

## Problem 1

## 1 Assumptions

- Log-returns are truncated at  $1\sigma$ , and jump variation term JV is set to 0.
- The following tranformations were applied, instead of conditions specified in the paper (Song et al, 2020, Page 11)  
This modification makes it easy to implement, but the validity of this modifaciton is not rigorously checked.
  - $\omega = \text{ReLU}(\omega')$
  - $\alpha = \text{Sigmoid}(\alpha')$
  - $\gamma = \text{Sigmoid}(\gamma')$
  - $\beta = \omega_L = \lambda = 0$  (Jump is truncated)
  - $\omega', \alpha', \gamma' \in \mathcal{R}$  is the parameter search space.
- Quasi-Log likelihood was modified to ensure the numerical stability.  
It prevents oscillation at local optima, or diverging loss.
  - $\epsilon = 10^{-12}$
  - $L(V_{\text{realized}}, V_{\text{estimated}}) = -\sum \left( \log(V_{\text{estimated}}) + \frac{V_{\text{realized}}}{V_{\text{estimated}}} \right)$  when  $V_{\text{estimated}} \geq \epsilon$
  - $L(V_{\text{realized}}, V_{\text{estimated}}) = -\sum \left( \frac{1}{\epsilon} \left( 1 - \frac{V_{\text{realized}}}{\epsilon} \right) V_{\text{estimated}} + \left( \log(\epsilon) + \frac{V_{\text{realized}}}{\epsilon} \right) \right)$  when  $V_{\text{estimated}} < \epsilon$
- Adagrad optimizer with learning rate  $10^{-2}$  was applied with 50 epoch.  
The 200 epoch is good for convergence, 50 epoch was selected to save time.
  - Due to slow convergence of realized GARCH-Ito model, last 50 days were used for MSPE comparison
- Equation (2.7) of Song et al(2020) was modified.  
This modification reduces free varaible  $\omega_1, \omega_2$  into  $\omega$ , but the validity of this modification is not regorously checkd.
  - Original equation :  $\omega^g = \gamma(\rho_1 - \rho_2 + 2\rho_3)\omega_1 - (\rho - \gamma\rho_2 + 2\gamma\rho_3)\omega_2 + \dots$
  - Modified equation :  $\omega^g = (\rho_1 - \rho_2 + 2\rho_3)(\gamma\omega_1 - \omega_2) + \dots$   
where  $\gamma\omega_1 - \omega_2 = \omega$

## 2 Results

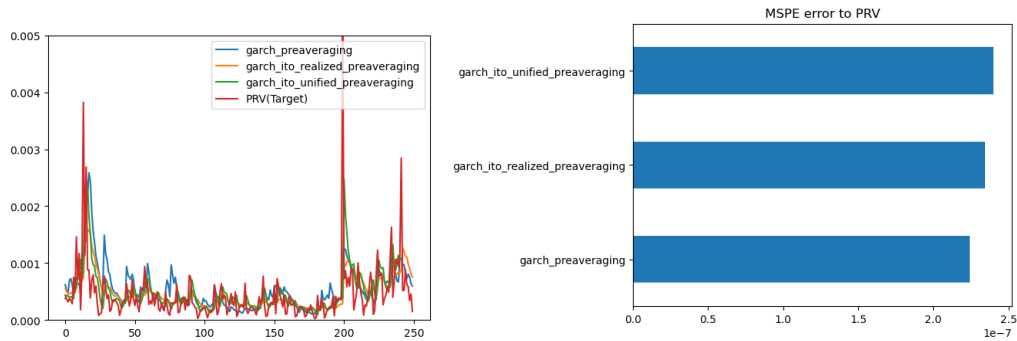


Figure 1: Estimated volatility and MSPE

| Model                     | MSPE             |
|---------------------------|------------------|
| <b>GARCH</b>              | <b>2.244e-07</b> |
| <b>Unified GARCH-Ito</b>  | <b>2.345e-07</b> |
| <b>Realized GARCH-Ito</b> | <b>2.402e-07</b> |

### 3 Code

Code can be accessed in [https://github.com/Thessal/garch\\_ito](https://github.com/Thessal/garch_ito)

Optimizer

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import numpy as np
import pandas as pd
import torch
from data import get_data
from vol_est import vol_est_arr
from vol_realized import rv_preaveraged, rv_daily

def likelihood(vol_est_arr, rv_arr, backend=torch):
    # Likelihood function for estimated == realized
    l11 = backend.log(vol_est_arr) + rv_arr / vol_est_arr
    # prevent divergence in vol < epsilon
    epsilon = 1e-12
    # l12 = (1 / epsilon - rv_arr / epsilon / epsilon) * vol_est_arr + (1 + rv_arr / epsilon)
    l12 = (1 / epsilon - rv_arr / epsilon / epsilon) * vol_est_arr + (float(np.log(epsilon)) + rv_arr / epsilon)
    l1 = backend.where(vol_est_arr > epsilon, l11, l12)
    return -backend.sum(l1)

def optimize_3param(r2_arr_fitting, r2_arr_pred, init_params=(0.5, 0.5, 1e-3), iter=1000, device=torch.device("cpu")):
    # Optimize gamma, beta, and omega
    backend=torch
    _omega, _beta, _gamma = [torch.tensor(x, requires_grad=True) for x in init_params]
    opt = torch.optim.Adagrad([_omega, _beta, _gamma], lr=1e-2)
    for epoch in range(iter):
        opt.zero_grad()
        gamma = torch.sigmoid(_gamma)
        beta = torch.sigmoid(_beta)
        omega = torch.relu(_omega)
        vol_coef = gamma
        rv_coef = (gamma-1)/beta*(torch.exp(beta)-1-beta)+torch.exp(beta)-1
        resid = (torch.exp(beta)-1)*torch.square(omega)/beta
        historical_est, next_est = vol_est_arr(r2_arr_pred, vol_coef, rv_coef, resid, backend=backend, device=device) # It looks like a RNN

        loss = -likelihood(historical_est, r2_arr_fitting, backend=backend)
        loss.backward()
        opt.step()
        # print(f"[{epoch}] loss:{loss.item():.2e}, params:{vol_coef.item():.2e}, {rv_coef.item():.2e}, {resid.item():.2e}, est:{next_est.item():.2e}")

    params = (_omega.item(), _beta.item(), _gamma.item())
    params_log = {"gamma": vol_coef.item(), "beta-g": rv_coef.item(), "omega-g": resid.item()}
    return params, params_log, next_est.item(), loss.item()

def loop(rv_estimate_fn_fitting, rv_estimate_fn_pred, optimize_fn, save_name, initial_param, iter=200):
    # rv_estimate_fn_fitting # rv used for QMLE
    # rv_estimate_fn_pred # rv used for GARCH prediction
    backend = torch
    device = torch.device("cpu")
    df = get_data().loc["2023-11": "2025-11"]
    rv_arr_all_PRV = rv_preaveraged(df, backend=backend, device=device)
    rv_arr_all_DailyRV = rv_daily(df, backend=backend, device=device)
    rvs = {rv_preaveraged: rv_arr_all_PRV, rv_daily: rv_arr_all_DailyRV}
    rv_arr_all_fitting = rvs[rv_estimate_fn_fitting]
    rv_arr_all_pred = rvs[rv_estimate_fn_pred]
    est_rv = dict()
    lookback = 500
    params = initial_param
    for i in range(lookback, len(rv_arr_all_fitting)):
        rv_arr_fitting = rv_arr_all_fitting[i-lookback:i]
        rv_arr_pred = rv_arr_all_pred[i-lookback:i]
        params, params_log, vol_pred, loss = optimize_fn(rv_arr_fitting, rv_arr_pred, init_params=params, device=device, iter=iter)

        est_rv[i] = params_log
        est_rv[i].update({"vol_pred": vol_pred, "vol_true_PRV": rv_arr_all_PRV[i].item(), "vol_true_DailyRV": rv_arr_all_DailyRV[i].item(), "loss": loss})

        # print(f"prv:{rv_arr_fitting[-1]}, drv:{rv_arr_pred[-1]}") # 1250
        print(" ".join([f"{k}:{v:.2e}" for k, v in est_rv[i].items()]))
        if i%10 == 0:
            result = pd.DataFrame(est_rv).T
            result.to_csv(f"result_{save_name}.csv")
    result = pd.DataFrame(est_rv).T
    result.to_csv(f"result_{save_name}.csv")
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GARCH

```
import torch
import numpy as np
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# GARCH model

def vol_est(vol_prev, rv, vol_coef, rv_coef, resid=0):
    # GARCH(1,1) information process
    # volatility at t := expectation of return^2(t) at (t-1)
    return vol_coef*vol_prev + rv_coef*rv + resid

def vol_est_arr(rv_arr, vol_coef, rv_coef, resid, backend=torch, device="cpu"):
    # Chained estimation of GARCH(1,1)
    # backend can be torch or np
    result = [torch.Tensor([0]).to(device)]
    for i in range(len(rv_arr)):
        result.append(vol_est(result[i], rv_arr[i], vol_coef, rv_coef, resid))
    historical = backend.concat(result[:-1])
    historical = backend.maximum(historical, torch.tensor(1e-6).to(device)) # for stability
    estimation = result[-1]
    return historical, estimation

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## RV estimation

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import torch
import numpy as np

# High-frequency or Daily volatility calculation

def rv_daily(df, backend=torch, device="cpu"):
    # Daily realized volatility for standard GARCH(1,1) model
    x_d = df["close"].resample("1D").last()
    xi_d = np.log(x_d).diff()
    xi_d = xi_d - xi_d.mean()
    xi_sq = np.square(xi_d.values[1:])
    if backend==torch:
        return torch.Tensor(xi_sq).to(device)
    elif backend==np:
        return xi_sq

def rv_preaveraged(df, backend=torch, device="cpu"):
    # Preaveraged RV
    logprc = np.log(df["close"])
    logret = logprc.diff()
    logret = logret.resample("1D").transform(lambda x: np.clip(x-x.mean(), -x.std(), x.std()))
    eta_hat = logret.pow(2).resample("1D").mean()*0.5
    N = 60*60*24
    K = int(np.sqrt(N))
    weight_function = np.minimum(np.linspace(0,1,K), np.linspace(1,0,K))
    def convolve(x,g):
        assert len(x) > len(g)
        result = np.convolve(x, weight_function, "same")
        result[:len(g)] = np.nan
        result[-len(g):] = np.nan
        return result
    logprc_avg = logprc.resample("1D").transform(lambda x: convolve(x, weight_function))
    ybar = logprc_avg.diff()
    zeta = 1 / K
    psi = 1/12
    prv = ((ybar.pow(2)).resample("1D").mean() - zeta * eta_hat)/psi
    # adjust to daily vol
    # prv = prv.multiply(float(N)).values
    prv = prv.values
    if backend==torch:
        return torch.Tensor(prv).to(device)
    elif backend==np:
        return prv

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