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Functional time series

with applications in demography

7. Common functional principal components

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- $\{\gamma_{t,\ell}\}$ restricted to be stationary processes: either $\text{ARMA}(p, q)$ or $\text{ARFIMA}(p, d, q)$.
- $\{\beta_{t,k}\}$ are (possibly non-stationary) $\text{ARIMA}(p, d, q)$.

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$h = 5$	Combined (F & M)	2.59	2.60	2.50	2.52
	Female (F)	2.81	2.75	2.70	2.63
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	Female (F)	7.31	6.64	7.23	6.47
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$h = 20$	Combined (F & M)	12.97	13.56	13.35	14.10
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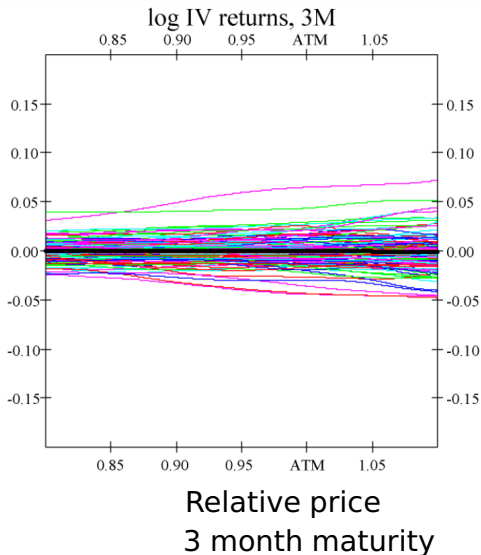
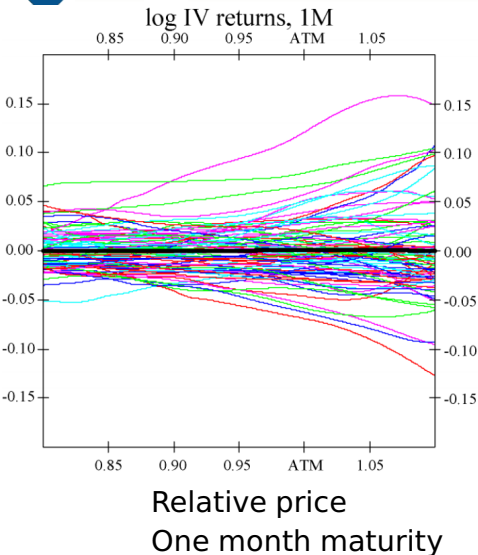
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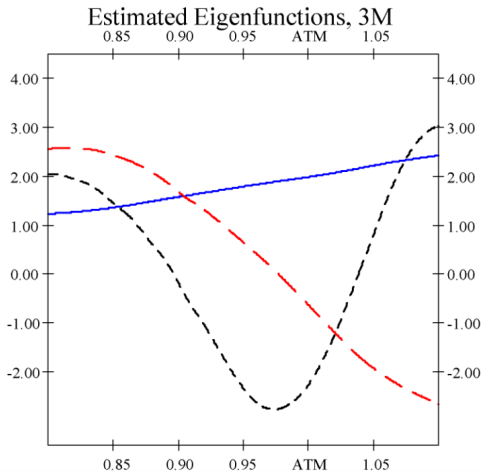
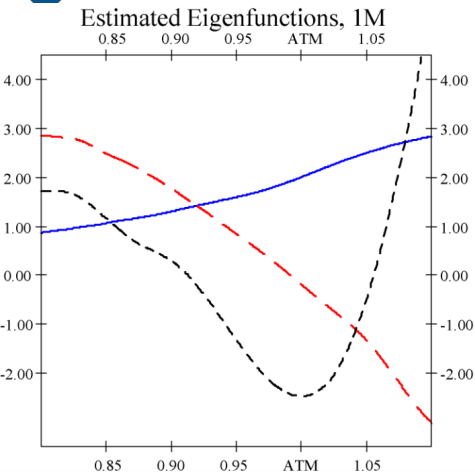
$$f_{t,j}(x) = \mu_j(x) + \sum_{k=1}^K \beta_{t,j,k} \phi_{j,k}(x) + \varepsilon_{t,j}(x), \quad j = 1, 2$$

- Each group has a different mean μ_j
- Inference to test if $\phi_{1,k}(x) = \phi_{2,k}(x)$
- Weaker hypothesis: equality of eigenspaces spanned by first K PCs.
- Application to implied volatility where $f_{t,j}(x)$ denotes log-return for option at price x on maturity j .

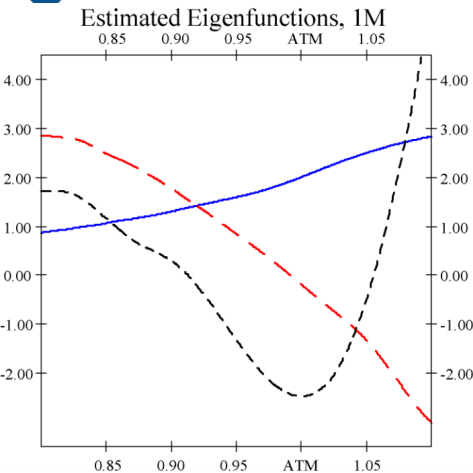
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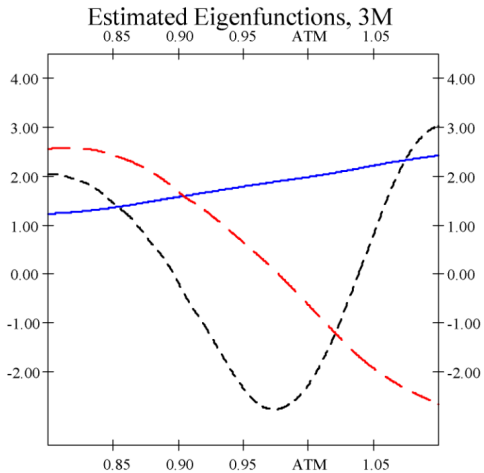
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