

Risk Management

Exercise Sheet 4

C-Exercise 12 (2 points)

- (a) Write a *Python* function

`empirical_cdf(n),`

which simulates n i.i.d. standard normal random variables and plots the corresponding cdf. Test the function for $n = 10$, $n = 100$ and $n = 1000$ each and plot the cdf of a standard normal distribution in the same graphics in order to compare it to its empirical cdfs.

- (b) Compute the empirical value at risk and the empirical expected shortfall at level $\alpha = 90\%$ and $\alpha = 97.5\%$ of your generated data and compare them to their theoretical values.

Please comment your solution.

Useful *Python* commands: `numpy.sort`

T-Exercise 13 (4 points)

Suppose that losses $L_n, n = 1, \dots, 250$ are i.i.d. with continuous cdf F . Determine the minimal threshold t such that

$$\mathbb{P}(\max\{L_1, \dots, L_{250}\} > t) < 0.05.$$

Determine t more explicitly if the L_n are

- (a) normally distributed with mean 0 and variance $\sigma^2 > 0$,
- (b) exponentially distributed with parameter $\lambda > 0$.

T-Exercise 14M (for mathematicians only) (4 points)

Let $(L_k)_{k \in \mathbb{N}}$ be a sequence of i.i.d. random variables with $E(L_1^2) < \infty$ and strictly increasing, continuous cdf F . Denote by F_n the empirical cdf of L_1, \dots, L_n . Show that for all $\alpha \in (0, 1)$ we have

$$\text{ES}_\alpha(F_n) \xrightarrow{P} \text{ES}_\alpha(L_1) \quad \text{as } n \rightarrow \infty.$$

C-Exercise 15 (6 points)

In this exercise we want to use a ARCH(2) model to estimate *value at risk* and *expected shortfall* of a portfolio loss. For this purpose we assume that our one dimensional risk factor changes $(X_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ follow the ARCH(2) model:

$$\begin{aligned} X_n &= \sigma_n Y_n, \\ \sigma_n^2 &= \alpha_0 + \alpha_1 X_{n-1}^2 + \alpha_2 X_{n-2}^2, \end{aligned}$$

with parameters $\vartheta = (\alpha_0, \alpha_1, \alpha_2) \in \Theta := (0, \infty)^3$ and iid standard normal random variables $(Y_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$. We write

$$f_{\vartheta, X_1, X_2}^{(X_3, \dots, X_n)} : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

for the common pdf of (X_3, \dots, X_n) under the probability measure P_ϑ .

- (a) Write a *Python* -function

$$y = \text{log_likelihood_ARCH2}(\text{theta}, x),$$

which returns the log likelihood function

$$L_n(\vartheta, x) = \log \left(f_{\vartheta, X_1, X_2}^{(X_3, \dots, X_n)}(x_3, \dots, x_n) \right)$$

evaluated at the parameter $\vartheta = (\alpha_0, \alpha_1, \alpha_2)$ and given historical risk factor changes $x = (x_1, \dots, x_n) \in \mathbb{R}^n$.

- (b) Write a *Python* -function

$$\text{theta_hat} = \text{estimates_ARCH2}(x),$$

which computes the Maximum Likelihood estimates $\hat{\vartheta}$ for given historical risk factor changes $x = (x_1, \dots, x_n) \in \mathbb{R}^n$ in the ARCH(2) model.

Hint: Use `scipy.optimize.minimize` on $(0, 5]^4$. As initial guess use $(\alpha_0, \alpha_1, \alpha_2) = [0.01, 0.2, 0.8]$ and the empirical standard deviation for σ_1 .

- (c) Write a *Python* -function

$$[\text{VaR}, \text{ES}] = \text{VaR_ES_ARCH2_MC}(k, m, l, \alpha, x),$$

that computes the *value at risk* and *expected shortfall* estimates for the k -period loss operator $l : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, level $\alpha \in (0, 1)$ and given historical risk factor changes $x = (x_1, \dots, x_n) \in \mathbb{R}^n$ using the Monte-Carlo method with $m \in \mathbb{N}$ simulations.

- (d) Compute the logarithmic returns (x_2, \dots, x_{8368}) of the DAX time series, that we use as risk factor changes. Compute for the last trading day in the time series the 5 day ahead estimates of *value at risk* and *expected shortfall* at level $\alpha = 0.98$ using $k = 1000$ simulations.

Please comment your solution.

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