-GARCH, and then by Dynamic GARCH(1,1). For Japan, the best forecasting model is Static GJR-GARCH, followed by Dynamic GARCH(1,1). For South Korea, the best forecasting model is Dynamic GARCH(1,1), followed by Dynamic E-GARCH. For Hong Kong, the best forecasting model is Dynamic ARCH, followed by Dynamic E-GARCH. For Taiwan, the best forecasting model is Dynamic GARCH(1,1), followed by Dynamic GJR-GARCH.

**Table 22.** Comparison of Theil's Inequality Coefficient

Forecast result/TIC	China	USA	Japan	South Korea	Hong Kong	Taiwan
Dynamic ARCH	0.962729	0.998408	0.999989	0.991717	0.999577	0.999446
Static ARCH	0.859039	0.870162	0.999591	0.910222	0.991023	0.948207
Dynamic GARCH(1,1)	0.994033	0.999404	0.999083	0.995347	0.998832	0.999832
Static GARCH(1,1)	0.931185	0.937396	0.967892	0.946101	0.975700	0.983486
Dynamic GJR-GARCH	0.994061	0.998796	0.999915	0.993584	0.998809	0.999647
Static GJR-GARCH	0.931639	0.919127	0.996094	0.927216	0.975239	0.966123
Dynamic E-GARCH	0.993876	0.971460	0.999774	0.994776	0.999168	0.999645
Static E-GARCH	0.943492	0.908715	0.991797	0.939815	0.982522	0.965875

For China, using the criterion of maximizing the Theil's Inequality Coefficient, the best estimating model is Dynamic GJR-GARCH, followed by Dynamic GARCH(1,1), and then by Dynamic E-GARCH. For the US, the best estimating models are Dynamic ARCH and Dynamic GJR-GARCH. For Japan, the best estimating model is Dynamic ARCH, followed by Dynamic GJR-GARCH. For South Korea, the best estimating model is Dynamic GARCH(1,1), followed by Dynamic E-GARCH. For Hong Kong, the best estimating model is Dynamic ARCH, followed by Dynamic E-GARCH. For Taiwan, the best estimating model is Dynamic GARCH(1,1), followed by Dynamic GJR-GARCH.

**Table 23.** Summary of Best Estimating Models

minimize RMSE	minimize MAE	minimize MAPE	maximize TIC
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	Dynamic ARCH, Dynamic E-GARCH, <u>Dynamic GARCH(1,1)</u> , Dynamic GJR-GARCH	Dynamic ARCH, Dynamic E-GARCH, <u>Dynamic GARCH(1,1)</u> , Dynamic GJR-GARCH	Dynamic E-GARCH, Dynamic GJR-GARCH, <u>Dynamic GARCH(1,1)</u> , Dynamic GJR-GARCH	Dynamic GJR-GARCH, Dynamic ARCH, <u>Dynamic GARCH(1,1)</u> , Dynamic GJR-GARCH
China	Dynamic GJR-GARCH	Dynamic GJR-GARCH	<u>Dynamic GARCH(1,1)</u>	Dynamic E-GARCH
USA	Dynamic ARCH, <u>Dynamic GARCH(1,1)</u> , Dynamic GJR-GARCH	Dynamic ARCH, <u>Dynamic GARCH(1,1)</u> , Dynamic GJR-GARCH	Dynamic GJR-GARCH, Dynamic ARCH, <u>Dynamic GARCH(1,1)</u>	Dynamic GJR-GARCH
Japan	Dynamic ARCH, Static ARCH, Static GJR-GARCH, Dynamic EGARCH	Dynamic ARCH, Static GJR-GARCH, <u>Dynamic GARCH(1,1)</u>	Static GJR-GARCH, <u>Dynamic GARCH(1,1)</u>	Dynamic ARCH, Dynamic GJR-GARCH
South Korea	Dynamic GJR-GARCH, Dynamic EGARCH	Static GARCH(1,1), Static GJR-GARCH	Dynamic GARCH(1,1), Dynamic E-GARCH	Dynamic GARCH(1,1)
Hong Kong	Static E-GARCH	Static E-GARCH, Static GJR-GARCH, Static GARCH(1,1), Dynamic GJR-GARCH	Dynamic ARCH, Dynamic ARCH, Dynamic E-GARCH, <u>Dynamic GARCH(1,1)</u>	Dynamic ARCH, Dynamic E-GARCH, <u>Dynamic GARCH(1,1)</u>
Taiwan	Static GJR-GARCH, Static E-GARCH	Dynamic GJR-GARCH, Dynamic E-GARCH	Dynamic GARCH(1,1), Dynamic GJR-GARCH	Dynamic GARCH(1,1)

After estimating each type of model in both its dynamic and static form, the GARCH(1,1) dynamic model is the one that minimizes the RMSE, MAE, MAPE, and has the highest Theil's Inequality Coefficient. On the scale of individual country or region, Dynamic E-GARCH performs the best in estimating China stock market. Dynamic ARCH is best for estimating the US stock market. For Japan, the model that best estimate its stock market is the Static GJR-GARCH. For South Korea, the best estimating model is Dynamic GARCH(1,1). For Hong Kong, the models' performance are average and not enough to support which one is the best. For Taiwan, it is also the Dynamic GARCH(1,1) model that best forecast its stock market. In summary, Dynamic GARCH(1,1) model performs the best in estimating stock markets across the studied countries.

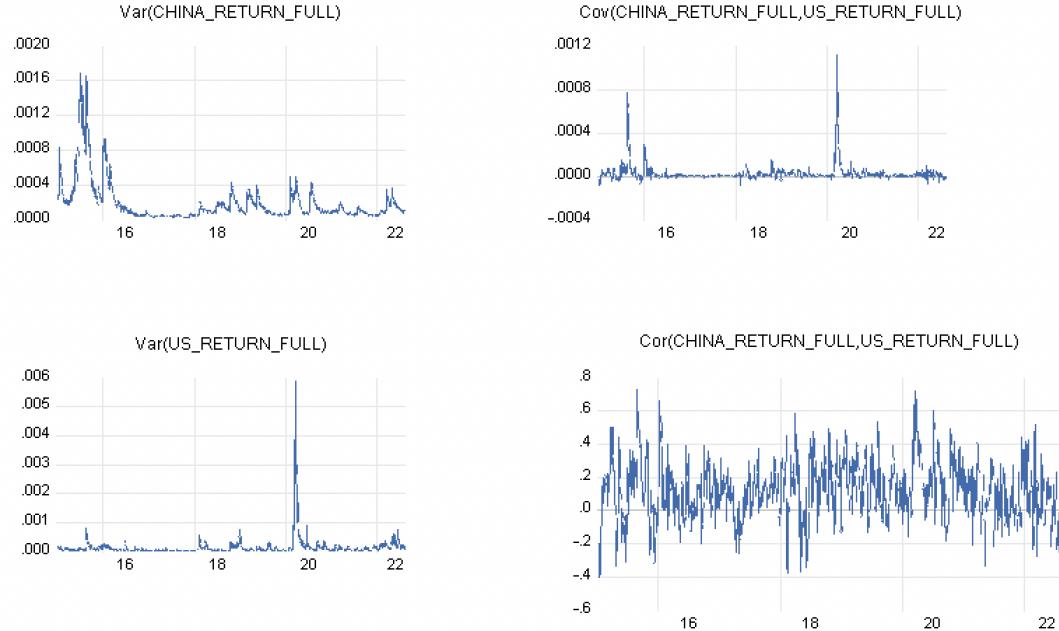
#### 4.7 Volatility spill-over effect

The ARCH and GARCH models in the previous sections of this study are univariate and conditional, and extensions into multivariate cases can model dynamics of both covariances and correlations between different countries' stock markets. The volatility spill-over effect holds great significance in this study since initially the study chooses countries and regions that are China's top trading partners. Measuring the co-movement in volatility can support our hypothesis that they are also profoundly connected regarding stock market volatility. The study adopts the straightforward diagonal BEKK method suggested by *Essentials of Time Series For Financial*

*Applications.* For the conditional mean, the study employs MA(1) for China's returns and AR(1) for other countries' or regions' returns. For the conditional variance, the study employs a simple Gaussian GARCH(1,1) model for both series.

System: BEKK				
Estimation Method: ARCH Maximum Likelihood (BFGS / Marquardt steps)				
Covariance specification: Diagonal BEKK				
Date: 09/04/22 Time: 14:48				
Sample: 1/06/2015 8/12/2022				
Included observations: 1985				
Total system (balanced) observations 3970				
Disturbance assumption: Student's t distribution				
Presample covariance: backcast (parameter =0.7)				
Failure to improve likelihood (non-zero gradients) after 0 iterations				
Coefficient covariance computed using outer product of gradients				
Coefficient	Std. Error	z-Statistic	Prob.	
C(1)	-8.01E-05	0.000191	-0.420275	0.6743
C(2)	0.191378	0.018715	10.22601	0.0000
C(3)	0.000436	0.000148	2.941469	0.0033
C(4)	-0.159610	0.024009	-6.647813	0.0000
Variance Equation Coefficients				
C(5)	9.81E-07	3.01E-07	3.269711	0.0011
C(6)	3.80E-07	2.91E-07	1.306746	0.1913
C(7)	4.11E-06	6.64E-07	6.183784	0.0000
C(8)	0.265501	0.016405	16.18445	0.0000
C(9)	0.464248	0.026997	17.19630	0.0000
C(10)	0.962802	0.003845	250.3946	0.0000
C(11)	0.869600	0.013186	65.94885	0.0000
t-Distribution (Degree of Freedom)				
C(12)	7.000000	0.603629	11.59653	0.0000
Log likelihood	12982.09	Schwarz criterion	-13.01414	
Avg. log likelihood	3.265011	Hannan-Quinn criter.	-13.03553	
Akaike info criter.	-13.04795			
Equation: CHINA_RETURN_FULL = C(1)+C(2)*US_RETURN_FULL(-1)				
R-squared	0.026740	Mean dependent var	-1.12E-05	
Adjusted R-squared	0.026249	S.D. dependent var	0.013481	
S.E. of regression	0.013303	Sum squared resid	0.360923	
Durbin-Watson stat	1.993504			
Equation: US_RETURN_FULL=C(3)+C(4)*US_RETURN_FULL(-1)				
R-squared	0.026482	Mean dependent var	0.000378	
Adjusted R-squared	0.024991	S.D. dependent var	0.011517	
S.E. of regression	0.011372	Sum squared resid	0.256468	
Durbin-Watson stat	1.975702			
Covariance specification: Diagonal BEKK				
GARCH = M + A1*RESID(-1)*RESID(-1)*A1 + B1*GARCH(-1)*B1				
M is an indefinite matrix				
A1 is a diagonal matrix				
B1 is a diagonal matrix				
Transformed Variance Coefficients				
Coefficient	Std. Error	z-Statistic	Prob.	
M(1,1)	9.81E-07	3.01E-07	3.259711	0.0011
M(1,2)	3.80E-07	2.91E-07	1.306746	0.1913
M(2,2)	4.11E-06	6.64E-07	6.183784	0.0000
A1(1,1)	0.265501	0.016405	16.18445	0.0000
A1(2,2)	0.464248	0.026997	17.19630	0.0000
B1(1,1)	0.962802	0.003845	250.3946	0.0000
B1(2,2)	0.869600	0.013186	65.94885	0.0000

**Figure 35.** Spillover effect between China and US output



**Figure 36.** Covariance and correlation between China and US output

System: BEKK	Equation: CHINA_RETURN_FULL = C(1)+C(2)*JAPAN_RETURN_FULL(-1)			
Estimation Method: ARCHMaximum Likelihood (BFGS / Marquardt steps)	R-squared	-0.001391	Mean dependent var	-1.12E-06
Covariance specification: Diagonal BEKK	Adjusted R-squared	-0.001896	S.D. dependent var	0.013481
Date: 09/04/22 Time: 15:08	S.E. of regression	0.013494	Sum squared resid	0.361066
Sample: 1/06/2015 8/12/2022	Durbin-Watson stat	1.921222		
Included observations: 1985				
Total system (balanced) observations 3970				
Disturbance assumption: Student's t distribution				
Presample covariance: backcast (parameter =0.7)				
Convergence achieved after 38 iterations				
Coefficient covariance computed using outer product of gradients				
	Coefficient	Std. Error	z-Statistic	Prob.
C(1)	0.000511	0.000181	2.828020	0.0047
C(2)	0.001326	0.016135	0.082185	0.9345
C(3)	0.000734	0.000207	3.561865	0.0004
C(4)	-0.033321	0.021166	-1.574265	0.1154
	Variance Equation Coefficients			
C(5)	1.53E-06	3.92E-07	3.894052	0.0001
C(6)	6.02E-07	3.10E-07	1.937539	0.0527
C(7)	5.65E-06	1.38E-06	4.092182	0.0000
C(8)	0.240846	0.017344	13.88643	0.0000
C(9)	0.302870	0.022779	13.29597	0.0000
C(10)	0.966051	0.004157	232.3732	0.0000
C(11)	0.937976	0.009054	103.6005	0.0000
	t-Distribution (Degree of Freedom)			
C(12)	4.338004	0.341694	12.69559	0.0000
Log likelihood	12516.64	Schwarz criterion	-12.56632	
Avg. log likelihood	3.152805	Hannan-Quinn criter.	-12.58671	
Akaike info criterion	-12.59913			
	Transformed Variance Coefficients			
	Coefficient	Std. Error	z-Statistic	Prob.
M(1,1)	1.53E-06	3.92E-07	3.894052	0.0001
M(1,2)	6.02E-07	3.10E-07	1.937539	0.0527
M(2,2)	5.66E-06	1.38E-06	4.092182	0.0000
A1(1,1)	0.240846	0.017344	13.88643	0.0000
A1(2,2)	0.302870	0.022779	13.29597	0.0000
B1(1,1)	0.966051	0.004157	232.3732	0.0000
B1(2,2)	0.937976	0.009054	103.6005	0.0000

Figure 37. Spillover effect between China and Japan output

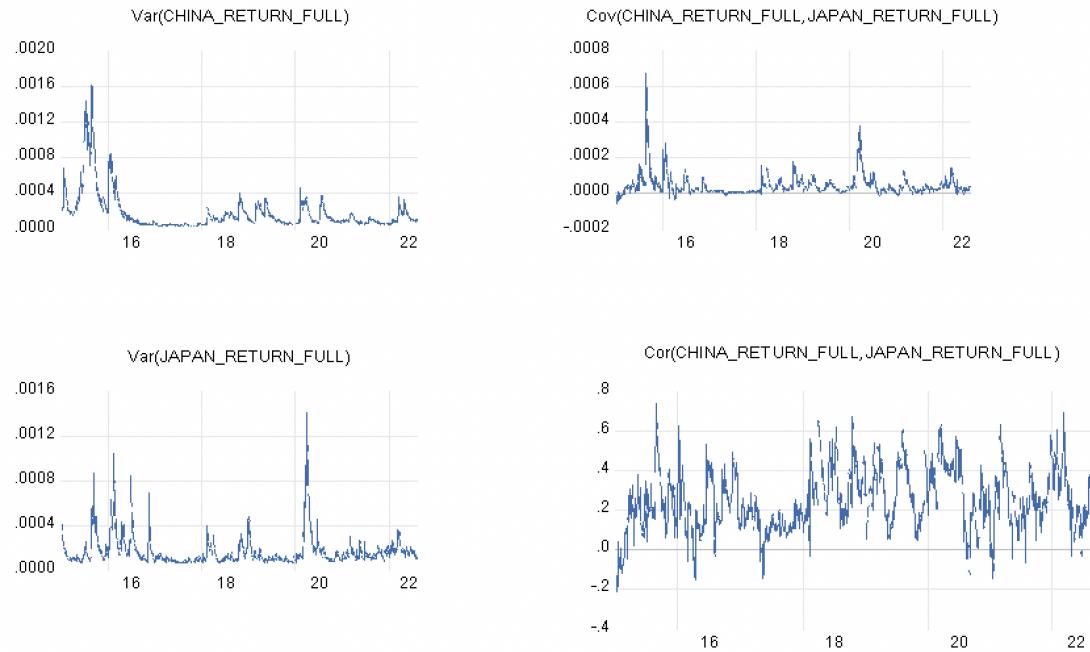


Figure 38. Covariance and correlation between China and Japan output

System: BEKK	Equation: CHINA_RETURN_FULL = C(1)+C(2)*KOREA_RETURN_FULL(-1)			
Estimation Method: ARCH Maximum Likelihood (BFGS / Marquardt steps)	R-squared	-0.003229	Mean dependent var	-1.12E-05
Covariance specification: Diagonal BEKK	Adjusted R-squared	-0.003735	S.D. dependent var	0.013481
Date: 09/04/22 Time: 15:40	S.E. of regression	0.013606	Sum squared resid	0.361729
Sample: 1/06/2015 8/12/2022	Durbin-Watson stat	1.904132		
Included observations: 1985				
Total system (balanced) observations 3970				
Disturbance assumption: Student's t distribution				
Presample covariance: backcast (parameter =0.7)				
Convergence achieved after 33 iterations				
Coefficient covariance computed using outer product of gradients				
	Coefficient	Std. Error	z-Statistic	Prob.
C(1)	0.000480	0.000181	2.662319	0.0080
C(2)	-0.028661	0.020487	-1.447776	0.1477
C(3)	0.000599	0.000165	3.640973	0.0003
C(4)	-0.017975	0.021896	-0.820935	0.4117
	Variance Equation Coefficients			
C(5)	1.41E-06	3.61E-07	3.891643	0.0001
C(6)	5.99E-07	2.42E-07	2.473280	0.0134
C(7)	3.66E-06	8.61E-07	4.248747	0.0000
C(8)	0.243209	0.016576	14.67242	0.0000
C(9)	0.294488	0.023296	12.64136	0.0000
C(10)	0.964955	0.004092	235.8111	0.0000
C(11)	0.938323	0.009268	101.2479	0.0000
	Transformed Variance Coefficients			
	Coefficient	Std. Error	z-Statistic	Prob.
M(1,1)	1.41E-06	3.61E-07	3.891643	0.0001
M(1,2)	5.99E-07	2.42E-07	2.473280	0.0134
M(2,2)	3.66E-06	8.61E-07	4.248747	0.0000
A1(1,1)	0.243209	0.016576	14.67242	0.0000
A1(2,2)	0.294488	0.023296	12.64136	0.0000
B1(1,1)	0.964955	0.004092	235.8111	0.0000
B1(2,2)	0.938323	0.009268	101.2479	0.0000

Figure 39. Spillover effect between China and Korea output

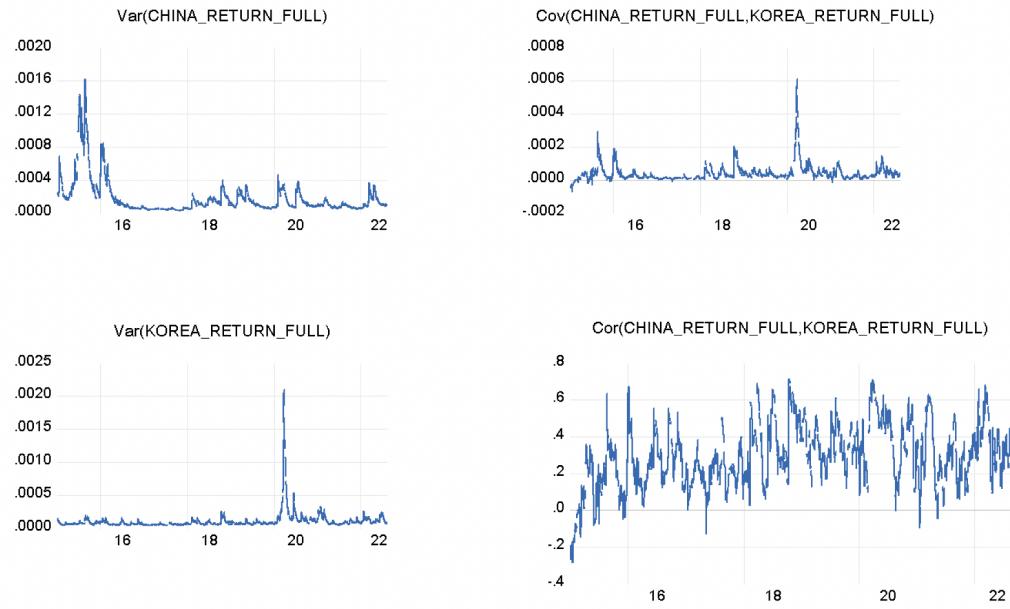


Figure 40. Covariance and correlation between China and Korea output

System: BEKK  
 Estimation Method: ARCH Maximum Likelihood (BFGS / Marquardt steps)  
 Covariance specification: Diagonal BEKK  
 Date: 09/04/22 Time: 15:46  
 Sample: 1/06/2015 8/12/2022  
 Included observations: 1985  
 Total system (balanced) observations 3970  
 Disturbance assumption: Student's t distribution  
 Presample covariance: backcast (parameter =0.7)  
 Convergence achieved after 41 iterations  
 Coefficient covariance computed using outer product of gradients

	Coefficient	Std. Error	z-Statistic	Prob.
C(1)	0.000488	0.000179	2.729305	0.0063
C(2)	0.008463	0.016298	0.519280	0.6036
C(3)	0.000487	0.000213	2.288953	0.0221
C(4)	-0.007887	0.020206	-0.390336	0.6983

Variance Equation Coefficients

C(5)	1.25E-06	3.24E-07	3.847797	0.0001
C(6)	6.51E-07	2.09E-07	3.123848	0.0018
C(7)	1.60E-06	5.30E-07	3.020691	0.0025
C(8)	0.238691	0.015907	15.00584	0.0000
C(9)	0.196466	0.015249	12.88382	0.0000
C(10)	0.966417	0.003777	256.8361	0.0000
C(11)	0.976702	0.003797	257.2248	0.0000

t-Distribution (Degree of Freedom)

C(12)	4.624447	0.370228	12.49081	0.0000
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Log likelihood: 12759.26  
 Avg. log likelihood: 3.213918  
 Akaike info criterion: -12.84368

Equation: CHINA_RETURN_FULL = C(1)+C(2)*HK_RETURN_FULL(-1)			
R-squared	-0.000489	Mean dependent var	-1.12E-05
Adjusted R-squared	-0.000993	S.D. dependent var	0.013481
S.E. of regression	0.013488	Sum squared resid	0.360741
Durbin-Watson stat	1.929811		

Equation: HK_RETURN_FULL=C(3)+C(4)*HK_RETURN_FULL(-1)			
R-squared	-0.002277	Mean dependent var	-8.16E-06
Adjusted R-squared	-0.002782	S.D. dependent var	0.012368
S.E. of regression	0.012375	Sum squared resid	0.303679
Durbin-Watson stat	1.968350		

Covariance specification: Diagonal BEKK  
 GARCH = M + A1\*RESID(-1)\*RESID(-1)'A1 + B1\*GARCH(-1)\*B1  
 M is an indefinite matrix  
 A1 is a diagonal matrix  
 B1 is a diagonal matrix

Transformed Variance Coefficients				
	Coefficient	Std. Error	z-Statistic	Prob.
M(1,1)	1.26E-06	3.24E-07	3.847797	0.0001
M(1,2)	6.51E-07	2.09E-07	3.123848	0.0018
M(2,2)	1.60E-06	5.30E-07	3.020691	0.0025
A1(1,1)	0.238691	0.015907	15.00584	0.0000
A1(2,2)	0.196466	0.015249	12.88382	0.0000
B1(1,1)	0.966417	0.003777	256.8361	0.0000
B1(2,2)	0.976702	0.003797	257.2248	0.0000

Figure 41. Spillover effect between China and Hong Kong output

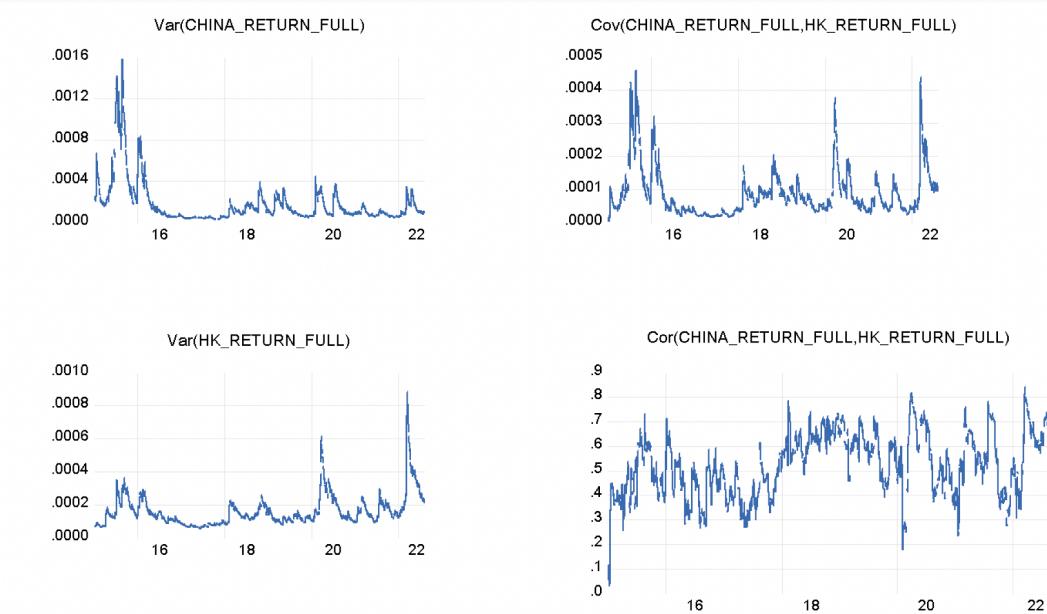


Figure 42. Covariance and correlation between China and Hong Kong output

System: BEKK	Equation: CHINA_RETURN_FULL = C(1)+C(2)*TAIWAN_RETURN_FULL(-1)			
Estimation Method: ARCH Maximum Likelihood (BFGS / Marquardt steps)	R-squared	-0.000989	Mean dependent var	-1.12E-05
Covariance specification: Diagonal BEKK	Adjusted R-squared	-0.001494	S.D. dependent var	0.013481
Date: 09/04/22 Time: 16:52	S.E. of regression	0.013491	Sum squared resid	0.360921
Sample: 1/06/2015 8/1/2022	Durbin-Watson stat	1.926060		
Included observations: 1985				
Total system (balanced) observations 3970				
Disturbance assumption: Student's t distribution				
Presample covariance: backcast (parameter =0.7)				
Convergence achieved after 29 iterations				
Coefficient covariance computed using outer product of gradients				
Coefficient	Std. Error	z-Statistic	Prob.	
C(1)	0.000464	0.000181	2.566716	0.0103
C(2)	0.008610	0.021563	0.399294	0.6897
C(3)	0.000728	0.000159	4.594385	0.0000
C(4)	0.015450	0.021023	0.734942	0.4624
Variance Equation Coefficients				
C(5)	1.46E-06	3.89E-07	3.759602	0.0002
C(6)	6.30E-07	2.35E-07	2.6865842	0.0072
C(7)	3.39E-06	8.30E-07	4.084913	0.0000
C(8)	0.239968	0.017180	13.96824	0.0000
C(9)	0.272099	0.022646	12.01569	0.0000
C(10)	0.966234	0.004118	234.6337	0.0000
C(11)	0.945262	0.008643	109.3687	0.0000
t-Distribution (Degree of Freedom)				
C(12)	4.281145	0.315405	13.57350	0.0000
Log likelihood	13102.30	Schwarz criterion	-13.15641	
Avg. log likelihood	3.300329	Hannan-Quinn criter.	-13.17680	
Akaike info criterion	-13.18922			

Figure 43. Spillover effect between China and Taiwan output

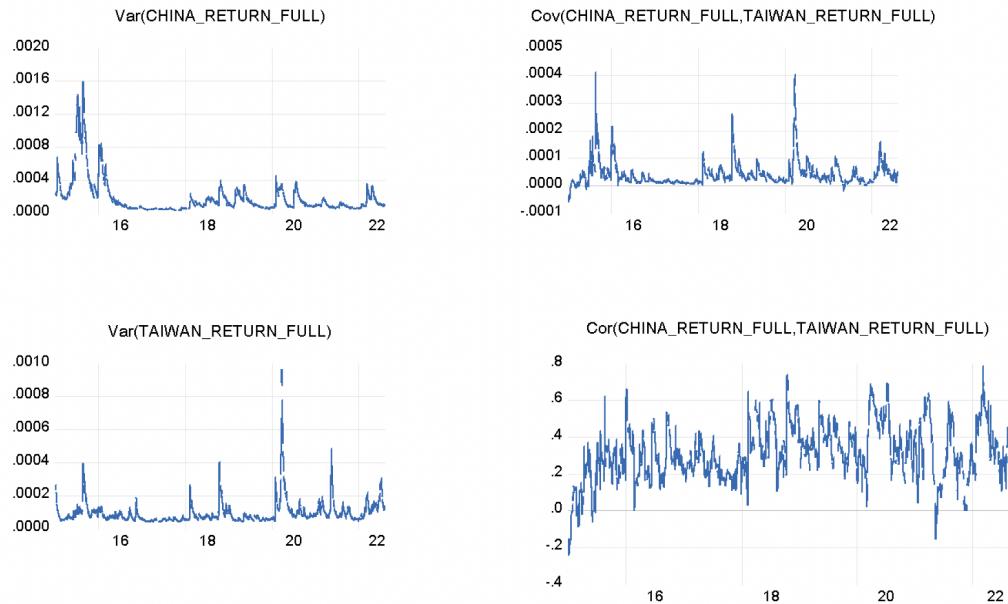


Figure 44. Covariance and correlation between China and Taiwan output

The spillover effect occurs if shocks from one market/asset increase the volatility in another market/asset. According to the covariance and correlation, China's stock market is most correlated with the Hong Kong stock market, followed by Japan, Korea, and Taiwan, which exhibit similar extent, while least correlated with the US stock market. The difference may be not only related to covid-19 but more complex geopolitical backgrounds like trade tension between China and the US, also the intense impact of the Hong Kong stock market under China's stock market influence. It can also be observed that each market's stock variance increases with major events like China's stock market crash in 2015 and Hong Kong's round of covid

pandemic in 2022. There is also an overall huge volatility increase in 2020, where all countries and regions experienced a sharp rise in volatility level except China, where there are state efforts to control the risk rise in the face of the pandemic.

## 5. conclusion

Findings reveal several results in volatility characteristics, forecast and spillover effect. In terms of characteristics, shocks experienced by conditional variance will be highly consistent, indicating that shocks persist with the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. All countries and regions illustrate the leverage effect, which means bad news will increase volatility more than the good news of the same size. The US and Japan stock market's leverage effect dropped in the period of covid. China, South Korea, Hong Kong, and Taiwan's leverage increased with covid. In terms of forecast, the Dynamic GARCH(1,1) model performs the best in estimating stock markets across the studied countries in minimizing the RMSE, MAE, MAPE, and having the highest Theil's Inequality Coefficient. In terms of individual countries or regions, Dynamic E-GARCH performs the best in estimating China's stock market. Dynamic ARCH is best for evaluating the US stock market. For Japan, the best forecasting model is the Static GJR-GARCH. For South Korea, it becomes Dynamic GARCH(1,1). Different models' performances are around average for Hong Kong. The Dynamic GARCH(1,1) model best forecasts Taiwan's stock market. In terms of volatility spillover, covariance and correlation indicate that China's stock market is most correlated with the Hong Kong stock market, followed by Japan, Korea, and Taiwan, which exhibit similar extent, while least correlated with the US stock market.

Our study can provide helpful information and enlightenment for the government, economic enterprises and stock markets research scholars. The study reveals that government agencies and individual stockholders should be aware of the persisting risk covid-19 entail, and should work towards prosperity together since our result revealed that there is a mostly positive correlation between the return of the Chinese stock market and the returns of stock markets in countries and regions involved in this study. The forecasting model can also achieve a generally small error rate in volatility forecasting compared to the real volatility in 2022 so far. Thus using Garch families to conduct volatility forecasting can be beneficial to predict and forecast the stock market's future volatility. As this study tried in-sample forecasting, it should be probably even more precise when it comes to forecasting just a couple of business days, and forecasting volatility can be a potential future area besides just forecasting stock prices using machine learning algorithms.

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## Appendix

### 1.

The missing values that we make adjustments are listed below. Japan has 21 missing value on 2017/7/17, 2017/8/11, 2017/9/18, 2017/10/9, 2017/11/3, 2017/11/23, 2018/1/1, 2018/1/2, 2018/1/3, 2018/1/8, 2018/2/12, 2018/3/21, 2018/4/30, 2018/5/3, 2018/5/4, 2018/9/17, 2018/9/24, 2018/10/8, 2018/11/23, 2018/12/24, and 2018/12/31. Korea has 2 missing value on 2015/8/13 and 2015/8/14. Hong Kong has 3 missing value, 2016/8/2, 2016/10/21, and 2017/8/23. Taiwan has 9 missing value, 2015/7/10, 2015/9/29, 2016/1/30, 2016/6/4, 2016/9/10, 2016/9/27, 2016/9/28, 2017/2/18, and 2017/6/3.

## 2. full sample ARMA specification

CHN	MA0	1	2	3	4	5
AR0	N/A	-5.703028	-5.696152	-5.696361	-5.693316	-5.68927
1	-5.702341	-5.702717	-5.699138	-5.692101	-5.688704	-5.690093
2	-5.699243	-5.707825	-5.700625	-5.691176	-5.711509	-5.690482
3	-5.696654	-5.693052	-5.697240	-5.705436	-5.713620	-5.710415
4	-5.693338	-5.689264	-5.714334	-5.713875	-5.710026	-5.706982
5	-5.68964	-5.692442	-5.711151	-5.707207	<b>-5.719201</b>	-5.717230

JPN	MA0	1	2	3	4	5
AR0	N/A	-5.872017	-5.869406	-5.866321	-5.862447	-5.858823
1	-5.874566	-5.872682	-5.868259	-5.864945	-5.861041	-5.857513
2	-5.871515	-5.869693	-5.865731	-5.863779	-5.860895	-5.855745
3	-5.868871	-5.865495	-5.863795	-5.858035	-5.858119	-5.854224
4	-5.864420	-5.861331	-5.861149	-5.857713	-5.854080	-5.851990
5	-5.860355	-5.857473	-5.857236	-5.856192	-5.852629	-5.850252

HKG	MA0	1	2	3	4	5
AR0	N/A	-5.885593	-5.885792	-5.881914	-5.878249	-5.874262
1	-5.889072	-5.885355	-5.881298	-5.877754	-5.873712	-5.870957
2	-5.885061	-5.881055	-5.881169	-5.883925	-5.873150	-5.875365
3	-5.880849	-5.877808	-5.873787	-5.879995	-5.875026	-5.871109
4	-5.876831	-5.872791	-5.874921	-5.875526	-5.875558	-5.872373
5	-5.872322	-5.869574	-5.865581	-5.864994	-5.871986	-5.866599

USA	MA0	1	2	3	4	5
AR0	N/A	-6.072319	-6.080747	-6.077870	-6.075716	-6.071922
1	-6.077606	-6.077670	-6.078390	-6.075950	-6.097309	-6.094002
2	-6.080871	-6.076962	-6.076037	-6.074233	-6.119721	-6.117714
3	-6.077234	-6.106152	-6.074406	-6.070633	-6.116651	-6.087440
4	-6.080000	-6.110057	-6.120698	-6.117153	-6.117902	-6.113951
5	-6.076939	-6.107860	-6.101644	-6.112853	-6.114241	-6.114099

KOR	MA0	1	2	3	4	5
AR0	N/A	-6.300538	-6.307145	-6.303495	-6.299536	-6.295562
1	-6.300157	-6.298415	-6.303348	-6.299444	-6.296005	-6.292256
2	-6.307342	-6.303451	-6.300733	-6.298119	-6.298659	-6.295651
3	-6.303084	-6.299819	-6.298179	-6.294589	-6.295045	-6.293423
4	-6.300049	-6.296672	-6.296305	-6.291308	-6.290868	-6.286533
5	-6.296156	-6.292234	-6.290079	-6.291174	-6.287204	-6.280949

TWN	MA0	1	2	3	4	5
AR0	N/A	-6.401445	-6.400675	-6.397736	-6.394867	-6.391444
1	-6.404306	-6.400267	-6.399919	-6.397093	-6.393970	-6.390468
2	-6.402888	-6.399485	-6.400593	-6.395502	-6.391938	-6.389968
3	-6.401015	-6.397306	-6.397631	-6.391283	-6.389762	-6.386378
4	-6.397873	-6.394122	-6.393442	-6.389651	-6.386655	-6.382751
5	-6.393920	-6.389883	-6.385891	-6.385261	-6.379213	-6.382879

## 3. before covid sample ARMA specification

CHN	MA0	1	2	3	4	5
AR0	N/A	-5.533268	-5.530426	-5.525220	-5.521944	-5.516407
1	-5.532089	-5.533944	-5.528389	-5.519821	-5.515406	-5.518960
2	-5.528948	-5.527701	-5.546561	-5.550660	-5.545096	-5.539554
3	-5.525510	-5.521057	-5.553764	-5.547001	-5.542243	-5.542748
4	-5.522234	-5.516467	-5.548746	-5.544324	-5.542267	-5.546658
5	-5.516871	-5.521183	-5.543677	-5.544086	-5.544801	-5.542881

JPN	MA0	1	2	3	4	5
AR0	N/A	-5.982453	-5.976821	-5.971801	-5.966319	-5.960984
1	-5.986689	-5.981055	-5.975427	-5.970397	-5.964948	-5.959692
2	-5.980271	-5.976350	-5.969790	-5.965975	-5.960365	-5.956608
3	-5.975831	-5.970273	-5.965009	-5.961887	-5.954738	-5.949159
4	-5.969573	-5.966881	-5.965737	-5.964469	-5.950852	-5.946098
5	-5.963595	-5.958713	-5.955248	-5.954517	-5.945953	-5.945911

USA	MA0	1	2	3	4	5
AR0	N/A	-6.699488	-6.696926	-6.697412	-6.688408	-6.683151
1	-6.702360	-6.697800	-6.694161	-6.688788	-6.686490	-6.681002
2	-6.699747	-6.696254	-6.692882	-6.687402	-6.689957	-6.684381
3	-6.694722	-6.690164	-6.685107	-6.688265	-6.688294	-6.683716
4	-6.694056	-6.688512	-6.694455	-6.690314	-6.677466	-6.671878
5	-6.688939	-6.684222	-6.678810	-6.683617	-6.672804	-6.668815

KOR	MA0	1	2	3	4	5
AR0	N/A	-6.831972	-6.830206	-6.824798	-6.819646	-6.816677
1	-6.831605	-6.828150	-6.825010	-6.819904	-6.817270	-6.813261
2	-6.832666	-6.826958	-6.827551	-6.822631	-6.816929	-6.811298
3	-6.826208	-6.823889	-6.822180	-6.817630	-6.811026	-6.805725
4	-6.822684	-6.820023	-6.815844	-6.810774	-6.806699	-6.801246
5	-6.820431	-6.815061	-6.809763	-6.804368	-6.809231	-6.799438

HKG	MA0	1	2	3	4	5
AR0	N/A	-6.149598	-6.143925	-6.140274	-6.134819	-6.130650
1	-6.148799	-6.143302	-6.137625	-6.133912	-6.129172	-6.124334
2	-6.142958	-6.137966	-6.132407	-6.132123	-6.135306	-6.121150
3	-6.138837	-6.133197	-6.131329	-6.128202	-6.123092	-6.117833
4	-6.132928	-6.128271	-6.128265	-6.120192	-6.119291	-6.117461
5	-6.127942	-6.122294	-6.122762	-6.122228	-6.116721	-6.111590

TWN	MA0	1	2	3	4	5
AR0	N/A	-6.703454	-6.698814	-6.693559	-6.688274	-6.689714
1	-6.709513	-6.703874	-6.699469	-6.694327	-6.688965	-6.690054
2	-6.704090	-6.699209	-6.700610	-6.696545	-6.692219	-6.688544
3	-6.701539	-6.695858	-6.697494	-6.691890	-6.685837	-6.683781
4	-6.695400	-6.691949	-6.689568	-6.686527	-6.684344	-6.679963
5	-6.696046	-6.690349	-6.688259	-6.683524	-6.680356	-6.675297

#### 4. during covid sample ARMA specification

CHN	MA0	1	2	3	4	5
AR0	N/A	-6.161891	-6.152863	-6.142803	-6.135946	-6.126440
1	-6.160441	-6.152918	-6.140954	-6.137304	-6.127620	-6.117518
2	-6.150558	-6.140480	-6.157049	-6.150400	-6.115819	-6.105309
3	-6.139576	-6.135911	-6.148743	-6.137460	-6.130787	-6.126925
4	-6.131026	-6.126498	-6.117424	-6.129590	-6.123185	-6.115501
5	-6.126682	-6.116150	-6.130356	-6.125493	-6.115131	-6.105425

USA	MA0	1	2	3	4	5
AR0	N/A	-5.409013	-5.439485	-5.432076	-5.422281	-5.412510
1	-5.423310	-5.424748	-5.429918	-5.421181	-5.450433	-5.442391
2	-5.433161	-5.424012	-5.418852	-5.489982	-5.442201	-5.475873
3	-5.423920	-5.475883	-5.488640	-5.402437	-5.482595	-5.472796
4	-5.423374	-5.472943	-5.472464	-5.484379	-5.498162	-5.472747
5	-5.414883	-5.463838	-5.472375	-5.474605	-5.474129	-5.469743

JPN	MA0	1	2	3	4	5
AR0	N/A	-5.672732	-5.670577	-5.662565	-5.653907	-5.643557
1	-5.671758	-5.663484	-5.664729	-5.654892	-5.644379	-5.633956
2	-5.667773	-5.664062	-5.653600	-5.658048	-5.651638	-5.652871
3	-5.658816	-5.664496	-5.659945	-5.650376	-5.644727	-5.635226
4	-5.648792	-5.640879	-5.666186	-5.643997	-5.635874	-5.612390
5	-5.638853	-5.629562	-5.656050	-5.626444	-5.654733	-5.647013

KOR	MA0	1	2	3	4	5
AR0	N/A	-5.688254	-5.694815	-5.684703	-5.674341	-5.664368
1	-5.687497	-5.680029	-5.684053	-5.673775	-5.663391	-5.663601
2	-5.692170	-5.682148	-5.672161	-5.674031	-5.681148	-5.653570
3	-5.680814	-5.684344	-5.673956	-5.663553	-5.650357	-5.671864
4	-5.669483	-5.673964	-5.685510	-5.675673	-5.683172	-5.672970
5	-5.657625	-5.663143	-5.676431	-5.682793	-5.669938	-5.652784

HKG	MA0	1	2	3	4	5
AR0	N/A	-5.500332	-5.490964	-5.486033	-5.477902	-5.468577
1	-5.499754	-5.497457	-5.481506	-5.475732	-5.467464	-5.458346
2	-5.489227	-5.487529	-5.488825	-5.488986	-5.478747	-5.478585
3	-5.482446	-5.473315	-5.487355	-5.484752	-5.474765	-5.459380
4	-5.473348	-5.463134	-5.476561	-5.466725	-5.465049	-5.466958
5	-5.462115	-5.453728	-5.476956	-5.458253	-5.474864	-5.440923

TWN	MA0	1	2	3	4	5
AR0	N/A	-5.970947	-5.967364	-5.958629	-5.951039	-5.941987
1	-5.970160	-5.964158	-5.957046	-5.950409	-5.940602	-5.931156
2	-5.965264	-5.955379	-5.954935	-5.939801	-5.949357	-5.919352
3	-5.954520	-5.948000	-5.938492	-5.939726	-5.938238	-5.912146
4	-5.945916	-5.936798	-5.926306	-5.915807	-5.912588	-5.925378
5	-5.935383	-5.925497	-5.941533	-5.909980	-5.924909	-5.898919