

Solutions to Assignment 5 for StatØk2, Block 1, 2020/2021 by Jorge Yslas

(1) a) σ_t is finite a.s. if $\log \sigma_t$ is finite. But $\log \sigma_t = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \psi_j \eta_{t-j}$ is an infinite series of independent random variables. A consequence of Khinchin-Kolmogorov convergence theorem is that $\sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \text{var}(\psi_j \eta_{t-j}) = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \psi_j^2 \cdot 1 < \infty$ implies the a.s. convergence of this infinite series.

b) Since (η_t) and (Z_t) are iid sequences then both are strictly stationary. Note that

$$\sigma_t = e^{\sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \psi_j \eta_{t-j}} = g(\eta_t, \eta_{t-1}, \dots).$$

Therefore (σ_t) is also strictly stationary. We have that

$$X_t = \sigma_t Z_t$$

then, exploiting the mutual independence of (σ_t) and (Z_t) ,

$$\begin{aligned} \begin{pmatrix} X_{t+1} \\ \vdots \\ X_{t+d} \end{pmatrix} &= \begin{pmatrix} \sigma_{t+1} Z_{t+1} \\ \vdots \\ \sigma_{t+d} Z_{t+d} \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} \sigma_{t+1} & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & \sigma_{t+2} & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & \sigma_{t+d} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} Z_{t+1} \\ \vdots \\ Z_{t+d} \end{pmatrix} \\ &\stackrel{d}{=} \begin{pmatrix} \sigma_1 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & \sigma_2 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & \sigma_d \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} Z_1 \\ \vdots \\ Z_d \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} X_1 \\ \vdots \\ X_d \end{pmatrix}. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore (X_t) is strictly stationary.

c) Using the mutual independence of (σ_t) and (Z_t) , we have that

$$\mathbb{E}[X_0] = \mathbb{E}[\sigma_0 Z_0] = \mathbb{E}[\sigma_0] \mathbb{E}[Z_0] = 0$$

and since $\mathbb{E}[e^{s\eta_1}] = e^{s^2/2}$ for an $N(0, 1)$ variable η_1 ,

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}[X_0^2] &= \mathbb{E}[\sigma_0^2 Z_0^2] = \mathbb{E}[\sigma_0^2] \mathbb{E}[Z_0^2] \\ &= \mathbb{E}[\sigma_0^2] = \mathbb{E}\left[e^{2\sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \psi_j \eta_{-j}}\right] \\ &= \mathbb{E}\left[\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} e^{2\sum_{j=0}^n \psi_j \eta_{-j}}\right] \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mathbb{E}\left[e^{2\sum_{j=0}^n \psi_j \eta_{-j}}\right] \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \prod_{j=0}^n \mathbb{E}\left[e^{2\psi_j \eta_{-j}}\right] \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \prod_{j=0}^n e^{2\psi_j^2} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} e^{2 \sum_{j=0}^n \psi_j^2} \\
&= e^{2 \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \psi_j^2}.
\end{aligned}$$

Therefore

$$\text{var}(X_0) = e^{2 \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \psi_j^2}.$$

d) Observe that the solution to the equation

$$\log \sigma_t = \phi \log \sigma_{t-1} + \eta_t$$

has representation

$$\log \sigma_t = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \phi^j \eta_{t-j}$$

and

$$\sum_{j=0}^{\infty} (\phi^j)^2 = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \phi^{2j} = (1 - \phi^2)^{-1}.$$

We also know that

$$\rho_{\log \sigma_X}(h) = \phi^{|h|}.$$

We first compute $\rho_X(h)$. From c) we know that $\mathbb{E}[X_0] = 0$. Then

$$\gamma_X(h) = \mathbb{E}[X_t X_{t+h}] = \mathbb{E}[\sigma_t \sigma_{t+h} Z_t Z_{t+h}] = \mathbb{E}[\sigma_t \sigma_{t+h}] \mathbb{E}[Z_t Z_{t+h}] = \begin{cases} 0 & h \neq 0, \\ \mathbb{E}[\sigma_0^2] & h = 0, \end{cases}$$

which implies that

$$\rho_X(h) = \begin{cases} 0 & h \neq 0, \\ 1 & h = 0. \end{cases}$$

We now compute $\rho_{|X|}(h)$. We have

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathbb{E}[|X_0|] &= \mathbb{E}[|\sigma_0 Z_0|] = \mathbb{E}[|\sigma_0|] \mathbb{E}[|Z_0|] \\
&= \mathbb{E}[|Z_0|] \mathbb{E}\left[e^{\sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \phi^j \eta_{-j}}\right] \\
&= \mathbb{E}[|Z_0|] e^{\frac{1}{2} \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \phi^{2j}} \\
&= \mathbb{E}[|Z_0|] e^{\frac{1}{2}(1-\phi^2)^{-1}}
\end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathbb{E}[|X_0|^2] &= \mathbb{E}[|\sigma_0 Z_0|^2] = \mathbb{E}[\sigma_0^2] \mathbb{E}[Z_0^2] \\
&= \mathbb{E}\left[e^{2 \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \phi^j \eta_{-j}}\right] \\
&= e^{2 \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \phi^{2j}} \\
&= e^{2(1-\phi^2)^{-1}}.
\end{aligned}$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned}
\gamma_{|X|}(0) &= \text{var}(|X_0|) \\
&= e^{\frac{2}{1-\phi^2}} - (\mathbb{E}[|Z_0|])^2 e^{\frac{1}{1-\phi^2}} \\
&= e^{\frac{1}{1-\phi^2}} \left(e^{\frac{1}{1-\phi^2}} - (\mathbb{E}[|Z_0|])^2 \right).
\end{aligned}$$

Now consider (with $h > 0$)

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathbb{E}[|X_0||X_h|] &= \mathbb{E}[\sigma_0 Z_0 | \sigma_h Z_h] \\
&= \mathbb{E}[|Z_0||Z_h|] \mathbb{E}[\sigma_0 \sigma_h] \\
&= (\mathbb{E}[|Z_0|])^2 \mathbb{E} \left[e^{\sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \phi^j \eta_{-j}} e^{\sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \phi^j \eta_{h-j}} \right] \\
&= (\mathbb{E}[|Z_0|])^2 \mathbb{E} \left[e^{\sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \phi^j \eta_{-j} + \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \phi^j \eta_{h-j}} \right] \\
&= (\mathbb{E}[|Z_0|])^2 \mathbb{E} \left[e^{\sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \phi^j \eta_{-j} + \sum_{j=0}^{h-1} \phi^j \eta_{h-j} + \sum_{j=h}^{\infty} \phi^j \eta_{h-j}} \right] \\
&= (\mathbb{E}[|Z_0|])^2 \mathbb{E} \left[e^{\sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \phi^j \eta_{-j} + \sum_{j=0}^{h-1} \phi^j \eta_{h-j} + \phi^h \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \phi^j \eta_{-j}} \right] \\
&= (\mathbb{E}[|Z_0|])^2 \mathbb{E} \left[e^{(1+\phi^h) \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \phi^j \eta_{-j} + \sum_{j=0}^{h-1} \phi^j \eta_{h-j}} \right] \\
&= (\mathbb{E}[|Z_0|])^2 \mathbb{E} \left[e^{(1+\phi^h) \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \phi^j \eta_{-j}} \right] \mathbb{E} \left[e^{\sum_{j=0}^{h-1} \phi^j \eta_{h-j}} \right] \\
&= (\mathbb{E}[|Z_0|])^2 e^{\frac{1}{2}(1+\phi^h)^2 \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \phi^{2j}} e^{\frac{1}{2} \sum_{j=0}^{h-1} \phi^{2j}} \\
&= (\mathbb{E}[|Z_0|])^2 e^{\frac{1}{2}(1+\phi^h)^2 (1-\phi^2)^{-1}} e^{\frac{1}{2}(1-\phi^{2h})(1-\phi^2)^{-1}} \\
&= (\mathbb{E}[|Z_0|])^2 e^{\frac{(1+\phi^h)^2}{2(1-\phi^2)} + \frac{1-\phi^{2h}}{2(1-\phi^2)}} \\
&= (\mathbb{E}[|Z_0|])^2 e^{\frac{1+2\phi^h+\phi^{2h}+1-\phi^{2h}}{2(1-\phi^2)}} \\
&= (\mathbb{E}[|Z_0|])^2 e^{\frac{1+\phi^h}{1-\phi^2}}.
\end{aligned}$$

Thus

$$\begin{aligned}
\gamma_{|X|}(h) &= (\mathbb{E}[|Z_0|])^2 e^{\frac{1+\phi^h}{1-\phi^2}} - (\mathbb{E}[|Z_0|])^2 e^{\frac{1}{1-\phi^2}} \\
&= (\mathbb{E}[|Z_0|])^2 e^{\frac{1}{1-\phi^2}} \left(e^{\frac{\phi^h}{1-\phi^2}} - 1 \right).
\end{aligned}$$

Therefore

$$\begin{aligned}
\rho_{|X|}(h) &= \frac{\gamma_{|X|}(h)}{\gamma_{|X|}(0)} \\
&= \frac{(\mathbb{E}[|Z_0|])^2 e^{\frac{1}{1-\phi^2}} \left(e^{\frac{\phi^h}{1-\phi^2}} - 1 \right)}{e^{\frac{1}{1-\phi^2}} \left(e^{\frac{1}{1-\phi^2}} - (\mathbb{E}[|Z_0|])^2 \right)} \\
&= \frac{(\mathbb{E}[|Z_0|])^2}{e^{\frac{1}{1-\phi^2}} - (\mathbb{E}[|Z_0|])^2} \left(e^{\frac{\phi^h}{1-\phi^2}} - 1 \right) \\
&= \tilde{c} \left(e^{\frac{\phi^h}{1-\phi^2}} - 1 \right),
\end{aligned}$$

where

$$\tilde{c} = \frac{(\mathbb{E}[|Z_0|])^2}{e^{\frac{1}{1-\phi^2}} - (\mathbb{E}[|Z_0|])^2}.$$

Using Taylor expansion of e^x , we have that

$$\rho_{|X|}(h) = \tilde{c} \left(1 + \frac{\phi^h}{1-\phi^2} + o(\phi^h) - 1 \right) = \tilde{c} \left(\frac{\phi^h}{1-\phi^2} + o(\phi^h) \right)$$

and consequently

$$\rho_{|X|}(h)/\rho_{\log \sigma_X}(h) = \frac{\tilde{c} \left(\frac{\phi^h}{1-\phi^2} + o(\phi^h) \right)}{\phi^h} \rightarrow \frac{\tilde{c}}{1-\phi^2} = c, \quad h \rightarrow \infty.$$

(2) a) Note that

$$\begin{aligned} \nu_t &= X_t^2 - \sigma_t^2 \\ &= \sigma_t^2 Z_t^2 - \sigma_t^2 \\ &= \sigma_t^2 (Z_t^2 - 1). \end{aligned}$$

We now show the properties of white noise.

i)

$$\mathbb{E}[\nu_t] = \mathbb{E}[\sigma_t^2 (Z_t^2 - 1)] = \mathbb{E}[\sigma_t^2] \mathbb{E}[Z_t^2 - 1] = 0.$$

ii)

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}[\nu_t^2] &= \mathbb{E}[\sigma_t^4 (Z_t^2 - 1)^2] \\ &= \mathbb{E}[\sigma_t^4] \mathbb{E}[(Z_t^2 - 1)^2] \\ &= \mathbb{E}[\sigma_0^4] \mathbb{E}[(Z_t^4 - 2Z_t^2 + 1)] \\ &= \mathbb{E}[\sigma_0^4] (\mathbb{E}[Z_0^4] - 1). \end{aligned}$$

iii) Assume $h > 0$. Since Z_{t+h} is independent of $(\sigma_{t+h}, Z_t, \sigma_t)$,

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}[\nu_t \nu_{t+h}] &= \mathbb{E}[\sigma_t^2 (Z_t^2 - 1) \sigma_{t+h}^2 (Z_{t+h}^2 - 1)] \\ &= \mathbb{E}[(Z_{t+h}^2 - 1)] \mathbb{E}[\sigma_t^2 (Z_t^2 - 1) \sigma_{t+h}^2] \\ &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore (ν_t) is white noise.

b) (X_t) Martingale difference.

i)

$$\mathbb{E}[|X_t|] = \mathbb{E}[|\sigma_t Z_t|] = \mathbb{E}[|\sigma_t|] \mathbb{E}[|Z_t|] = \mathbb{E}[|\sigma_0|] \mathbb{E}[|Z_0|] < \infty.$$

ii) We have that

$$\sigma_t = f(Z_{t-1}, Z_{t-2}, \dots).$$

Then

$$X_t = \sigma_t Z_t = g(Z_t, Z_{t-1}, \dots)$$

from where it follows that X_t is \mathcal{F}_t measurable.

iii)

$$\mathbb{E}[X_t | \mathcal{F}_{t-1}] = \mathbb{E}[\sigma_t Z_t | \mathcal{F}_{t-1}] = \mathbb{E}[Z_t] \sigma_t = 0.$$

(X_t^2) is not a Martingale difference.

iii)

$$\mathbb{E}[X_t^2 | \mathcal{F}_{t-1}] = \mathbb{E}[\sigma_t^2 Z_t^2 | \mathcal{F}_{t-1}] = \sigma_t^2 \mathbb{E}[Z_t^2] = \sigma_t^2.$$

If we take $\nu_t = X_t^2 - \sigma_t^2$ then (ν_t) is a martingale difference with respect to \mathcal{F}_t .

c) Consider first the case $\alpha_1 + \beta_1 = 1$. Suppose that the variance of σ is finite. Since

$$\sigma_t^2 = \alpha_0 + \sigma_{t-1}^2 (\alpha_1 Z_{t-1}^2 + \beta_1),$$

we have by stationarity of (σ_t) that

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}[\sigma_t^2] &= \mathbb{E}[\alpha_0 + \sigma_{t-1}^2 (\alpha_1 Z_{t-1}^2 + \beta_1)] \\ &= \alpha_0 + \mathbb{E}[\sigma_{t-1}^2] (\alpha_1 + \beta_1) \\ &= \alpha_0 + \mathbb{E}[\sigma_t^2]. \end{aligned}$$

Implying that $\alpha_0 = 0$, which is a contradiction to the assumption that $\alpha_0 > 0$.

Similarly, for the case $\alpha_1 + \beta_1 > 1$, suppose that the variance of σ is finite. Since

$$\sigma_t^2 = \alpha_0 + \sigma_{t-1}^2 (\alpha_1 Z_{t-1}^2 + \beta_1),$$

we have that

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}[\sigma_t^2] &= \mathbb{E}[\alpha_0 + \sigma_{t-1}^2 (\alpha_1 Z_{t-1}^2 + \beta_1)] \\ &= \alpha_0 + \mathbb{E}[\sigma_{t-1}^2] (\alpha_1 + \beta_1). \end{aligned}$$

Then

$$\mathbb{E}[\sigma_t^2] (1 - \alpha_1 - \beta_1) = \alpha_0.$$

Implying that $\alpha_0 < 0$, which is a contradiction to the assumption that $\alpha_0 > 0$.

d) With $\kappa = 2$

$$\mathbb{E}[(\alpha_1 Z_0^2 + \beta_1)^{\kappa/2}] = \mathbb{E}[\alpha_1 Z_0^2 + \beta_1] = \alpha_1 + \beta_1 = 1.$$

(3) a) We have that (X_t) satisfies the ARCH(1) equations

$$\begin{aligned} X_t &= \sigma_t Z_t, \\ \sigma_t^2 &= \alpha_0 + \alpha_1 X_{t-1}^2. \end{aligned}$$

Furthermore, we know that (σ_t^2) has representation

$$\sigma_t^2 = \alpha_0 \sum_{j=-\infty}^t \prod_{k=j+1}^t \alpha_1 Z_{k-1}^2 = f(Z_{t-1}, Z_{t-2}, \dots).$$

Note that

$$\mathbb{E}[|X_0|^p] = \mathbb{E}[|\sigma_0|^p |Z_0|^p] = \mathbb{E}[|\sigma_0|^p] \mathbb{E}[|Z_0|^p].$$

Then $\mathbb{E}[|X_0|^p] < \infty$ if and only if $\mathbb{E}[|\sigma_0|^p] < \infty$ since $\mathbb{E}[|Z_0|^p] < \infty$ for $Z_0 \sim N(0, 1)$. Thus $\mathbb{E}[X_0^4] < \infty$ if and only if $\mathbb{E}[\sigma_0^4] < \infty$. We have that

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma_t^2 &= \alpha_0 + \alpha_1 X_{t-1}^2 \\ &= \alpha_0 + \alpha_1 \sigma_{t-1}^2 Z_{t-1}^2. \end{aligned}$$

Hence by stationarity

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}[\sigma_t^2] &= \mathbb{E}[\alpha_0 + \alpha_1 \sigma_{t-1}^2 Z_{t-1}^2] \\ &= \alpha_0 + \alpha_1 \mathbb{E}[\sigma_{t-1}^2 Z_{t-1}^2] \\ &= \alpha_0 + \alpha_1 \mathbb{E}[\sigma_t^2]. \end{aligned}$$

Both sides are finite or infinite at the same time. Hence $\mathbb{E}[\sigma_t^2] < \infty$ if and only if it has representation

$$\mathbb{E}[\sigma_0^2] = \frac{\alpha_0}{1 - \alpha_1},$$

and this is possible if and only if $\alpha_1 < 1$ since $\alpha_0 > 0$. Now,

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma_t^4 &= (\alpha_0 + \alpha_1 \sigma_{t-1}^2 Z_{t-1}^2)^2 \\ &= \alpha_0^2 + 2\alpha_0 \alpha_1 \sigma_{t-1}^2 Z_{t-1}^2 + \alpha_1^2 \sigma_{t-1}^4 Z_{t-1}^4 \end{aligned}$$

and by stationarity,

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}[\sigma_t^4] &= \mathbb{E}[\alpha_0^2 + 2\alpha_0 \alpha_1 \sigma_{t-1}^2 Z_{t-1}^2 + \alpha_1^2 \sigma_{t-1}^4 Z_{t-1}^4] \\ &= \alpha_0^2 + 2\alpha_0 \alpha_1 \mathbb{E}[\sigma_{t-1}^2 Z_{t-1}^2] + \alpha_1^2 \mathbb{E}[\sigma_{t-1}^4 Z_{t-1}^4] \\ &= \alpha_0^2 + 2\alpha_0^2 \left(\frac{\alpha_1}{1 - \alpha_1} \right) + 3\alpha_1^2 \mathbb{E}[\sigma_{t-1}^4] \\ &= \alpha_0^2 \left(\frac{1 + \alpha_1}{1 - \alpha_1} \right) + 3\alpha_1^2 \mathbb{E}[\sigma_t^4]. \end{aligned}$$

For finite $\mathbb{E}[\sigma_t^4]$ this equation holds if and only if

$$\mathbb{E}[\sigma_0^4] = \frac{\alpha_0^2 \left(\frac{1 + \alpha_1}{1 - \alpha_1} \right)}{1 - 3\alpha_1^2}.$$

Since we already know that $\alpha_1 < 1$ is necessary for $\mathbb{E}[\sigma_t^2] < \infty$ we need the even stronger condition $3\alpha_1^2 < 1$ for a finite 4th moment.

b) We have that (X_t) satisfies the ARCH(p) equations

$$X_t = \sigma_t Z_t,$$

$$\sigma_t^2 = \alpha_0 + \sum_{i=1}^p \alpha_i X_{t-i}^2.$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned} Y_t &= \frac{X_t^2}{\alpha_0} \\ &= \frac{\sigma_t^2 Z_t^2}{\alpha_0} \\ &= \frac{Z_t^2}{\alpha_0} \left(\alpha_0 + \sum_{i=1}^p \alpha_i X_{t-i}^2 \right) \\ &= Z_t^2 \left(1 + \sum_{i=1}^p \alpha_i \frac{X_{t-i}^2}{\alpha_0} \right) \\ &= Z_t^2 \left(1 + \sum_{i=1}^p \alpha_i Y_{t-i} \right). \end{aligned}$$

From this equation it follows that

$$\mathbb{E}[Y_0] = \frac{1}{1 - \sum_{i=1}^p \alpha_i}.$$

We also have that

$$\begin{aligned} Y_t - \sum_{i=1}^p \alpha_i Y_{t-i} &= 1 + Y_t - \frac{\sigma_t^2}{\alpha_0} \\ &= 1 + \frac{X_t^2 - \sigma_t^2}{\alpha_0} \\ &= 1 + \tilde{\nu}_t, \end{aligned}$$

where $\tilde{\nu}_t = (X_t^2 - \sigma_t^2)/\alpha_0$ is a white noise. Then

$$\begin{aligned} (Y_t - \mathbb{E}[Y_0]) - \sum_{i=1}^p \alpha_i (Y_{t-i} - \mathbb{E}[Y_0]) &= 1 - \mathbb{E}[Y_0] + \mathbb{E}[Y_0] \sum_{i=1}^p \alpha_i + \tilde{\nu}_t \\ &= 1 - \mathbb{E}[Y_0] \left(1 - \sum_{i=1}^p \alpha_i \right) + \tilde{\nu}_t \\ &= 1 - \left(\frac{1}{1 - \sum_{i=1}^p \alpha_i} \right) \left(1 - \sum_{i=1}^p \alpha_i \right) + \tilde{\nu}_t \\ &= \tilde{\nu}_t. \end{aligned}$$

Thus

$$(Y_t - \mathbb{E}[Y_0]) - \sum_{i=1}^p \alpha_i (Y_{t-i} - \mathbb{E}[Y_0]) = \tilde{\nu}_t.$$

Hence, $(Y_t - \mathbb{E}[Y_0])$ satisfies an $\text{AR}(p)$ equation. Note also that

$$\text{cov}((Y_t - \mathbb{E}[Y_0]), (Y_{t+h} - \mathbb{E}[Y_0])) = \text{cov}(Y_t, Y_{t+h}).$$

Therefore, (Y_t) has the same autocorrelation function as an $\text{AR}(p)$ process.